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THE ANTI-COMMUNIST BILL

Jekyll and Hyde Attitude of Labor

A close study of the manner in which the Federal Labor Opposition has treated the Government's Anti-Communist Bill leaves no doubt that there is a powerful section of the Labor Party, led by Mr. Chifley and Dr. Evatt, which, under the guise of defending British justice, is merely pursuing a policy which it is hoped will yield considerable political dividends. It is true that there are many sincere Members of the Labor Party who, while being strongly opposed to Socialism, are genuinely concerned that no individual shall be treated unjustly. But it is the basest hypocrisy for Labor Members like Dr. Evatt to be claiming that they are really interested in British justice and individual rights. Apart from his attitude towards the Australia First Members during the war, and his attempted intimidation of leading Social Crediters like Mr. Eric Butler prior to the 1944 Referendum, Dr. Evatt was one of the principal architects of the infamous Palestine Partition which helped pave the way for the driving of hundreds of thousands of Arabs from the land they and their forefathers had lived in for centuries. This man should be the last to speak about British justice.

Whatever plausible reasons he advances for his part in ensuring that the Federal Government cannot even make a limited attempt to deal with the Communist conspiracy—and we must emphasise the point that the Anti-Communist legislation by itself is quite inadequate—Dr. Evatt and his wholehearted supporters like Mr. Chifley, Mr. Pollard, Senator Morrow, Mr. Ward and others, are by their obstructionist tactics mainly serving the purposes of the Communists.

Onus of Proof

The Federal Government has wisely accepted many amendments — in fact it introduced a great number itself — to its original Anti-Communist Bill. Most of these amendments have been designed to remove some of the dangers to which we ourselves drew attention.

But Dr. Evatt is deliberately attempting to confuse public opinion for the amended Onus of Proof Clause. The issue is, to us, very clear: If the appropriate authorities have suspicions that a man is a Communist, they "declare" him. However, if a "declared" person enters the witness box and swears that he is not a Communist, the onus is upon the Crown to prove that he is. The same principle applies in ordinary criminal law. The police can charge a man with murder if they have reasons for believing that he is a murderer. But they must then prove a case or allow the charged man to go free. They cannot hold a man

indefinitely without proving a case against him. No loyal person need have the slightest fear of the amended Onus of Proof Clause in the Anti-Communist legislation; it is only the Communist who is concerned, because he knows that if the authorities "declare" him, they would be happy to have the onus of proof made their responsibility by the "declared" person entering the witness box and swearing that he was not a Communist.

Rising Prices

In opposing the Anti-Communist legislation to the stage where another Federal election becomes certain, Dr. Evatt, Mr. Chifley and other Labor leaders must surely feel that this election will not be fought solely on the Communist issue; that by the time the election is held—in the New Year of 1951 at the very earliest—the problem of rising prices will be so concerning the people that they can exploit the situation to their own advantage.

Constructive Action Wanted

Mr. Menzies political future—and the future of all of us—may therefore well be decided by what action, if any, is taken to defeat the inflation menace. If Mr. Menzies and his colleagues will only take constructive action in the immediate future to reduce prices, they will not only deal a smashing blow against the economic conditions which the Communists and Socialists are exploiting for their own evil purposes,

but they will also ensure that, perhaps even without an election, the Labor Party will of political necessity be compelled to allow action against the Communist conspirators under the Anti-Communist legislation.

We appeal strongly to all our supporters to make clear to all Liberal and Country Party members the points we have made in this article. Now, as never before, is the time for all genuine patriots to be up and doing; to insist that their Federal members declare themselves on the question of what they propose to do about inflation as part of a major assault upon the Communist conspirators.

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

Political Expediency

The following letter, by Mr. Eric D. Butler, Campaign Director of the Victorian League of Rights, appeared in all editions of the Melbourne *Herald* on June 23:

"Are the Parliamentary leaders of the Country and Liberal and Country Parties genuine anti-Socialists or are they infected with the very socialist virus they verbally oppose?"

Mr. Hollway said that if the L.C.P. continued as the Government, one of his major reforms would be a first step toward socialisation of the gas industry. Now Mr. McDonald and his Country Party colleagues, who have made much noise against socialism for many years, are prepared to socialise the gas industry completely as part of the price for Labor support.

The continued hypocrisy of so-called anti-socialist politicians is preparing the way for a complete socialist victory.

My league expresses its strongest opposition to gas socialisation or any other socialisation, and calls upon all genuine anti-socialist supporters of the L.C.P. and Country Party to take action to curb politicians who are prepared to forsake principles for political expediency."

It is significant that no representatives of either the Victorian Country or Liberal Parties answered the above letter.

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Another One

Dr. Leopold Infeld is a brilliant Jewish physio-mathematician, presently teaching in the University of Toronto. He has asked for a year's leave, during which he plans to lecture at the Communist-controlled Warsaw University in Poland. According to press reports, Dr. Infeld would receive half his regular salary from the U. of T. while lecturing in Poland.

Dr. Infeld was an associate of pro-Red Albert Einstein, and "The Ensign" points out that "It is a matter of record that the utterances of Dr. Infeld have been echoed by the communist Polish weekly in Toronto, *Kronika Tygodniowa*, that he has actively participated in the Soviet Friendship organization, and that he has attacked such eminent scholars as Professor Oscar Halecki and others of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, of which Infeld was a member until 1944, when he swung his support to the Bierut puppet-regime. Why, then, would Comrade Kormanova and Comrade Mikhailov not invite Dr. Infeld to visit and lecture behind the Iron Curtain?"

We believe that Dr. Infeld should go back to Poland or Russia, which, it would seem, is his ideological homeland—but not at the same time drawing salary from the citizens of Ontario. We believe this money would be better spent in buying Dr. Infeld a one-way ticket.

—*Social Credit* (Canada), May, 1950

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Clear Enough

"To those who object that such a rapid transition as is here pictured would dislocate the whole industrial and social structure of the country, it must be answered that, unless we can dislocate our existing system, there is no hope for the workers.

Page 2 — "New Times," July 7, 1950

The degree of dislocation and the difficulties that are created will depend not upon those who desire the change, but upon those who resist it. If all those at present in control of industry and finance were prepared to cooperate, as they were in 1914, the whole thing could be carried through smoothly and rapidly. It is because they will insist upon resisting the expressed will of the majority that difficulties will come, and the more violent that resistance the greater will be the difficulties."

—Sir Stafford Cripps in preface to *The First Workers' Government* (1934), by Mr. G. N. Mitchison (Labor Member for Kettering).

A Useful Innocent

As indicated by the following report from the Communist West Australian Workers' *Star*, Professor Walter Murdoch is one of those idealists who does not understand how the Communists exploit the natural desire of all individuals for peace:

Enthusiastic applause greeted the reading of a letter from Professor Walter Murdoch giving whole-hearted support to the Peace Council, at its Fremantle meeting last week.

While craven Labor Rightwingers hasten dissociate themselves from the Peace Council, or even, like the A.L.P. Federal Executive, act as a pimping agency for Menzies, Professor Murdoch writes:

"I should consider it an honor to appear on the same platform with the Rev. Frank Hartley, or even to take the chair for him if a more suitable chairman could not be found.

"I greatly regret that I am no longer in a position to attend evening meetings of any kind, even a meeting such as this, with whose aims and purposes I am in complete sympathy.

"It seems to me an extraordinary paradox that people who dread the prospect of another world war should also be afraid of supporting an organisation which aims at preventing another world war.

"Mr. Hartley knows by stern experience what modern warfare is like, and comes forward as an apostle of peace. For this I honor him, and I honor also the Australian Peace Council, whose aim is to awaken this country to a sense of reality, to an awareness of the terrible consequences of allowing herself to drift as she is drifting today.

"No one with any consciousness of responsibility towards his fellow men should allow himself to be silenced at this fateful moment; and for my part I intend to raise my voice on all suitable occasions in support of the Peace Council and of any other body which is sincerely working for peace.

"With all my best wishes to Mr. Hartley and to the Peace Council."

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Common Ownership

It is hoped that the "common-owners" of the Victorian State Electricity Commission have noted that the new proposed rise in electricity charges is to be retrospective. If this policy were applied by "private capitalists," what an outcry there would be! Providing the individual has adequate purchasing power, free competitive enterprise is the only economic

system, which enables him to enjoy economic sovereignty. Socialism is monopoly in its worst possible form.

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Undercover Dictator

Bernard Baruch, the enigmatic boss of the super Jew lobby in Washington, wants complete regimentation to the point where every natural resource, every boy, every girl, every man and every woman will be under 24-hour regimented control by the government of the U.S.A. Should he put this over, then he wants someone like himself or Lilienthal to be the super undercover dictator of the whole mobilization programme.

—*The Washington Letter*.

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Rationalisation

Running true to form, Liberal-Socialist R. G. Casey announced in the Federal Parliament on June 21 that the Federal Government is considering the "rationalisation" of commercial air services in Australia. Mr. Casey said that "economy" and "convenience to the travelling public" would be considered by the Government. These are the points made by all Socialist propagandists. So long as there is genuine competition, the travelling public can make their own decisions about economy and service. "Rationalisation" was the term used by the German-Jewish monopolist, Mond, when during the twenties in Great Britain he took the first steps towards getting a policy of monopoly accepted by the British Government. He had the support of the Socialists, who said that while rationalisation did not go far enough towards their objective of complete Monopoly—Socialism—it was a step in the right direction.

Does Mr. Casey know what he is about? Or is he being unconsciously used as politicians of all types have been used for centuries?

Revealing

Most of the Jews in Eastern Germany are opposed to assimilation, and to them the new conditions in which they have to live are more of a hardship than a blessing. It is only natural, therefore, that they should pin their hopes on the possibility of emigration.

There is, however, a considerable number of Jews who have accommodated themselves, some because they have no alternative.

For these, life in the Eastern Zone has brought changes for the better.

Not a few of them today occupy high positions in the Government and Administration, positions which no Jew had ever before held in Germany and which, despite all talk of democracy and equality, they cannot even today hold in Western Germany.

Several Jews hold important posts in the Ministries of Information, Industry, and Justice.

The Supreme Judge in the Eastern sector of Berlin is a Jew, and so are several senior judges in the provinces outside Berlin. In the press, too, as well as in the theatre, quite a considerable number of Jews have been given responsible positions, but all these are people who have accepted the Communist Party programme, and are willing to forego national interests for those of the Party.

—*Australian Jewish News*, June 23.

Putting the Shillings Back into the Pound

The Editor,

Sir,

"Faith, fantastic faith once wedded fast
To some dear humbug, hugs it to the
last."

These lines from "Lalla Rookh" will be found to apply to a very large number of persons, who having taken up some intellectual attitude, or 'ology, or blend of ideas as a guiding theme of their life, expect all other persons to see things through the same spectacles as they are wearing.

In many groups which take a lead from Biblical lore, in followers, of Georgian economics, of Pacifist and Rotarian emphasis, of the party machine, etc., one can discover a lack of realistic sanity, or of analytical completeness. The salient point to which the conditions of community life all lead is that we are engaged in a fight which few of the above-mentioned "faithful" people condescend to appreciate.

Our instinct of self-preservation, rather than any intellectual doctrine or institutionalised convention, must be the basis of a widespread movement in this fight.

Democratic and Christian progress would be towards a state in which the privilege of nearly complete choice of action will be a personal and individual possession, with the proviso that no other person's privi-

leges are to be encroached upon. Today, we are fast moving in the opposite direction; for now practically every privilege is doled out to us from centralised groups, monopolists, "high-ups," officials, and especially bureaucratic officials.

The first reversal—the first flouting of the enemy, which has worked the oracle of centralised power—will come if citizens generally will drop any "high-horse" attitude, which keeps them aloof, and will cling to a simple faith in human purpose steadfastly directed to achieve some common objective. Some objective must be found which, if achieved, will bring satisfaction to all except the oligarchs.

We have such a rallying objective, arising out of the hustings promise of Mr. Menzies to "PUT THE SHILLINGS BACK INTO THE £." This means that we must make persistent constitutional effort to have financial policies altered to the end that inflation of commodity prices will be cured; that is that purchasing power of all money incomes shall not continue to become less to an alarming extent, as it is doing as the result of present financial policies.

Yours sincerely,

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Background to "Indonesia," etc.

In 1921, discussing the national question—a subject to which he had devoted much study—Joseph Stalin wrote in a *Pravda* article:—

"If Europe and America may be called the front, the scene of the main engagements between Socialism and imperialism, the non-sovereign nations and colonies, with their raw materials, fuel, food and vast stores of human material, should be regarded as the rear, the reserve of imperialism. In order to win a war one must not only triumph at the front, but also revolutionise the enemy's rear, his reserves. Hence the victory of the world proletarian revolution may be regarded as assured only if the proletariat is able to combine its own revolutionary struggle with the movement for emancipation of the toiling masses of the non-sovereign nations and the colonies against the power of the imperialists and for a dictatorship of the proletariat."

This is a theme, which recurs again and again in Stalin's speeches and writings. He reiterates that the abolition of what he calls the national oppression in Europe is inconceivable without the emancipation of the colonial peoples of Asia and Africa; it was the Communists, he says, who first revealed the connection between the national question and the question of the colonies, and who made it the basis of their practical revolutionary work, and this broke down the wall between the white peoples and the coloured peoples, between the "civilised" and "uncivilised" slaves of imperialism.

"This circumstance considerably facilitated the co-ordination of the struggle of the backward colonies with the struggle of the advanced proletariat against the common enemy, imperialism."

—*The Tablet*, May 27, 1950.

Will some of our readers draw Mr. Spender's attention to this?

Academic Differences

"... the idealised State of Socialism, no matter whether it is to be attained by the revolutionary class struggle of Marxism or by the evolutionary gradualness of Fabianism, has always borne a strong family resemblance to the type of economic empire which big business has in fact constructed. It is true that it is to be run by nominees of the proletariat instead of the nominees of the capitalists, and that the profit motive is to be removed. But since large-scale economic organisations must in any case be run by skilled technicians, and since both big business and the Socialist State are primarily concerned with power, these alleged differences tend to become academic. It has become increasingly difficult to discover any fundamental distinction in approach to specific problems between the orthodox socialist and the large-scale capitalist. Both accept, implicitly, if not avowedly, the mechanistic interpretation of economy. The only real point at issue between them seems to be the distribution of power and product as between sectional groups, and even on this point compromise seems possible."

—Jorian Jenks in *From the Ground Up*.

The New Look

Clad in grey-green battledress, and grasping a rifle right end foremost, our intrepid Secretary for War, Mr. Strachey, traversed the trackless bandit-ridden jungles of Malaya under strict orders to "fall flat on his stomach and shoot." Not a bandit was heard, not a Communist note. They had all fled.

Sheer imperialist terrorism of the down-trodden native races, we call it.

—*The Social Crediter*, June 17.

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Mr. Menzies' Sound Ideas on Empire

In giving the Roy Milne memorial lecture at the Adelaide University on June 26, the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, expressed sentiments concerning the British Empire, which we find a refreshing contrast to much of the dangerous internationalism advocated in recent years. We have constantly stressed the fact that the greatest contribution the peoples of the British Empire can make towards world stability and the resurrection of Western Christian civilization, is to make themselves strong and sovereign politically, economically and financially. To pin our faith in the "United" Nations, or any other international organization in which representatives of the Empire must always be a minority, is a policy of suicide.

Mr. Menzies made an excellent point in his lecture when he said: "To concentrate completely upon the affairs of the United Nations to the exclusion of those other urgent interests which we have in the British Empire may well lead us to regard ourselves in our various parts of the Empire as quite separate." Mr. Menzies also said: "I see in some minds a grave fear that this integration of the Empire mind and the Empire effort, which I unhesitatingly advocate, will give rise to hostilities in other countries, and that, therefore, we must at all times avoid creating the impression that there is 'an Empire bloc.' This view seems to me to be so pusillanimous, and so basically wrong, that I can with difficulty discuss it with patience." To which we say, "Hear! Hear!" When the peoples of the British Empire were strong, sovereign, and united by a common loyalty, they were respected everywhere. But alien policies imposed upon them this century have lowered their prestige in the eyes of other peoples. Most of these policies have originated from powerful groups in the U.S.A., and nothing has done more to undermine British prestige than the subservience of British policy to "dollar diplomacy."

Mr. Menzies is right when he says the peoples of the British Empire must have an understanding with the American people. But there can be no understanding with the Zionist-Communist group of traitors—Hiss, Morgenthau and Dexter White being typical representatives of this group—who, from Yalta onwards have ensured that "American" foreign policy has assisted the Communist conspiracy everywhere.

If Mr. Menzies' Government will give a practical lead to other British peoples by immediately freeing itself of all alien, international influences, it will have the enthusiastic support of every loyal Australian. But the "practical lead" we suggest will bring Mr. Menzies and his associates into violent conflict with our real enemies. Is Mr. Menzies courageous enough to provoke this conflict?

Centralism "Inevitable"

"Smith's Weekly," although allegedly anti-Socialist, editorially in its issue of July 1 furthers the idea that progressive centralism — the basic feature of Socialism — is "inevitable":

More and more the problems of Government become problems of national Government; as the nation develops, the States, as political entities, recede in importance. More and more they depend upon the Commonwealth for money, their own taxation powers having been brutally curtailed during the war.

But their other powers are still very real, and the Commonwealth Government's are very limited. And the cry of State rights can always be raised to deny enlarged Constitutional power to the Commonwealth—the cry of State rights or the cry of the politician (of any color) who is eager to frustrate his political opponents.

Constitutional reform in this country has always been a party political issue; but it can't always be treated that way. History must force on the central Government greater powers—if the history of Australia is to be the history of a great and growing nation.

Already thoughtful and far-sighted Australians look to the day when we shall have more States with lesser powers; in other words, provincial government, with the whole direction and conduct of national affairs in the national Parliament . . .

These are early and perhaps contentious days for sober discussion about the future relationship between State and Commonwealth; but the larger Federal House and the increasing incompetence of State Governments point the way to tomorrow's thinking.

Meanwhile, it is to the central Government, in spite of its limited powers that we all look for both policy and action on the big political economic and financial problems of the day. Whether we like it or not, we are being forced by events to think as a nation, not as six States."

What ridiculous nonsense it is to talk about "history" dictating policies. All policies stem from individuals, and most of the dictating being done in all countries today is by individuals who want to have all power nicely centralised in order that they can use it more effectively. Of course, these power-lusters don't reveal their intentions frankly; they reply upon woolly-minded fools who talk seriously about political, economic, and financial policies being imposed by some abstraction like "history." They justify a disastrous policy by appealing to "the pressure of events," never stopping for one minute to ask the identity of the individuals responsible for the events.

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Treason in Washington

Although the Australian daily press says that it is opposing Communism with all its might, it persistently "slants" its news and comment in such a way that makes the task of Communist conspirators much easier. For example, readers of most Australian newspapers must gain the impression that the controllers of America's Foreign Policy are all genuine anti-Communists, and that the cause of democracy is safe so long as Australia and other British countries tamely accept everything proposed from Washington.

However, the following article (which should be immediately brought to the attention of every loyal Australian), by Major Robt. H. Williams, U.S. Intelligence (Reserve) in the April 1950, issue of his *Intelligence Summary*, provides evidence of how the present American Government is being used by the Zionist-Communist conspirators to further their evil policies:

That odor over Washington was not from the cherry blossoms along the Tidal Basin. It came from the State Department and smelled of dead herring.

For three weeks the world held its breath to see whether or not fighting Joe McCarthy, Senator from Wisconsin, could prove his charge that 57 or more Communists and fellow travellers were on the State Department payroll or recently had been.

Then the bomb burst: official records revealed that 91 homosexuals had been fired from the State Department, and records of the District of Columbia police showed that approximately 4,000 more homosexuals were still on federal payrolls, 300 to 400 of them in Acheson's Department of State.

The stench was without parallel in the history of Christian nations. It dulled the senses.

As for security, it was the worst possible situation, for homosexuals are easily spotted and are easy meat for blackmailers and enemy agents, who can perhaps use them, under threat of exposure.

There still remained the original charge of 57 Reds in the State Department, and as debate and political fencing alternately advanced and confused the issue, it became sickeningly evident that some Senators, like the President, even at this late hour, have little understanding of what constitutes a Communist, still take the attitude that one must sink a battleship before the government dare fire him as a bad security risk.

McCarthy Victory

But the Senate was slowly waking up. And when Senator McCarthy at last took the floor and read sworn statements of former Communists that Owen Lattimore, former State Department employee, was long a member of the Communist Party and partially trained in Moscow—the Senator who had risked the condemnation of a world replete with fools and organized confusers, had, in effect, won his historic fight.

Whispers were going round, as yet unverified, that Dr. Philip C. Jessup, Acheson's left hand man, also was or had been a member of the Communist Party.

Jessup was a character witness for Communist Alger Hiss. He is Acheson's principal agent in carrying out "Point Four" (proposed in a prepared speech by the President some months ago), which calls for "developing" the backward areas all over the world, with U.S. tax money.

In a futile attempt to shift the spotlight

from the investigation, Acheson ran to the Senate to say that we must throw all our energies behind his total-diplomacy, Point Four, to combat Communism. Only a few Senators seemed to understand—or dared say—that Point Four is itself a Communist-aiding measure, possibly concocted by the Communist underlings of Felix Frankfurter, one of the leading Zionists of the world.

Point Four

What is Point Four? It is the key to the mystery. Let one of its principal promoters tell you what it is for. The man is Benjamin Gerig, chief of the (State Department) Office of Dependent Areas Affairs. Roy W. Gifford, retired chairman of the board of Borg-Warner International corporation, told the Associated Press Feb. 28 that in a Brookings Institute seminar at Lake Forest College recently, Gerig said: "The object of the Point Four programme is to develop the colonial backward areas of the world until they can revolt against their mother countries." Gifford said when he challenged the remark, Gerig "stood by his guns."

And Jessup himself, in Karachi, Pakistan, Feb. 28, told the Associated Press, "Indochina is progressing towards wiping out the last ties of colonialism" and added, "Full independence of Vietnam will not be assured until French troops are withdrawn."

Truman is so foolish he cannot see that Point Four is a device for using U.S. tax funds and State Department prestige and personnel to promote revolution all over the world.

Red Teamwork

This is only the first half of the story. The revolutions are Communist revolutions, and bankers and brokers of Zionist persuasion move into the disturbed areas to dominate the trade of the revolutionary parties. We shall see, if we can ever get Congress to investigate and air the facts behind the Indonesian revolution (against our old friend and ally, Holland) that State Department employees under Zionist inspiration worked with Communists more directly from Russia, to bring about that Red revolt, and that a Jewish broker, friend of the New Deal, got a contract from the revolutionary government for a monopoly on important categories of both imports and exports.

Jessup and Lattimore, influencing the State Department, are creating the revolutions, while the chief of the Far Eastern Division of the Commerce Department arranges the

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Dairying Industry Virtually Nationalised!

Primary Producers Taking Action

For some time past the Australian Primary Producers' Union has claimed that the Dairying Produce Export Control Act 1924-47 has meant the virtual nationalisation of the dairying industry. This viewpoint is now upheld by Mr. R. M. Eggleston in a finding issued to the A.P.P.U. on May 22, 1950.

In conducting a vigorous campaign against Government control of the dairying industry, the A.P.P.U. is drawing attention to some of the statements made by Members of the present Government when they were opposing the Chifley Government's Dairying Produce Export Control Act 1924-47. Sir Earle Page said on October 22, 1947, that the legislation was "as close to totalitarian control as one could possibly go," while Mr. Francis said on the same date that "This proposal is pure fascism."

The A.P.P.U. is making available copies of Mr. Eggleston's findings and urging its members to make it as widely known as possible. They are also urging that the matter be brought before all Government Members of Parliament, and that they be asked to take the necessary action to ensure that the dairy farmer has the right to market his produce as he thinks fit.

In publishing the following letter (June 1, 1950), to the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, Mr. John McEwan, in which the A.P.P.U. effectively outline their case against the present control of the dairying industry, this journal does not necessarily endorse all the suggestions made concerning the dairying industry; but it does feel that the matters dealt with in the letter are of vital public importance: The Honourable Mr. J. McEwen, M.H.R., Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, CANBERRA, A.C.T. Dear Sir,

In confirmation of the Deputation to you by the Federal Dairying Committee of the Australian Primary Producers' Union on Tuesday, 30th May, we wish to place before you in writing the following matters for your consideration and advice: —

1. The opinion of Mr. R. M. Eggleston, K.C., on the legislation governing the Dairying Industry makes it clear that there is no legislation securing to Producers the continuation of payments based on Cost of Production, though the Dairying Industry Assistance Act of 1943 provides the basis for the creation of machinery to make the allocation, if and when funds are appropriated by Parliament for the purpose.

In view of the fact that you have already indicated that the policy of your Government

is to provide a 10 Year Stabilisation Plan for Dairy Farmers, and in view of the fact that political changes during the next 10 years may prevent the implementation by your Government of this intention, it is requested please that the enactment of the appropriate Stabilisation Act securing continuation of payments based on Cost of Production, be brought before Parliament as a matter of urgency, while the present Government is still in a position to implement its policy.

We give it as our view that in the light of the promise to the Dairying Industry made in 1947 by the Labour Government to secure Cost of Production payments as a matter of policy until 1952 it is not likely that the Labour Party would be prepared to use its majority in the Senate to prevent passage of such legislation. The legislation should impose an obligation on successive Governments to maintain Cost of Production payments out of Consolidated Revenue, until 1959.

2. With regard to the third question answered by Mr. Eggleston, it is clear that there is no obligation on the Board to apply accumulated profits from export sales in maintaining the farmers' return, in the event of a drop in export prices.

As you are aware, the Board as at present constituted, is subject to the veto of the Minister of the day. In order to prevent political interference in the functions of the Board in future, we would be glad if the Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-47, could be amended in such a way as to provide specifically for the creation of the Dairying Industry Stabilisation Fund, and that an obligation be imposed upon the Board to apply such accumulated profits in maintaining the farmers' return in the event of a drop in export prices.

3. In the opinion of Dairy Farmers generally, the Dairy Farmers' price is based on unjust terms of acquisition of Dairy Produce by the Commonwealth for the following reasons: —

- (a) **Acquired Dairy Produce is sold under contract to the United Kingdom and has been sold for years, at prices far below world parity, as determined by sales to countries other than the United Kingdom.**
- (b) **The contract price is below world parity as fixed by the U.K. purchases from other countries.**

(c) **The Dairy Farmer in Australia is paid a price for his product, which is based on a Cost of Production formula, which permits the following injustices: —**

- i. **the working proprietor's labour is based on a working week of 56 hours, as is also that of his family, at a rate per hour lower than in any industry in Australia. He is, therefore, required to work without compensation, hours longer than the statutory working week.**
- ii. **Overtime worked is allowed only at normal hourly rates.**
- iii. **The Dairying Industry Award made under National Security Regulations is probably invalid and should not, therefore, be used as a basis of price determinations.**
- iv. **The Cost of Production Survey makes no provision for paid holidays for working proprietors or their families.**

(d) **The price payable for dairy produce in Australia is far below world parity as expressed above, and below the Contract Price with Great Britain.**

In view of the injustice referred to in the above paragraph, it was with a sense of shock that we find that, according to Mr. Eggleston's opinion, what the Commonwealth acquires is not the product of the Dairy Farmers, but the butter manufactured by the Butter Factory. The Dairy Farmer remains free to sell his milk for domestic consumption, to ice cream factories or other processors, or to feed it to his pigs. Even if it were true, therefore, that the Commonwealth is acquiring butter on unjust terms, the Dairy Farmers would have no claim on the Commonwealth.

It is true that from a practical point of view, most dairy farmers have no option but to sell their Product to Butter factories, who, in turn, have no option but to sell the product as directed by the Board, but even if this could be regarded as an acquisition of butter on unjust terms from the factories in violation of the Constitutional provision, what compels the farmers to sell their product to the factory is their geographical situation and not any legislative provision.

In Mr. Eggleston's opinion, Dairy Farmers have no equity in the Stabilisation Fund, and could not maintain any action to compel its distribution in their favour.

Therefore, we are forced to conclude that as from the time the Dairy Farmer sends his product to a factory, he loses all equity in the realisations for his product, and must accept whatever is given to him.

His product is sold ultimately by the Australian Dairy Produce Board, and it can be argued that the Producers have representation on the Board, and, therefore, a voice in the sale of their products. But the producers on the Board, even if their

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policies have the approval of Dairy Farmers by democratic vote, are out-voted by the representatives of the Butter Factories. It has already ably been pointed out by Lt. Col. Ryan in the debate on the Dairying Produce Control Act, which took place on the 22nd October 1947, that the interests of the representatives of the Co-operative Factories are not necessarily those of the farmers. In fact, they have no responsibility to the farmers. In addition, the Victorian representative of the Co-operative Factories is not a producer, but a member of the Board of Directors of the Gippsland and Northern Co-operative Co. Ltd., which is not a producer-controlled organisation at all.

Therefore, we are faced with the position that the Dairy Farmers who are first divested of any equity in the realisations of their product are permitted only a minority voice in the selling of the product, and are, in any case, subject to the veto of the Minister.

No dictator could ask for greater powers over the lives and livelihoods of many farmers than these already provided for in the legislation governing the Dairying Industry. Producers, during the golden age of butter prices overseas, have seen their product sold for little more than half world parity, and at home have had their product sold on the basis of a cost of production formula which is most unjust to Dairy Farmers. The dairying industry, therefore, is in no position to withstand future economic shocks, and we have no option but to ask the Government to give stabilisation to the Industry by ensuring that Consolidated Revenue must be called on by any future Governments to maintain security to the Dairy Farmers.

To all intents and purposes the Industry has already been nationalised with the full knowledge of the previously recognised dairying organisations whose task it has been to convince the farmers that they have never been better off in their lives, as a result of action taken by the Government, when in point of fact, Dairy Farmers would have been very much better off if the Government had kept right out of the marketing of Dairy Produce.

We, therefore, ask that if the structure

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commercial deals. This chief goes under the name of Michael J. Lee, but he must have something to hide, for his real name (as exposed by Senator Malone of Nevada, Feb. 17) is Ephraim Zinoyi Liberman. Liberman, a Jewish immigrant of 1932, has such a notorious Communist record that he tried unsuccessfully for nine years before a New Deal Court (June 9, 1941) granted him a naturalization certificate and the right to change his name.

Thus: the Communist-dominated State Department creates the revolutions; the head of the Commerce agency gets the contracts for his Zionist friends, and thus is created a Zionist world empire, which points in the same direction as the Communist world empire.

The same State and Commerce Department officials threw China to the Reds,

of the Industry is such that producers are automatically divested of any equity in the realisations of their product, the producers themselves should be granted majority representation on the Australian Dairy Produce Board".

In order to ensure that the additional producers who take seats on the Board should be truly representative of the Dairy Farmers and should follow a policy determined by the Dairy Farmers, we ask that the representatives of Dairy Farmers should be elected by the direct vote of the Dairy Farmers themselves, and that the practice of appointing Dairy Farmers' representatives from a panel of names provided by the Australian Dairy Farmers' Federation should cease. It would thus be possible to ensure that the Dairy Farmers themselves would guide the marketing policy of the Board in such a way as to conform to the wishes of the Dairy Farmers.

We further ask that the Chairman of the Australian Dairy Produce Board be not nominated by the Minister, but that he is elected by the members of the Board. This would correct the present situation, viz., as was pointed out by Mr. Anthony in 1947, the Chairman of the Board becomes the "creature" of the Minister with the obligation of imposing policies on the Board at the request of successive political parties. We consider the power of veto contained in Section 10, Sub-section 5 (a) of the Dairy Produce Export Control Act gives the Minister of the day unprecedented powers over the livelihoods of Dairy Farmers, and we ask that this power be reduced by making provision for the Board to be responsible for the marketing of Dairy Produce.

This organisation is embarking on a policy of de-nationalisation of the Dairying Industry. We also ask that in view of the fact that we have been deprived by Government action of the benefit of high export markets, the Government should now assume the responsibility of guaranteeing Dairy Farmers' incomes for at least the next ten years, by means of an appropriate Stabilisation Act.

Yours truly,

THE AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY
PRODUCERS' UNION,
B. G. DAWSON, Federal Sec.

Liberman by blocking shipment of equipment and supplies to Chiang Kai-shek after Congress had voted the appropriations.

Warburg, whose uncle, Max, helped finance the Bolshevik clique to power in Russia in 1917, and who himself reportedly helped finance the Socialist revolution in Germany, now is devoting all his time to lecturing and organizing (the United World Federalists) for world government and urging support for Acheson's Point Four.

Whether or not the President permits his department heads to turn over subpoenaed records to the Senate Tydings committee perhaps does not matter much now, for the known facts already are staggering.

Senator McCarthy has rallied much of the Senate by demonstrating the kind of courage, integrity and good sense, which so long have been in so little evidence in Washington.

But the one big secret still was evaded in the Senate. Senators Wherry, Bridges and others asked repeatedly who planted the

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The Big City and Independence

The tradition of personal freedom in Australia, as elsewhere in the world, is largely dependent on the feeling that a man has some chance of setting up in business on his own account and need not always be dependent on an employer. In Australia, the proportion of all working males who own their own businesses was 22 percent in 1947, 24 percent in 1933, and 27 percent in 1901. In Canada, the percentage was 33 in 1947.

Colin Clark, a distinguished economist, says it is possible to trace in different countries some connection between the independence of outlook and the proportion that are economically independent through owning their own businesses. Now, where do these owners live in Australia? The Civilian Register compiled in 1933 tells us:

Military District.	Percentage of Owners.
Kempsey, N.S.W.....	45.0
Dubbo, N.S.W.....	33.0
Balmain, N.S.W.....	4.3
Kerang, Vic.....	53.1
Ballarat, Vic.....	30.1
Newport, Vic.....	5.9
Atherton, Qld.....	34.3
Long reach, Qld.....	14.9
Kelvin Grove, Qld.....	10.0
Victor Harbour, S.A.....	53.7
Port Pirie, S.A.....	19.8
Port Adelaide, S.A.....	4.4
Narrogin, W.A.....	53.8
Bunbury, W.A.....	29.2
Metropolitan, W.A.....	12.5
Burnie, Tas.....	35.4
Launceston, Tas.....	26.0
Hobart, Tas.....	15.1

Thus rural areas and reasonably sized towns are above the Australian average, while big cities are below the average in independent owners. Our lack of balance is exemplified by Australia now having a substantially larger proportion of its working population engaged in manufacture than has the United States of America. Because of the large size of our States and the concentration of their facilities, especially transport and power, into a limited area in the State, Australian manufacture has been developed at the expense of rural industry on the one hand and, on the other, of service industries both of which offer far more opportunities to the independent proprietor.

—Sir Earle Page in *Why New States?*

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The Passing of the Yard

By Footle

The title of these remarks has nothing misleading about it: it does not cover a wayfarer's impression of the Palace Yard or an F.B.I. man's impression of Scotland Yard. It means just what it says; the yard—the Imperial yard is on its way out. I do not know how such a report successfully ran the gauntlet of the Department for the Suppression of Information; I only know that science has uncovered the deceptive behaviour of our yardstick,

We have been deceiving ourselves for centuries. "Here," we told ourselves, "is something aloof from time and space in its immutability. Men may come and men may go, aye, and the babbling brook to boot, but thank goodness our yard stick at least is constant—a good old British thirty-six inches and an unspeakably vulgar fraction of the un-British kilometre."

And now this terrible discovery has toppled our pride and undermined our confidence. Had it been the pound avoirdupois we might have understood it, what with its dependence on gravity and possibly the accumulation of cosmic dust, but the deflection of the yard is a stab in the back. And we needn't think the trouble has ended; it is still going on: in a calculable space of time at the same rate of decrease, it will disappear altogether.

My newspaper announces—as though it doesn't matter in the least, "Scientists found, after a recent check of five metal bars kept in London as standards, that there was evidence that the yard was shortening at a fairly uniform rate during the last 52 years. The total decrease was nearly two parts in a million." The outlook is that in about 25 million years there may be no yard at all. What with the price per yard of textiles continually rising and the yard continually diminishing we shall eventually get back to the fashions prevailing in the Garden of Eden.

I do not know how long this information has been knowledge in "informed circles" but it probably was released to financial experts long ago. If so, it is rather a facer for me, as with my meagre equipment of "economics" I have repeatedly bemoaned my inability to see why the unit of value should not remain constant while everything else varies. I have even pointed to the constancy of the Imperial yard to confound the expert protagonists of the wandering money unit. How those experts must have laughed at the poor gink who was building on the Goodwin Sands in mistake for the Rock of Gibraltar.

There is then, alas, a scientific parallel for the pegging and unpegging of the rate of exchange, for the periodic devaluation of all "civilised" currencies in relation to gold. Such action is, after all, but an acceleration of a natural process always in existence and exhibited in the unexpected behaviour of the Imperial yard and probably of the pound weight. The attack on the human race has a cosmic sanction.

The English Board of Trade also seems to consider this state of affairs a bit thick, for in its report on the matter it "urged

more scientific methods to define the yard and also the pound weight." That, undoubtedly, is the right attitude though I don't quite understand why the pound sterling should not be included in the inquiry.

These problems of weights and measures are summed up for me in the query, "What do I get for my money?" That this is a utilitarian and most mundane attitude I admit. Possibly it would be more uplifting for me to consider weights and measures as a window, so to speak, through which to glimpse the harmony of the cosmos or even as a mathematical exercise to calculate the number of pennies required to encircle the earth or as any other edifying abstraction of the non-interest bearing kind.

But, alas, I am bounded by economic inhibitions. The weight of the earth has less significance for me than the weight of a packet of flake cut; the distance to the dog star less importance than the distance to the nearest railway station. The doubtful science of economics has invaded my life, I can bear the blow of the disappearance of the Imperial yard in 25 million years; what I cannot bear is the demand of the Income Tax Commissioners to be met in 25 days.

I assume there are others like me—in outlook at least. Which is another way of saying that the shrinkage of the pound sterling is even harder to take than the shrinkage of the British Empire. I am therefore reasonably sure that these others would welcome the notion to extend the terms of reference of the Board of Trade inquiry to include the shrinkage of the value of the pound sterling, which after all, is considerably more noticeable than the shrinkage of the Imperial yard and the pound weight.

Meanwhile, recognising that what is natural is right, I would exhort our expert economists not to overdo things in their zeal for natural processes, but to assure that the final disappearance of the pound sterling shall, if left to them, coincide with the disappearance of the Imperial yard and the pound weight.

TREASON IN WASHINGTON

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Reds in the State Department. The invasion did not just happen. Who was the mastermind behind it? Who put Acheson and Jessup and Lattimore there? Who ran the Department from behind its iron curtain?

Senator Bridges even demanded to know who planted Alger Hiss, convicted Communist, in the Department.

The answer was so well known it was a pity that the Senate still remained too cowed by the invisible power to name the guilty agent (once named by Hiss himself, under questioning): It was the man generally conceded to be the most powerful in the Western Hemisphere: the Zionist, Felix Frankfurter, arch traitor, who remains undisturbed on the Supreme Court bench, paid by U.S. taxpayers to carry on his revolution.

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