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THE ANTI-COMMUNIST BILL

Fundamental Change in Policy Wanted

By ERIC D. BUTLER

All loyal Australians must agree with Mr. Menzies' powerful denunciation of Communism when introducing the anti-Subversive Bill in the Federal Parliament. Mr. Menzies correctly described Communism as an international conspiracy, stressed the fact that we are virtually at war, and thus made clear the necessity of taking drastic action against local Communists in the interests of Defence. Unfortunately, however, it can be predicted now that the Federal Government's anti-Communist legislation will not by itself protect the Australian people against the imposition of the type of society envisaged by the Communists. Far more than this is required.

While agreeing entirely with the proposition that many Communists, particularly those who have obtained control of key unions, are potential traitors working to further an international conspiracy, and should be dealt with appropriately, the fact must not be overlooked that international Socialism is also an international conspiracy. We have it on the evidence of the late Professor Harold Laski and other prominent Socialist leaders, that Stalin has agreed that Socialism in British countries is merely another road to the same objective being sought by the Communists. In his book, *The State and Revolution*, Lenin wrote: "That which is generally called Socialism is termed by Marx the first or lower phase of Communist society."

Centralisation

The essence of both Socialism and Communism is the complete centralisation of power into one set of hands. The Communists believe that this objective can only be obtained by violence, but the Socialists strive for the same objective by the perversion of the Parliamentary system. They work in the name of "democracy." It will, of course, be pointed out that the Socialists, unlike the Communists, are at least loyal to their own country; that they are not prepared to work for a foreign power. But here again there is no fundamental difference between the Socialists and the Communists. The Communists use one method to bring about the World State; the Socialists—and also many who claim they are anti-Socialists—work for the World State ideal by advocating that all nations hand over their sovereignty to some International Authority. Socialist leaders like Cripps, Strachey and Attlee have made it clear that they are working for the "liquidation" of the British Empire and the creation of a World State.

Will Not Stop Inflation

Mr. Menzies has rightly stressed the fact that Communists in control of key Indus-

trial Unions must be dealt with because they are in the position to weaken our ability to defend ourselves against military aggression. But the very purpose of the policies, which the Federal Government is pursuing, and proposes to pursue, must inevitably also weaken the ability of the Australian people to defend themselves. Most of these policies are blatantly Socialist and are sapping the very foundations of our nation. Continued centralisation in all spheres must produce more and more individual dissatisfaction, which will express itself in one way or another. For example, removing Communists from control of unions, while at the same time continuing policies of centralisation, will not prevent the growth of industrial unrest. When Mr. Menzies says that his anti-Communist legislation is a powerful blow against inflation, he is talking dangerous nonsense. Banning the Communists will have no effect upon inflationary financial rules. It is right and proper that attention should be directed towards the manner in which Communists saboteurs have crippled production. But is it not true that centralised credit control, a centralised taxation tyranny, and an expanding bureaucracy have also crippled production? Surely then, in the interests of the very defence Mr. Menzies stresses, his government must, instead of condoning and expanding this dangerous centralisation, attack it and destroy it? Failure to do this must lead to the very disaster Mr. Menzies is concerned about. It can be predicted now, that while present policies are maintained, inflation will continue irrespective of what happens to the Communists.

International Zionism

Having applied the term "international conspiracy" to Communism, Mr. Menzies himself has provided the reason why, if determined, to resist the collectivist threat, irrespective of the label applied to the

threat, he must go further than his anti-Subversive Bill. Conspiracy can only be defeated by an effective exposure of all the conspirators and opposition to their policies. International Communism and International Socialism are aspects of a much greater conspiracy. If Mr. Menzies and his colleagues will direct their attention to the manner in which International Zionism has allied itself with International Communism, International Socialism, and other international conspiracies, all related, and then make public their findings, they will be greeted with a blast of local and worldwide opposition which will make the opposi-

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OUR POLICY

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

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

WHITTIER.

TO THE POINT

Hypocrisy?

Speaking on the Address-in-Reply debate at Canberra, Colonel G. Bowden, Victorian Country Party M.H.R., made a detailed examination of Socialist theories. In answer to an interjection, he said that the material he was using was taken from a book, *The Labour-Socialist Road to Serfdom*. This book was written by Mr. Eric D. Butler, Campaign Director of the Victorian League of Rights.

Several weeks after attacking the Socialist planners like Dr. Coombs and Professor Giblin, the same Colonel Bowden then supports the Commonwealth Bank Bill, which permits the planners to carry on their wrecking activities. Colonel Bowden will probably recall that one of the major points made on the 1945 Banking Legislation in *The Labour-Socialist Road to Serfdom*, is that it permits centralised control of production by centralised control of credit policy. The Menzies Government's Banking Bill leaves this dangerous power intact.

Can it be that members like Colonel Bowden are cynical hypocrites, or are they merely scared of the party bosses? If they are being intimidated by the party bosses, would they not agree that, as they support the principle of the secret vote for electors, they should logically seek a secret vote for themselves?

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More Hypocrisy?

"I believe that this is a good bill, but that it should contain an additional provision. . . . I would insert a provision that no socialists may be appointed to the board. If I had my way I would sweep away all the socialists. . . ."

—Mr. Winton Turnbull, Vic. Country Party M.H.R., speaking on the Commonwealth Bank Bill at Canberra on March 30.

And then Mr. Turnbull supported a Bill, which so far from sweeping away the Socialists consolidates their monopolistic powers.

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More Monopoly

Another example of Monopoly on the march and a blatant violation of the pre-election anti-Socialist policies by the Federal Government:

"Suggestions that Australian National Airways and Trans-Australia Airlines may be merged within a year have been renewed in official quarters.

A Federal Cabinet sub-committee is at present inquiring into Australia's aviation facilities and organisation.

Federal Ministers are planning a complete reorganisation of existing civil aviation facilities.

They hope to eliminate duplication of ground organisation and of services between capital cities.

A merger between T.A.A. and A.N.A. is possible if the financial mechanics of such a plan prove acceptable.

Merger proposals were first suggested nearly two years ago.

It is now suggested that the Government may not terminate the appointment of Mr. A. W. Coles, chairman of the Airlines Com-

mission (controllers of T.A.A.), when it expires next year.

T.A.A. is expected to record its first profit in the current financial year.

Many Ministers think that Mr. Coles has done an exceptional job in organising the line since it was established by the Chifley Government in 1945.

—Melbourne Argus, May 2 1950.

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Sound Comment

Mr. Stan Keon, Victorian Labour M.H.R., in commenting on the Commonwealth Bank Bill on April 27, said that the Government "was afraid to cut the banks' throats openly, so was proposing to smother them quietly."

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The Page Health Scheme

As far as can be gathered from Sir Earle Page's vague outline of his proposed National Health Scheme, it appears that having had over £100 million stripped off them by the Social Service Tax, Australian taxpayers cannot expect any of their money back unless they are prepared to take out an insurance policy or become members of a Friendly Society. The Page Health Scheme looks like being an even greater racket than that proposed by the Chifley Government.

Labour Monopoly

The important point to notice in exhibits of the Bevan and Shinwell type is that they base their self-esteem, and their claim to public approval, on the proposition that labour produces all wealth, has a "right" to all wealth, and is the only ground for a claim to consideration. It is, of course of the essence of their support that labour shall be a permanent majority. They are the mighty champions of virtue against the usurping parasite, and "full employment" is the outcome of their high-minded selfless (£5,000 per annum) efforts. Two world wars, with a third on the way, are powerless to expose the fallacy, because "labour" has become the most rigidly organised and controlled vested interest in existence, as Mond (Melchett) recognised in the Mond-Turner Conferences that it could be. The mass of contradictions in which the "axiom" is involved makes it essential to keep the subject on the plane of emotion and away from reason. Once this is done, as it is done, the "scarcity of Labour" serves the same purpose as the intrinsically (nearly) valueless gold cornered by the same interests. There is no limit, in theory, to the racket—every "labour-saving" device can be diverted to "the service of underdeveloped countries," war, or just plain waste.

That civilisation perishes will, of course, be explained as progress.

When the nineteenth century cost-cum-profit system was operating there was a real check on labour monopoly because wages and production (even if the wrong production) had an organic relationship. But with the nationalisation of the Bank "of England," the glorification of the Keynesian deficit-spending racket, intimately connected with credit monopoly, and the system-

Long-Term Planning

Dump a planner in the middle of a few million square miles of sand, and straight-way he will think up a T.V.A. scheme. The facility with which we of the modern generation turn our backs on the humble yet urgent tasks which are left undone in our own backyards, and dash off to irrigate the Sahara, possibly explains the chaotic state of our domestic affairs. When such a plan is advanced under the close patronage of such an avowed internationalist as Lord Layton, we give it an even closer scrutiny; for behind the scientific facades there may possibly be political motives with which we would have scant sympathy. Bearing in mind what we said last December about the T.V.A. scheme, we noted with attention that Lord Layton's newspaper, *News Chronicle*, sent its science editor, Mr. Ritchie Calder, on the U.N.E.S.C.O. mission, to discover how the great desert lands of the earth can be made fertile again. Mr. Calder has been jeeping his way around the Sahara, that 3½ million square mile waste of North Africa, reporting his findings in an inconclusive series of articles, "Men Against the Desert." Special reprints of these articles, with coloured wall map, are being prepared for schools. On the face of it all this seems innocuous enough, and we would not have you think that we so lack imagination that we do not see the romance and glamour of turning the arid desert into a fertile plain; perhaps not by Mr. Calder. But we put forward some observations which we suggest will, in the fullness of time, be found to have some prophetic substance.

In the first place we would rather have our ablest minds concentrating primarily upon the idle acres of England. From the taxpayer's point of view this would have been so much more economical than U.N.E.S.C.O. missions to Africa. Then we would remind the planners that there is an economic side to all planning; that just as the T.V.A. Scheme in America will remain a constant drain upon the taxpayer's pocket, so any such plan for the Sahara (if Government sponsored) can equally be calculated to keep John Bull short of spending money. Finally, we would point to the danger of putting these grandiose ideas over in the schools. The imaginative minds of children, unable to appreciate the costing side of such a venture, may under the colourful pen of the journalist be influence in a few years time to vote for a "New Deal for the Sahara." Within five or ten years what today is but a series of newspaper articles—very well done by Mr. Calder into the bargain—will be put to the nation as something for which public money must be found. The spadework, now being put in with the higher grades in our schools, will then pay the planners their dividends. We learned it at school; teacher said it was sound. Truly U.N.E.S.C.O. and Lord Layton understand the meaning of long-term planning.

—The London Newsletter, Feb. 23.

atic propagandisation of employment-as-an-end-in-itself, i.e., "Full Employment," this check was removed.

Messrs. Shinwell, Bevan, and other scum are a minor consequence.

—The Social Creditor, April 1.

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tion of the Communists pale into insignificance. International Zionism is at the core of the threat against civilisation. There are members of the Federal Liberal and Country Parties who know this. But whether they have the courage to deal with the issue is another matter.

Communism Not the Only Road To Tyranny

If our civilisation is to be saved, it is essential that it be widely understood that International Communism is only one of a number of roads to the centralised World State. But the great danger is that the people's attention may become so focused on the Communist road that they overlook the fact that they are being driven towards the Slave State along other roads. The ultimate effects of tyranny are just as disastrous whether the tyranny is imposed at the point of the bayonet—or under the threat of the Atomic bomb—or imposed by propaganda and perversion of the democratic system. International Communism would never have become such a threat to the peoples of the world if it had not been for the policies of International Zionism. One section of the international conspirators have stated frankly that it is only in war, or under the threat of war, that the British peoples will submit to centralised planning, i.e., to Socialism. Socialism is the objective of the Communists.

Possible Dangers

It is therefore essential that the most careful examination be made of the Federal Government's Anti-Subversive Bill to ensure that the Canberra Socialist planners do not exploit the Communist menace to destroy further the traditional rights and liberties of the Australian people. Press comment has already directed attention to certain aspects of the Anti-Subversive Bill, which should be modified or eliminated. Although the writer has not as yet seen a copy of the Bill, it does appear that in its present form it may lead to some of the most undesirable features of the Communist State. We do not want a repetition of the attacks upon individual rights and liberties made possible by the National Security Regulations of the war years.

Communism cannot be defeated by the implementation of Communist policies.

Decentralisation

Having accepted the necessity of drastic action against those individual Communists sabotaging, or likely to sabotage, the defence of this nation, it is essential that the Australian people unite in insisting that the Federal Government goes much further; that it pursue in every field such policies of decentralisation that growing individual satisfaction will ensure that all those who preach the collectivist philosophy of the Communists, Socialists, and other totalitarians, have progressively less impact upon the people.

When we have a nation united upon an anti-collectivist philosophy—the Christian philosophy—the policies stemming from this philosophy will be such that we will be able to resist to the maximum all Communist aggression. But while Communist policies of centralising power are continued, growing individual dissatisfaction will result in the Communist and Socialist idea being preached and accepted irrespective of what label is applied to the idea.

Subsidies to Help the £

Mr. Menzies, in his election campaign declared that if returned to office he would put the shillings back into the pound.

He now asserts that putting value back into the pound is not exclusively the Government's responsibility, but that of the people, who, he says, must produce more.

Increased production will make only a slight improvement. America's colossal output has proved that merely increasing production is no solution.

It is up to the electors to put pressure on their Federal members to see that the £ is reinstated by the restoration and expansion of the subsidy system paid from new financial credits.

Basic-wage increases could be paid from the same source. This would increase purchasing power without raising prices. Action along these lines would not only put the shillings back into the £, but strike a blow at Communism, which thrives on industrial discontent. —H. GERRAND (Box Hill), *The Age*, Melbourne, May 4.

Know Your Enemy

"The United-States-of-Europe Conspirators," from C. H. Douglas, "Whose Service is perfect freedom," 23/9/39.

"It is therefore, I think, quite possible to state the real as distinct from the proximate objectives of the present war. They are: (1) The establishment of the International Police State on the Russian model, beginning with Great Britain. 'Can you finally rid Europe of barriers of caste and creed and prejudice? . . . our new civilization must be built through a world at war. But our new civilization will be built just the same' (Mr. Anthony Eden, broadcasting to America, 11/9/39). This contemplates the complete abolition of civil rights. (2) The Restoration of the Gold Standard and the Debt System. (3) The elimination of Great Britain in the cultural sense, and the substitution of Jewish-American ideals. (4) The establishment of the Zionist State in Palestine as a geographical centre of World Control, with New York as the centre of World Financial Control."

It is amazing how accurately Major Douglas foretold the present state of affairs. Another DARK AGE IN SLAVERY for humanity is certain unless you, who profess and call yourselves Christians, will sink your denominational differences and unite as one body to fight the Judaic policy now being imposed upon you.

MAKE NO MISTAKE; THE DANGER IS REAL AND IMMINENT.

—*The Queensland Social Credit News Sheet*, April 14.

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Bureaucracy on the March

A swollen bureaucracy is the direct result of centralisation. And, as centralisation of power is the very essence of Socialism, the growth of Socialism can be measured by the increase in the army of bureaucrats.

Prior to the Federal Elections, the two non-Labor Parties promised that they would take drastic steps to reduce the swollen Federal bureaucracy. When the new Government took office, it appointed a Committee to investigate how the pre-election promise concerning the bureaucracy could be honoured. Nothing has yet been heard from this Committee, the members of which have a vested interest in ensuring that the bureaucracy is expanded. In all probability their investigations have actually increased the bureaucracy. It is certain that they have not reduced the bureaucracy.

During December 1949, the bureaucracy expanded as it had consistently done during the regime of the Labor-Socialists. However, it was explained that it was too early for the new Government to do anything, effective. Then in January of this year there was a further increase of 700. And now the Commonwealth Statistician states that there was an increase of 800 in February — and this in spite of the fact that the Petrol Rationing Department had been abolished. The Federal bureaucracy now stands at a new record level of 197,500.

If the Federal Government persists with its present policies, it can be predicted now that the expansion of the Federal bureaucracy will continue more rapidly in the future than in the past. Mr. R. G. Casey's new department is an indication of the shape of things to come. Mr. Casey already has established his own publicity staff. His Snowy River Authority has established one section of its administrative staff in an ultra-modern office in Pitt Street, Sydney. Disturbing reports are starting to come to hand concerning the ridiculous sums of money being made by sub-contractors working for the Snowy River Authority. There is every sign that this Authority is going to be another Allied Works Council. The taxpayers will, of course, be compelled to pay for all rackets without any redress whatever.

Mr. Casey is not the only aspiring "Big Shot" in the present Government. Mr. Harold Holt, generally regarded as Mr. Menzies' heir, is making a determined bid to demonstrate that he too, can do things in a really big way. In the latest lavish publication issued by the Migration Department, Mr. Holt's publicity men have not let expense deter them in trying to publicise Mr. Holt.

The Federal Government cannot possibly reduce the bureaucracy until it repudiates completely the totalitarian conception of Government: that Government exists to look after every aspect of the individual's life. Government is not an end in itself; it is merely a means to an end. The Socialists have always realised that once Government usurps the functions of individuals, the inevitable result is that Parliament must pass an increasing amount of legislation delegating power to officials. The officials gradually become the real Government; they are obviously the real Government at Canberra already. Unless the rank and file of the Liberal and Country Parties realise this and take appropriate action, they cannot defeat Socialism.

Abstractionism

"Man needs no atomic bomb to destroy himself, he has but to destroy his soil bacteria, and this he is rapidly doing by intensive mechanised farming and neglect of the claims of the circle of life by sale of the products off the land. Man has done this because his brain is preoccupied with an abstraction rather than with his observations and experience of the natural order. This abstraction is money.

"He endows money with power, and then exploits the soil to establish more claim to it, rather than husbanding its fertility in the interest of health and the joy of living. Money possesses no power beyond that which man himself bestows upon it. Even the bank note, so jealously guarded against forgery, is literally not worth the paper on which it is printed. It is not even a legal promise to pay anything but another similar piece of paper.

"Having made himself a slave to this abstraction man goes further. He takes the abstractions with which the scientist works, and deals with them as though they too were real. He does this in order to get money. He believes that plants live upon the chemicals in the soil, and, provided that he maintains these artificially, he believes he can make the soil yield indefinitely and inimitably. He abstracts the chemical compounds from the world of teeming organisms in the soil, and in thus ignoring life discovers to his horror after a generation or so of ruthless exploitation, that the soil is not only losing its original fertility, and despite his clever artificial manuring, the soil particles themselves no longer stick together and hold water in their interstices, but become loosened and free to move under the agency of wind and water.

"So in the end, we have the old story of the magician's apprentice, who used the magic but could not control its effect. The lesson then is one with that of the Tree of Knowledge. Its fruit is a heady one, and it confers no wisdom. It causes man to lose reverence in proportion as he gains arrogance and conceit."

—Sir Stanton Hicks in his foreword to E. A. Southwell's *Food, Soil and Civilization*.

Life in the Planned Economy

Labour is prone to overlook the fact that when the State directs the economy and owns the means of production, strikes and absenteeism become crimes, rather than privileges.

Current news from Czechoslovakia, for example, tells us that absenteeism is now a national offence, and that workers are being tried and sentenced for it. Flying squads of "volunteer" doctors are visiting the homes of men who report sick, to make sure that they are not at the movies. The doctors, according to the Associated Press, are in turn being spied on by Communist Party members.

Who spies on the doctors, we don't know. But they can be sure somebody is doing it. The right to be spied on is one of the most respected rights of totalitarianism.

—*Economic Intelligence*.

Evan's Gambit

By FOOTLE

My involuntary sympathy goes out to ex-Minister Stanley Evans of the British House of Commons, who appears to have created an unusual record by being relieved of his ministerial duties after forty-five days of faithful but apparently annoying service. Mr. Evans was Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Ministry. The reasons given for his exit are not very explicit, but I imagine that he must have been guilty of saying the first thing that came into his head, which, of course, is liable to be the truth unless you happen to be very angry. At any rate it was a most unparliamentary indiscretion and Mr. Attlee and the Cabinet were very fed up about it, and those who read my recent notes on "secrecy" in high places would understand the annoyance of Britain's Prime Minister.

What is not so readily understood—at any rate by me—is that ex-Minister Evans has seemingly contrived to alienate the good regard of the farming community as well as that of his cabalistic confreres. This is how the matter is reported in my newspaper. "The resignation came within 24 hours of an attack from the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, which accused Mr. Evans of disclosing on Friday before publication by an expected Government White Paper farmers' income figures—an increase from £55m. in 1938 to £284½m in 1949." Mr. Evan's achievement is in a very exclusive class: he appears to have satisfied nobody unless indeed he satisfied himself, in which case he was obviously unfitted for a ministerial post.

I cannot feel that there is any significance in the fact that his faux pas was made on a Friday, for a reference to the calendar assures me that it was not the thirteenth day of the month though the odds are it was a wet day. Moreover, I have never heard it said that ministers share with sailors any superstition concerning embarking on an undertaking on a Friday: in fact, ministers as a class aren't a bit like sailors, for sailors don't care and don't care who knows it. And if you might think, judging from certain political and economic results that ministers don't care either, they at any rate do care who knows it.

It does not appear that the figures affecting the farmers were to be kept secret, since they were to be the subject of a White Paper, which, as everybody knows, is a solemn acknowledgment of what can't be hidden. In any case, the statistical aspect could scarcely have been concealed from the Income Tax Inquisitors, yet this concealment is the only reason I can imagine for the reluctance of the aforementioned Union to have made known the extent of farming activities. There is a type, familiar to us in romantic literature, which delights to do good by stealth and blushes to find it fame, but I would hesitate to affirm that the farming industry could boast a preponderance of it. It is more usual to find the type who, discovering an onslaught of thrips, corn-ear worm, aphids or what not, in his crops, leans over his neighbour's fence in anxious scrutiny to discover similar ravages and would be worried if he didn't find them. There can

be no secrecy about natural processes. So we are left unenlightened concerning the anger of the N.F.U. of E.W.S. & N.I. at the disclosures of the erstwhile Parliamentary Secretary of the Food Ministry.

The annoyance of the Prime Minister is something much more easily understood. The jump from £55m to £284½m. is considerable, and there must have been a substantial increase in physical production to account for it. On the face of it, even allowing for the Depreciation of sterling, by 60 percent, the figures entitle us to expect 100 per cent increase on 1938 output, unless, of course, there is a secret understanding that farmers are to be paid on the Roosevelt plan for not producing things. Personally, I am inclined to disregard such a theory although I am aware that the principal preoccupation of the British Government is to maintain shortages while at the same time making everybody too busy to do their own thinking. To pay something for nothing would certainly help, but I doubt if it could be kept secret.

It must have been annoying for the Cabinet to have some clumsy ass broadcasting the truth as if it were of no consequence to keep it hidden. There are people cursed with the sort of mind impervious to all attempts at political education. They would simply argue, in patriarchal fashion, that if agricultural products had increased by at least 100 percent, you should have twice the amount of eatables today compared with 1938, whereas they would know from Cabinet's ukase that the bacon and butter ration has been increased by a mere matter of scruples (troy, of course; not moral). These people have not grasped the stockpile theory and are incapable of understanding that the whole purpose of industry, as I pointed out in my last notes, is to provide work, and that the fabric of our lives is being threatened by these persistent surpluses. I have very little doubt that if storage and refrigeration space could have kept pace with

Mr. Churchill and the Constitution

"Our earnest hope is that it may be granted to us to proclaim not the continuance, but the doom, of the queues, and restore the normal relations between the shopkeepers and the public.

"But, beware! For we may be at the parting of the ways. The wisdom of our forbears for more than 300 years has sought the division of power in the Constitution.

"Crown, Lords and Commons have been checks and restraints upon one another.

"The limitation of the power of absolute monarchy was the cause for which, as Liberals used to say, 'Hampden died in the field and Sidney on the scaffold.'

"The concentration of all power over the daily lives of ordinary men and women in what is called 'the State,' exercised by what is virtually single-chamber government, is a reactionary step contrary to the whole trend of British history and to the message we have given to the world. ..."

—The Sunday Express, England.

national activity, there would have been no need for a White Paper on this embarrassing increase of physical results.

I wouldn't care to be in the Cabinet. You can never tell what people want. I remember how everybody used to grizzle when things to buy were more plentiful than money, and now the Government has gone out of its way to remove the surplus of goods and made money more plentiful, the people still don't seem to be satisfied. I know what I would do if I were in the Cabinet. I would distribute the stockpiles and the accumulated food and wash my hands of the whole business. I'd let the people see if they could do any better. That would teach them something.

But I am not in the Cabinet and if I were, I should probably beat the record for short duration established by Mr. Evans.

HAVE YOU STUDIED THE COMMUNIST MENACE?

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

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

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

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Mineral Fertilisers and Egg Fertility

By E. E. BUTTNER, *The Compost Society Magazine, N.Z.*

For some time now canary breeders have noticed that birds fed a lot on green food grown on heavily fertilised soil die off at an abnormal rate. Thus one particular writer in the English cage bird periodical *Cage Birds* warns breeders against the use of chickweed, generally a most invaluable green food that has been gathered from land on which quick-acting fertilisers have recently been used. This warning is the second issued by him so far, after having observed abnormal mortality in canaries fed such green food previously. One breeder in particular lost all his young birds from this cause. The harmful chickweed was gathered from land on which cabbages and other plants of the brassica family are grown. Such land is generally treated with nitrate of soda, nitro-chalk and sulphate of ammonia, to promote rapid growth and early maturity in the crop.

Canary breeders have found that green food from such lands cause diarrhoea and indigestion in young birds. Even dairymen have noticed that green foods from such lands causes digestive trouble and reduction in milk production. In fact, this has been noticed so often by canary breeders that some are openly condemning the use of green food as such for canaries with very young chicks, believing it is the green food itself that causes the diarrhoea. Others again, practically rear their chick on green food, with the best of results. My own birds belong to the latter class. In a special feeding experiment conducted on canaries, the chicks reared without any egg food or soft food whatever, only getting plain canary seed, rape seed, and plenty of green food, developed a little slower than those getting less green food but egg food, but their feathering was far superior to the group getting egg food and less green food. Their health was also superior. From this it would seem that it is a natural law that the pace of growth in young animals can only be accelerated at the expense of stamina and vitality. And this also applies to crops grown on soil treated in various ways.

Biologists have frequently shown that white rats made to grow very fast don't live as long as those made to fast at regular periods. It is true, of course, that mineral fertilisers can effect real improvement in both the quantity and quality of the crop and the animals. But this is only possible where the soil suffers from some

deficiencies, which are made good by mineral fertilising. However, when the aim is to accelerate growth and production beyond the normal degree of nature, trouble is bound to occur somewhere, even though we may claim that nobody can as yet draw the line just where the normal and natural degree starts or ends.

All this has led some workers in the field of research to carry out controlled experiments in order to throw more definite light on the problem of excessive fertilisation. Thus, for example, two workers in Germany before the war carried out special experiments with poultry fed on food grown on soil fertilised with minerals and also on soil treated biologically. The grain diet of the birds was wheat grown on these two soils. The birds were divided into two groups of ten each. Group A was fed on wheat from land fertilised with a mixture of balanced minerals such as is recommended by the exponents of artificial fertilisers, while Group B was fed on wheat grown on land treated by biological methods only. After nine months the results were as follows: —

Group A produced 1495 eggs.
Group B produced 1916 eggs.

Here the results are, of course, remarkable to say the least, but one swallow does not make a summer, and so the whole experiment was repeated at a later period, with different hens. Surely two separate experiments on different birds would provide a safe average result that could be used as a basis for forming definite conclusions?

The second experiment lasted seven months, and the results were as follow: —

Group A produced 977 eggs, each of 61.7 g. average.

Group B produced 1213 eggs, each of 64.4 g. average.

Both groups of birds received exactly the same treatment, except for the fertilisation of the soil their wheat was grown on. Both, of course, received the same kind and quantity of mash and green food. So there is no room for argument. The B groups produced both more eggs and larger eggs, all as a result of the biological treatment of the soil and the absence of mineral fertilisers. We thus have ample evidence to confirm the suspicions of the aforementioned canary breeders. But this is not all yet. The eggs from the above hens were used for breeding purposes, and it is here that the evidence is most conclusive of all. The results of the settings were as follows:

The eggs of hens from Group A had a hatchability of 35 per cent.

The eggs of hens from Group B had a hatchability of 68 per cent.

And if we calculate the number of chicks hatched per hen used in the test, we will realise at once that the difference between the two groups is staggering indeed. But the experimenters were not finished yet and wanted still further evidence. So they preserved the eggs in sawdust for some time. The proportion of bad eggs, that is the eggs that could not be eaten, was as follows: —

	Group A percent.	Group B percent.
After 2 months....	14	4
After 4 months....	47	20
After 6 months....	60	27

Once again the experiment was in favour of biological fertilisation of the soil against mineral fertilisers. Now try and calculate the number or percentage of good eggs produced per hen and you will get a fright. To bring the truth right home to the average man an experiment has to be carried out to the bitter end, as it was done above. Half measures, such as happens with most experiments planned to prove the opposite, only serve to confuse the issue. But then the falsifiers of truth love nothing more than confusion, even if they can't quite prove their point. Where the issue is confused, the average person will remain content to abide by tradition. And to break the tyranny of tradition, comprehensive and long-continued experiments are necessary.

We have not yet reached the end of the above experiment. More evidence is to follow. The droppings from each group of hens were especially collected and kept separate for fertilising experiments. On the two plots treated only with the poultry manure, beans were cultivated. On the plot treated with the manure from the B group of birds the beans grew better and tasted better according to horticultural and culinary experts.

All this only bears out the experiments of McCarrison many years ago in India. Unfortunately for our health, these classical experiments were relegated into the land of the forgotten, because no industry was interested in their results, and what cannot be used commercially by some great industry remains ignored, or even worse.

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Wholemeal Bread in America

The Story of a Successful Venture in Home Baking, which Developed into a Flourishing Business.

(Condensed from an article by Joan McLelland in the Melbourne Sun, April 12th, 1950)

One of America's most interesting business women is planning to visit Australia soon. She is Mrs. Henry Rudkin, of Pepperidge Farm, Connecticut, who has made a highly successful business of selling a good, honest, homemade loaf of bread produced from her grandmother's recipe. It costs twice as much as ordinary baker's bread, but she has thousands of customers who are quite happy to pay for what they feel is twice as good as the other.

Although the Pepperidge Farm loaf, as it is called, is now made in large quantities, it is still made in a generous old-fashioned way; all the dough is kneaded by hand, because Mrs. Rudkin insists that it is better that way. She employs only women to do the kneading, and because she insists on her "home treatment," she needs an enormous staff for her output. In comparison with a mechanised bakery, she has double the staff to produce half the quantity of bread.

The story of the beginning of the Pepperidge Farm loaf is interesting, and will delight those who are crusading for better bread in Australia.

Mrs. Rudkin has three sons, and the youngest one, Mark, suffered seriously from asthma. No treatment gave him any relief, and doctors suggested that the family should move south to a milder climate. Before she took this drastic step, Mrs. Rudkin consulted other specialists, including a dietitian who recommended a diet strong in Vitamin B.

While planning meals for her son, Mrs. Rudkin remembered a whole-wheat bread recipe of her grandmother's. It included stone-ground flour, honey, butter and fresh yeast. She baked a couple of loaves that were quite uneatable, then struck form and has never looked back.

Her family enjoyed the bread, which was

good and solid, and smelt wonderful. Their friends liked it, and the dietitian asked Mrs. Rudkin to supply some of his other patients with bread. Mr. Rudkin, who commuted daily to his Wall Street office, used to carry in a parcel each morning and leave it at Grand Central Station for a messenger boy to take across to the doctor.

Mrs. Rudkin was persuaded to take two loaves in to the local storekeeper. He liked it, his customers liked it, and Mrs. Rudkin hired a girl to help knead the dough.

Mr. Rudkin's morning parcel got completely out of hand, and a very select grocery shop in New York tasted a slice and begged for more. Trucks began to take over from Mr. Rudkin; and, most important of all, the boy's asthma began to improve.

The stone-ground flour, which Mrs. Rudkin uses, is milled by two local Connecticut water-powered mills.

Stone-ground flour retains the live wheat germ where roller grinding destroys it. Refined white flour has most of the nutritive value eliminated so that it can be kept in bulk quantities without deteriorating.

Stone-ground flour, an expert will tell you, smearing a bit lovingly between forefinger and thumb, feels smooth and velvety to the touch, whereas roller-ground flour is full of jagged, torn pieces.

Australian bakers have this in common with American bakers. They don't think that the public wants quality bread. The big bakeries in America shrug their shoulders when the subject of the Pepperidge Farm loaf is brought up, and point out that its sales are only a minute fractional percentage of the sales of the spongy white bread, which, they say, the public wants.

In South Yarra there is a baker who, for his own satisfaction, has always made his brown bread from stone-ground flour; but he doesn't think it worthwhile to advertise the fact because he says people don't care. He is also selling 2 lb. packets of stone-ground flour to people who like it for their own household use, but he hasn't bothered to put a notice in his shop window to that effect for the same reason.

At Kimpton's big mill in Kensington the rollers grind through enormous quantities of golden wheat, but away in a corner are two English stones brought out during the last century. These have lately been put into action again, but quite a lot of the soft-ground stone-flour is being produced for special customers. The managers of the mill are inclined to regard the requests for this as an amiable whimsy, which they are happy to humour.

Mrs. Rudkin's first move was from her kitchen to a big empty barn. When her customers outgrew the barn, she rented two adjacent empty buildings in Norwalk and organised a makeshift factory. Later, business justified better quarters, and she handed an architect a plan of the working part of the factory as she wanted it, and asked him to build the exterior around it. A two-storied U-shaped building of white brick was the result, and it sits pleasantly among green trees.

Mr. Rudkin has become so engrossed with

Fantastic Food Policies

The fantastic economics of the postwar world, created by Government planners, are shown at their worst in the existence, side by side, of the American provision of dollars for Europe and the Congress policy of subsidising American producers to keep prices above the economic level. This Congress policy is really responsible for the European plaint that dollars are scarce. Sir Herbert Williams recently asserted, in a speech in London, that more is being paid by the American Government for storing food surpluses than is given to European countries in Marshall aid.

I doubt if the Americans are paying \$2,925,000,000 a year—the amount of the next Marshall aid allocation—for storing food, but the sum must certainly be immense.

Enough wheat for a year's home consumption is stored, in addition to tremendous stocks of butter, eggs, cheese, fruits and other foods. If all these foods were released for export at reduced prices, or given away, the effect on Britain's controlled farm price economy would be tremendous. In the long run, such a powerful deflationary element would probably do great good, but clearly there is urgent need to stop the present drift, and to examine objectively the economic basis of the twin policies of Marshall aid and the American farm subsidies, for the two things hang together. Unless sound economic measures are adopted there may be an economic slide that could bring disaster both to the United States and Britain.

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Bull Succeeds Where A.I. Fails

You ask where are the antagonists of A.I.? Through bitter experience I count myself amongst those who see in A.I. only a quick way to ruin. I managed to get only three out of eight cows and heifers in calf (and of those three, none were effectively served first time). The others were inseminated repeatedly and though they were clean with no success. Last December I purchased a young bull at Reading, and within a few months they were all in calf, and three other youngsters as well.

As I obtained the semen from a pedigree breeder of some renown (privately through a vet.), I shall not give the bill I had to foot, but it was a big one and in addition I had the year's loss of milk and calves to stand.

My advice to small farmers who are so small they cannot keep their own bull is to use their neighbour's bull and know the vet's telephone number. I think any man with 10 milkers and followers will find that his own bull will save him a packet of money, and many a headache, even if he does not share the glory of a £2,000 bull.

The only alternative is for the Breed Societies to travel their own bulls in specified areas, in a similar manner to premium stallions.

Short Cut to Ruin

In my opinion it is really too ridiculous to suppose that "the small farmer" who almost invariably has a very mixed collection of cows, will start breeding champion milkers through using expensive prize bulls that are of a different strain from his own cows, when pedigree breeders who have been at it for years only produce one every so often with every advantage of skill and knowledge, and a reserve capital to cover failures. The only way to obtain a level herd of uniform appearance, health and quality is to study your own farm and breed for 20 years; A.I. is one of those pseudo scientific short-cuts, that turn out to be short-cut errors. All these lucky and persevering people will tell one that a heavy milker is only produced half by breeding, the other and most important part is rearing and treatment up to calving.

Nature's Way

I say A.I. is a pseudo scientific practice because it tries to avoid the waste that is a rule of life in nature. For in order to carry the species on, in almost any department of the natural world many more eggs are laid and seeds are sown than ever mature. The scientist comes on the scene and notices that there are several million spermatozoa in one ejaculation of the bull's semen and he thinks of himself, "Aha, what a waste! each of these could possibly fertilise a cow's ovum—let's try!" But, the point is this, in the natural sexual union of bull and cow, although millions of sperms die disappointed, there is always ONE who wins the race to the ovum. This one, it stands to reason, must be the strongest, therefore the best possible breed is obtained and the sluggish sperms are rightfully eliminated in the struggle for life.

Dilution Wrong

It is true that the "Breed Societies" so-called, do not carry the practice as far as injecting one sperm per cow, but there is no guarantee that the semen is NOT diluted. Such a guarantee should be compulsory.

I am not one of those who say "Wait and See." I say, "don't wait, because you won't see" certainly you won't see the results of A.I. in one lifetime. I know it has been done for about 25 years in various parts of the world, but for a genuine experiment that would really give a true picture of the effects of A.I. a whole line of artificially bred stock would have to live, be recorded, and die before any improvement or deterioration could be seen. 25 years is a minutely short time in the history of a species, and a deterioration over that period would be almost undetectable, but over 50 or 100 or 1,000 years it would be decisive. No experiment on these lines has been tried as far as I know. No stock from the semen of a bull that was bred by A.I. out of a cow bred by A.I. and so on back several generations has started to win prizes as yet. When it does I shall not be here to see it.

No, the much belauded small farmer like myself, poor sap, will not benefit from such a scheme as A.I. It is the big pedigree breeders who back the scheme who will benefit from the enhanced prices they will receive for their bulls, when wealthy bodies such as the M.M.B. and A.I. Societies start bidding against each other for stock.

Jews Defy the World

Reuven Schreiber, deputy mayor of Jerusalem, spoke in Los Angeles, February 7. A dispatch out of that city speaks for itself: "Only over the dead bodies of 100,000 Jews will any foreign power, including the United Nations, enter and govern Jerusalem." This was the answer of Jerusalem's deputy mayor, Reuven Schreiber to the United Nations decree internationalizing the capital of Israel. "In Israel, we hope for peace, but are preparing for war," Schreiber told reporters at the Biltmore Hotel. We know that the Arabs, with the help of Great Britain, are arming for war. If another war comes, this time it will be fought on their territory, not ours. The stocky, black-haired Jerusalem official, who was largely responsible for the defence of that city during the Arab-Jewish struggle, is in Los Angeles to speak on the Israel Histadrut campaign for \$10,000,000 to assist newcomers in Israel. He said the newcomers are arriving in Jerusalem at the rate of 3,000 to 4,000 a month. When he left the city 2½ months ago, he said, the population was 100,000, but thinks it has risen 10,000 since.

Note: On the platform with Shreiber when he spoke in Los Angeles recently were the following Zionists and Zionist bootlickers: Frank Kingdon, the news commentator; JAMES ROOSEVELT, Sidor Belarsky, the singer; and Judge David Coleman, master of ceremonies.

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