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## Casey's Prefabricated Houses

### An Admission of Failure

**Although the present Federal Government was allegedly elected to avert the threat of Socialism, — i.e., centralised planning — Mr. R. G. Casey, an ardent advocate of centralised planning, has in a short space of time indicated that if he has his way, the Menzies Government may impose an even greater dose of Socialism than that proposed by Mr. Chifley and his associates.**

The proposal to import large numbers of prefabricated houses is an admission of failure by the Federal Government and an abdication of its professed belief in free enterprise and individual initiative. Australia has all the physical requirements for the construction of good quality homes for all Australians. The housing problem in Australia has been largely the result of Socialist policies pursued by the Federal Government. We hate to be suspicious, but there appears to be something very sinister about Mr. Casey's proposal. If their individual initiative is allowed full play, there is not the slightest doubt that Australians, under genuine free enterprise, can, like their forefathers, quickly build themselves adequate homes. And these homes will be a credit to their owners, expressing their individual tastes, and not standardised boxes, which will make new slums in this country. But, before any steps are taken to remove the artificial restrictions at present seriously retarding the building of adequate homes in Australia, Mr. Casey announces his Socialist proposal.

#### **True Function of Government**

The function of a genuine anti-Socialist Government is not to provide the people with "free milk"—another proposal mooted by the Canberra Liberal-Socialists, "security" and prefabricated "houses,"—but to pursue policies which make it possible for all individuals to build their own homes and to make themselves independent. The "big-scale planning" envisaged by Mr. Casey and those who think like him, provides the ideal environment in which the Socialist idea can be nurtured. And the tragedy is that many sincere people who think they are fighting totalitarianism are all the time supporting, either actively or passively, policies which can only lead to totalitarianism.

#### **Finance, Whose Responsibility?**

Apart from the above points concerning Mr. Casey's proposed mass housing scheme, there is the very important question of the financing of this scheme. The beauty of large-scale planning — from the planners' point of view of course! — is that no one

can be made personally responsible for failures. If a scheme costs a few more million pounds than was predicted — as is generally the case — well, no one worries. The taxpayer is dazed by the huge sums of money mentioned, and passively accepts as "inevitable" the expenditure of his credit by the planners. Just where did Mr. Casey get his authority to spend hundreds of millions of pounds of the taxpayers' money on the importation of prefabricated "houses"? If he claims that he obtained his authority as a result of the vote at the last Federal Elections, then he is making the very claim that Mr. Chifley and numerous other totalitarians have made, Genuine democracy does not mean that, once elected by a majority of voters at an election, a Government is completely free to do as it likes. It is unfortunately true that all modern Governments accept this totalitarian idea, which proves our contention that there is little hope of resisting the drive towards totalitarianism — irrespective of the label of Governments — until Constitutional reforms are introduced, making it possible for electors to have far more direct control over their Governments; also to make electors individually responsible for the policies of the Government they elect.

If electors who support Mr. Casey's mass "housing" scheme had to pay the cost of it, it would be a step in the right direction. On present indications, the scheme will cost millions of pounds. Figures have been quoted in support of the contention that each house will not cost more than £2000. But who accepts responsibility if — as most certainly will be the case — the houses finally cost well over £2000? Again we say that those who support Mr. Casey should be personally responsible.

#### **English Experience**

It is interesting to note that the Victorian Minister for Housing, Mr. Warner, who has just returned from Great Britain, is not as enthusiastic about prefabricated "houses" as are some of his colleagues. According to the Melbourne *Age* of February 21, Mr. Warner said that, "England appeared to have had a rather unhappy experience with prefabrication, and had lost

about £250,000,000 in these ventures."

But what does it matter if the planners waste a few hundred million pounds of the people's money and help further enslave the people in the process? This is the current philosophy among far too many people. It is an evil philosophy that must be attacked by all supporters of individual sovereignty. The rank and file of the Liberal and Country Parties would be well advised to get to work and start resisting the policies of Mr. Casey and other Liberal-Socialists before the rot becomes too deep. They cannot say that they have not been warned.

### 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

### **Production Increase and Prices**

Those simple folk who believe that harder work and greater production will reduce prices should be asked to note that the total volume of output of goods and services in Australia has increased by approximately 35 percent, above the pre-war level. During the same period, prices increased by something in excess of 60 percent. Increased production under present financial rules can obviously only result in still greater increases in prices.

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### **We Now Know**

The Melbourne Age of February 13 contained the following report: "It has been agreed by the United States to lend up to 100,000,000 dollars (approximately £A44,750,000) to the Republic of Indonesia. . . The loan . . . is in line with strengthening non-Communist regimes. . . . The money will be used by Indonesia to finance purchases in the United States of industrial material and equipment for reconstruction of Indonesian economy."

The above will have a familiar ring for all those who have studied the techniques of the Zionist International Financiers for producing World Slavery.

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### **Bank Merger**

The following news item (Melbourne Sun, February 15), proves that Big Business has the same objective as the Socialists: Complete Monopoly: — "With the arrival yesterday in Sydney of the chairman of the Union Bank of Australia (Mr. Hugh Flower) from London, and with the earlier arrival of the chairman of the Bank of Australasia (Mr. G. C. Gibbs), discussions will take place on the proposed merger of the two banks." Is this how the controllers of the banks propose to demonstrate that they believe in "healthy competition"? This is the second big bank merger in Australia within a few years. A little more of this type of "healthy competition" and there will only be one bank for the Socialists to take over.

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### **A Responsible Vote**

The following comment by the English Tablet, of January 28, 1950, indicates the urgent necessity of an open, recorded, and responsible vote by electors as a major Constitutional safeguard: —

" . . . the decisive ten percent, who have to be wooed and won may well be the political alphabets, the people who never trouble their heads with affairs. It should be a sobering thought that our constitutional arrangements today are such that the greatest issues depend on what the uninterested, the bored or vacuous fringe of the electorate may, as a last minute whim, choose to do.

"Few historical studies more need to be written than the story of the way universal suffrage has advanced parallel with the atrophy of the Crown and the Lords, so that there is no longer a balance in the Constitution such as was for so long the national pride; the Glorious Constitution of the toast list was considered glorious because it was balanced, kept power divided, and so gave protection to the private person. Imper-

ceptibly, we lost that balance, and we lost a great deal in losing it because we did not replace it in any other way. How very different our "whole position as a people would be today if we had made more use of the Privy Council, had created special Committees to look after certain long-term national and imperial interests, like the level of our armaments, our Indian policy or our Colonial development; if we had had bodies whom the Governments of the day, and the politicians of the hour, could not have overridden, and bodies who would have

**At the Annual Meeting of the Victorian League of Rights, held on Friday, February 10, the League's Campaign Director, Mr. Eric D. Butler, presented a comprehensive report of the League's activities over the previous twelve months. The following are the major points made by Mr. Butler: —**

The League's 1949 Industrial Programme resulted in over 700 lunch-hour factory addresses by League speakers, and the effective distribution of hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature specially designed for the workingman. League speakers covered all industrial areas in Melbourne; also factories and railway workshops in Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Hamilton, Warrnambool, and Geelong. The League believes that its industrial campaign is without parallel in Australian political history. League speakers were given an excellent reception in the majority of factories, and established the bona fides of the League as a genuinely non-party organisation determined to uphold certain fundamental principles.

Hundreds of thousands of the League's educational literature was distributed, not only in Victoria, but in all parts of Australia. The brochure exposing petrol rationing could not be printed quickly enough to meet the great demand from all over Australia. One of the most effective pieces of literature issued by the League was "The Fountain-Head of the Socialist Conspiracy," which was used by anti-Socialist campaigners in all parts of Australia. League supporters will be interested to know that this booklet is now being used by a number of anti-Socialist campaigners in Great Britain. One English weekly thought the material in the booklet so important that it republished it in serial form.

During the few weeks prior to the Federal Elections, the League conducted a special campaign in five "border-line" electorates, in which it believed it was possible to defeat the Labour-Socialists. These electorates were Wannon, Corio, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Lalor. The Labour-Socialists bitterly attacked the League for its campaign, realising the effectiveness of the League's material. The League undoubtedly played a decisive role in defeating the Labor-Socialists in Wannon, Corio, and Ballarat. Bendigo would also have been won if the Liberals had stood a better candidate. The League consistently maintained that Mr. J. J. Dedman could be defeated.

The League conducted nearly 100 public meetings during 1949. The majority of these meetings were well attended, the

divided responsibility with each successive administration, and in so doing would have protected Ministers from their worst temptation, which is to fear to do not what they know to be necessary, but all too easily misrepresented, and to do instead what is at the moment more popular with voters who are uninstructed or emotional or self-centred, or all three.

"It has generally been the Conservatives who have carried through the largest extensions of the franchise, in 1867, 1918 and 1929, the exception being Mr. Gladstone's enfranchisement of the Agricultural worker in 1885. The Conservatives, as so often, were acting to forestall their opponents . . ."

League invariably obtaining larger audiences than any of the party speakers. Press reports of meetings were good. Those attending League meetings took away supplies of literature for distribution. Apart from public meetings, League speakers also gave special addresses to Rotary and Apex Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, church and other organisations.

A series of weekly talks over Victorian country radio stations attracted a large audience.

Two groups of Melbourne bank employees and the Melbourne Young Liberals did the League's special training course, under the tuition of League speakers. The League also prepared special notes on Socialism for the use of country bank employees, and lectured at the schools held in Melbourne for these anti-Socialist workers.

The League played a vital role in informing public opinion on the totalitarian "Free?" Medicine and National Health Schemes. The Doctors took large quantities of the League's booklet, "The Real Policy Behind 'Free' Medicine and the National Health Schemes." This booklet was vigorously attacked by Labour-Socialists, who were alarmed that the public should learn of the totalitarian policies, which "Free" Medicine was designed to further. It is impossible in this Report to give details of the hundreds of important personal interviews with "key" members of the business community.

Comparatively little money was spent on newspaper advertising, the League believing that much better results could be obtained by League campaigners going out amongst the people and contacting them personally. The League's staff worked day and night, and it can be claimed without fear of contradiction that the League and its interstate affiliates obtained the most satisfactory results for the amount of money spent than did any other political organisations in Australia.

Having given a practical demonstration of what it can do, the League is now entitled to ask these Australians who realise that the totalitarian threat has not been finally defeated, whether they are prepared to make it possible to continue.

# Establishing the No Digging System

By F. C. KING, reprinted from *The Farmer, England*.

A correspondent describes his kitchen garden as badly neglected for many years, being a mass of thistles, dandelions, sow-thistles, birdweed, etc., and asks how he is to deal with such a mess and what crops he should sow in the first year.

Considering the neglected condition of the garden, I would recommend the following treatment.

Deeply dig or bastard trench the whole area, removing the roots of all obnoxious weeds during the process.

If this work is carefully done a large measure of control over such weeds as dandelions, docks, bindweed, ground elder, couch grass and coltsfoot can be expected immediately.

## Bury Weed Seeds

The purpose of digging deeply is to bury the seeds of many of these perennial weeds so deeply that they are unable to germinate. Many of these seeds will fall upon the surface when clearing the ground and if left there would germinate and produce seedlings, but if they are buried deeply, and not once more brought to the surface by later diggings they can be ignored.

An increase in the number of annual weed seedlings will be the direct consequence of deep digging and the risk of bringing to the top seeds of perennial weeds is very real, therefore an attack upon these during the following summer must be planned.

In deeply dug soil the roots of all plants tend to develop in a vertical direction so that regular hoeing can be undertaken with little risk of surface roots being damaged. It is not helpful to use the hoe where seedlings of perennials are concerned, for this merely cuts off roots below the soil level and from such cut surfaces further growth is encouraged.

Seedling perennial weeds must be lifted with a spade or trowel, also any small plants which are found growing from small pieces of roots left in the soil after the initial deep digging.

## First Year Crops

For the first year choose those crops which produce a good leafy top such as members of the brassica family or potatoes. In the early stages of growth of such crops the hoe can be used regularly and freely while later the crops will help to smother out many surviving weed seedlings.

Avoid such crops as peas, beans, beetroot, onions and such like where it is usual to sow the seeds in a continuous row, for in a weedy garden removal of weeds by hand entails much labour. Carrots, however, might be tried, for this crop often succeeds best under weedy conditions.

After clearing the land during the autumn and cropping with suitable plants the next year, one third of the garden can in future be managed under the non-digging system if sufficient compost is available.

If all the waste vegetable matter produced during the summer is mixed with some farmyard manure and stacked in a convenient heap, this will rot down fairly quickly and will be found to be in perfect condition for applying to the surface of the soil during late autumn. The two-thirds of the garden not treated in this manner can

have a light dressing of farmyard manure very shallowly dug into the soil. In three years' time it should be possible to crop the whole of the garden without inverting the soil. Full instructions for the working out of this system of soil management together with instructions for the making of compost, is contained in a pamphlet, *Is Digging Necessary*, obtainable from this Journal (New Times). Price 1/3. Post-free.

## Walking on Seed Beds

A query received from a reader asks:

"Does gardening without digging require the gardener not to walk on his vegetable plot? Recently I read of one gardener who thought this was imperative and who found it necessary to divide his garden into separate plots with paths around to work from. If this method must be followed one would have to work his allotment in, say four-foot wide strips as this is about as far as one could reach from either side of the strip, when sowing, weeding, staking, hoeing, gathering, thinning, planting, and spreading compost. Undoubtedly all the various operations, which entail walking on the soil during the plants' progress from sowing to gathering, result in a hard, path-like surface by the end of the season. Do you think the worms and the winter rains rectify this? I put some strawberry plants in last winter and, because of their position the space between the rows has been used as paths and are as hard as bricks. Would you say this was a bad thing?"

## Experience at Levens

This query recalls to my mind an amusing incident. During the war years I was conducting a party of Agricultural and Horticultural students round these gardens. A plot of ground, approximately a quarter of an acre had been covered with compost during the winter and a few days prior to this visit had been sown with a variety of vegetable seeds such as lettuce, carrots, beet, turnips and sweet corn. A border three feet wide had been dug all around the plot but the rest of the plot had not been dug for three or four years. Weeds in this dug portion provided a perfect frame while here and there in the centre of the plot could be found some few vigorous specimens of common weed's.

The party was interested in what they saw and members wandered over the plot and were invited to remove by hand some of the weeds in order to prove how easily this could be accomplished where non-digging had been carried out for some years.

## Organic Skin

I still smile to myself when I think of the expression on the faces of the students when told that seeds of vegetables had been sown on the ground they covered and the scramble on their part to vacate that part of the garden and their profuse apologies for having walked over the ground already sown down with seeds. I assured them that no damage had been done by walking over such a plot of ground for in the organic 'skin' created by successive coverings of compost decomposing on the surface their weight would not unduly compress the surface of such a soil. Carrying out trials of non-digging in a water-

logged garden I made use of raised beds for the production of salads during the winter as experience had proved how impossible it was to carry through the winter a crop of lettuces planted on the flat. Later, when similar trials were conducted on a much larger scale in a much drier garden, raised beds were again constructed to assist drainage during the winter months.

## Raised Beds

I see no reason to believe that this system should be followed in other gardens where the natural drainage is good and where it is known that winter losses are negligible.

My raised beds were five feet wide and paths less than two feet between. The paths were always heavily covered with sawdust placed there in the autumn, which provided a pleasant surface for the workers, discouraged nomadic tendencies on the part of slugs, and formed an excellent breeding place for earthworms.

Many of these raised beds were planted up with tomatoes, each carrying three rows of plants the two offside rows being planted a foot from the edge and one and a half from the centre row. Little loss of ground was suffered by this arrangement for space was needed when gathering the fruit. Other summer crops could be accommodated by this arrangement of beds. Once the covering of compost is put down in the autumn the area can be walked on or even rolled without damaging the soil.

If your soil is not dug and compost applied to the surface it will not set hard by walking over it however frequently you are compelled to do so.

## EXCESSIVE YIELDS DON'T PAY

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a walking stick, a skin like satin, and the condition and fitness of a bull a third of his age.

A group of the progeny of Bessie's Patrician won the Field Place Cup for the three best Certificate of Merit Animals in the Progeny Class at the Sussex County Show this year.

## The Herd Foundation

The Lockyers herd was originally founded in 1923 by the Hon. Mary Hawke, who still retains her interest in the Jersey breed. By 1933, she had collected an excellent small herd, which was taken over by John Bell. From that good but modest start Mr. Bell has taken the herd forward to a position, which is not surpassed by any herd in the breed. The hardest thing in the world with cattle is to maintain a good small herd at the same standard for as long as 15 years. John Bell has taken a good herd and not only maintained but improved it beyond all recognition, so that today every animal in a herd of over 80 head might be the progeny of the same dam and sire, so even are they.

To any new breeder desiring a standard to aim at, I advise a visit to Lockyers, and if you are lucky enough to come away owning a Lockyers Jersey as one of your foundation stock, it doesn't matter which one, you will have laid the best possible foundation for the success of your future herd. For there isn't a bad Jersey in the herd.

—F.N.T.

# "Populate or Perish"

Are Australians doomed to be a disappearing race? The thought came to me on reading the Holt-Storey plan for a 20-million population IN OUR LIFETIME. It is staggering. Here we are—or were—a handful of seven millions or so, but happy (more or less) in the belief that we were working out our own destiny, when along comes one of those super-Government international bodies, the I.R.O. to wit, and says, "No you don't; WE arranged it all some time ago with Calwell. John Storey is the man for our clan: he will tell Mr. Holt what he must do."

So, willy-nilly, we are to become a conglomerate of peoples, because, according to some agreement or other (which we must have signed blindfold), we are bound to take as many "displaced persons" from their apparently inexhaustible supply as they determine.

Mr. Storey, who knows all about our immigration needs, as he was Director of Aircraft Production during the war, says we need this huge top-heavy population for our *future defence*—not, mark you, for present defence; for how could refugees who fled their own country help to defend us, anyway?

In his enthusiasm, Mr. Storey displays a truly Crippsian assurance that he holds the key to all our economic problems in his immigration pocket. Multiple shifts in factories (did he say forced labor?) will reduce production costs and inflation and expand local and export markets. (That's the idea: keep the "labor force" at work by exporting what they produce); 40,000 tents for D.P.s will solve the housing shortage (but I forgot; he said the housing programme would *have to be* stepped up from 55,000 a year to 95,000!); in short, to reach that Elysium of "unparalleled development and prosperity" we must have a population of 20 millions.

Now, I like to meet foreigners; they are interesting; some are fine people and clever. As for the genuine refugees from tyranny and cruelty, I feel nothing but the utmost sympathy. We should help them; it is our Christian duty. But I pity them for the long wait they will have before they can get together as families in homes—unless at the expense of Australians-born who are

## "British" Influence in World Affairs

"The United Nations report on Full Employment which is being much discussed, particularly in Washington, owes most to the contribution of Mr. Nicholas Kaldor, the British member of the Commission of five which produced it. Mr. Kaldor was born in Hungary, but has lived in England since he came here as a student at the age of eighteen. He was recognised before the war as one of the most brilliant products of the London School of Economics. His work on the U.S. strategic bombing survey and on the economic appendix to the Beveridge report on full employment attracted wider notice . . . Now the tremendous Full Employment report has tackled the hardest questions of world trade. Kaldor, who has just taken an appointment at King's College, Cambridge, arrives there with an aura of world importance about him."

—*The Observer*, Eng., January 29.

living now in the most distressful conditions.

When we have reached the 20 million mark, "New Australians" will be in a majority of 2 to 1 Australian. Long before then, the flow of British migrants will have ceased—unless Britain is to be seriously depopulated.

Which consideration brings me to the core of the matter. All the while that Britain is sending overseas in this mass migration scheme her most useful citizens, there has been going on a steady flow of foreigners into Great Britain. Already her 45 prewar millions have grown in this way to about 50 millions.

Think this out. Before long, the British people will not be British at all. Nor will Australians be chiefly of British stock, but a conglomerate mixture of the various races that inhabit Europe, besides Jews, and possibly other Oriental strains.

Does it 'matter? you ask. To some of us it does matter very much. We want to retain our British blood and traditions and heritage - - our way of life. We cannot do this and be a hotchpotch. If Mr. Menzies wants to re-build a strong British Empire, he will have to keep it British in the main. Some intake of European peoples is desirable and beneficial—in moderation; but don't let us hand over our country to the international planners whose evil design is to obliterate the British stock.

I firmly believe that this is the meaning of the "populate or perish" propaganda.

—M.H.G. in *The Vigilant* (February 1, 1950), journal of South Australian League of Rights.

## JEWRY AND CIVILISATION

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which is posed by the doctrine of the Incarnation."

The dethronement of abstractionism involves the destruction of the Jewish fabric of economic doctrine. It must be replaced by a regime in which goods are always behind any money transaction. Money bills must be given substance and take concrete form. The positivism of the Anglo-Saxon must triumph over the abstractionism of the Jew.

The present conflict is fundamental, with its roots deep down in diverse racial and group conceptions. The prize for which the contention takes place is power—but power for the race rather than the individual. The chosen people of Israel—an Oriental people, distinct from and opposed to the peoples whom it seeks to subject—is working out its destiny. The genius of the Jewish people is diametrically opposed to the genius of the Western world. Is the Western spirit great enough to insist on its own way of development, and to resist subjection?

(Concluded.)

## Are You An Organic Farmer or Gardener?

If so, the Editor of *Rural Review* would be pleased to hear from you at any time. All over Australia increasing numbers of people are applying organic farming and gardening methods. Readers who have any interesting information concerning the results they are achieving are requested to write in so that other readers can obtain the benefit of their experiences.

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