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Humbug from Menzies

Actions Contradict Words

A man's integrity can only be judged by what he does, not by what he says. With few exceptions, politicians are experts at denying with their lips what they are doing with their hands. Being a lawyer, Mr. Menzies is naturally an outstanding expert in the art of fooling the people by fair words, while supporting evil policies.

As a classic example of what can only be termed political hypocrisy, let us consider Mr. Menzies' recent repudiation of price subsidies as an effective instrument for countering inflation, and then compare it with the following statement made prior to the last Federal elections:

"The problem of arresting inflation would be a feature of Liberal policy . . . The Federal (Labor) Government abandoned the very price subsidies which were operating against an increase in living costs. The Government tries to blame the States and infer that Federal control over prices would have kept prices down. . . . If the cost of production rises, so does the price of the article, unless somebody steps in and pays the difference to protect the customer. That somebody can only be the Government."

The "Practical Socialist"

In numerous speeches before the last Federal Elections, Mr. Menzies promised that he and his party were pledged to fight Socialism. BUT, his total efforts to date have intensified basic Socialist policies of centralising power. However, in spite of this fact, last Sunday week Mr. Menzies proceeded to Ballarat, Victoria, where before a gathering of professing Christians he made statements which every supporter of this journal could acclaim.

Mr. Menzies said that people should not depend, too much on the State, that "There was a tendency to think that tyranny belonged to the past and was associated with

the great tyrants of history, but it was possible to have tyranny by a mob or by a government. When the individual depends utterly and entirely on the State, then the State will own us, and we will become its slaves."

Taxation Monopoly Defended

Is it any wonder that political cynicism continues to grow when a Prime Minister who verbally opposes State control of the individual is actively engaged in implementing policies leading to the very result he deplures? There can be little doubt that Mr. Menzies is well aware of the fact that he is being a political hypocrite. Thus his dishonest attempt in opening the Australian Local Government Convention on November 20, to defend his Socialist policy of destroying the sovereignty of the States by the maintenance of the Uniform Taxation Monopoly.

Mr. Menzies said that he did not agree that the Commonwealth had failed to finance the States. Further, that he did not believe the States wanted their taxing powers back. And so, apparently, nothing can be done to protect the complete destruction of the Federal Constitution, another subject upon which Mr. Menzies deals eloquently at times.

Break Canberra Domination

Thoughtful electors are becoming increasingly aware of the necessity of constitutional safeguards which will make governments responsible for the policies they

pursue. Democracy is in reality a thinly veiled tyranny when electors have no effective control over politicians whose actions invariably contradict their words.

The first step towards salvation must be the breaking of the monopoly of political economic and financial power being built up by Canberra policies. Electors must be brought to realise that their most dangerous enemies operate from Canberra and that however little they may think of some State Governments, these Governments should be encouraged in every way to break Canberra domination. Once this is accomplished it will be much easier to deal with local State Governments.

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.

Treachery Amongst The Intellectuals

The Melbourne "Herald" of November 9 contained the following item: "A British cosmic ray research scientist, who was a paratroop saboteur and spy behind the German lines during the war, announced last night that he was a Communist. He is Peter Astbury, 34, of Manchester University research staff. Astbury had spent the weekend in Budapest attending the conference of the Hungarian 'Peace' Committee."

On November 4, *The Social Creditor*, England, made the following penetrating comment on the treachery of another intellectual, Bruno Pontecorvo, and the subject of security generally:

Press reports do not afford a wide variety of choice; but, if asked to enumerate the

points of interest *concerning the newspaper treatment of the case*, in order of their importance, we should do so as follows:—

(1) The universal acceptance of the theory that academic refugees from Hitler's tyranny (or Mussolini's) are, as a class,

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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.

Internationalists Attack at Torquay

For just on three years I have been warning Australia against the dangers of the Bretton Woods-International Trade Organisation combination. The Chifley Government, through Dedman, committed this country to both organisations. Now the leak between the two has been brought into the open. An ultimatum has been served by the International Monetary Fund on the International Trade and Tariff Conference at Torquay.

Australia is once again the target for the internationalists. The International Monetary Fund is telling us what we must do with our tariff. They call it removal of discriminatory trade restrictions. The Australian delegation at Torquay has been informed that, because the dollar position has been eased, this country must make further tariff concessions.

What right has the International Monetary Fund to butt into the fiscal affairs of this country?

—J. T. Lang in *Century*, November 17, 1950.

Punish the Traitors

Much of the trouble, which besets the world today stems from Yalta and Potsdam. Suppose we are charitable and say that it is easy to be wise after the event; that still does not excuse the British and American authorities for allowing things to drift to their present extent. It is not as though they were then operating long distance from London and Washington. They were right on the spot with powerful armies at their backs.

One of the provisions of the Potsdam conference was that the three powers should see that elections were held in each country as soon as possible. Again and again the two western allies failed to enforce this decision, when the nations concerned would have shown the world that they were anti-Communist and wanted nothing of the Soviet system. Before we whine too much that the wicked Russians have overrun half Europe, we should demand to know who frustrated any practical opposition to their advance. It is late in the day to remedy the mischief, but it is not too late to punish those who caused that mischief.

—*The London Newsletter*, 21st September.

Mr. Fadden and Sales Taxes

When the Treasurer was in Opposition he dwelt upon the sales tax and its effect upon the prices of many household commodities. I remember that one of his speeches dealt with what the mother of a family had to do in order to carry out the weekly wash. He spoke about the sales tax on soap. In reading *Hansard* reports and newspaper reports of his speeches at that time I was interested to note that none of the items that he mentioned are to be made the subject of a sales tax reduction.

—Mr. Kim Beazley, Labor M.H.R., at Canberra on October 17.

TO THE POINT

President Truman's Background.

As President Truman is one of the principal tools being used by the evil forces, undermining Western Christian civilization, the following facts concerning his background are of interest.

After the First World War he went into a haberdashery business with a Jewish war veteran, but lost a lot of money. In 1937 a Mr. Max Lowenthal introduced him to the Zionist pro-Communist Judge Brandeis. This was a major event in Truman's career.

In commenting on Mr. Lowenthal, the American journal *Human Events* states: "Max, whose latest visit to Washington was in answer to a subpoena of the House Un-American Activities Committee on an unfruitful fishing expedition into his past and present associations, is revealed as the ghost writer of the Truman broadside against concentrated wealth and the bankers and lawyers in its service, which was so foolishly forgotten by Conservatives when Truman succeeded to the White House. And it becomes clear that this same Mr. Lowenthal is the ghost behind the screams for civil rights and civil liberties, which pour from the White House.

"It was Lowenthal who passionately urged Truman to run for Vice-President in the spring of 1944 . . ."

Jewish Immigration.

Australia gives priority to Jews as migrants.

An Immigration Department official said this today in answer to a letter published last week in the *Continental Daily Mail*, Paris.

The letter stated that intending migrants in Europe had to fill up an Australian Immigration Department form, which included the question, "Are you a Jew?"

The writer of the letter accused the Department of anti-Semitism.

In Canberra today the Immigration Department official said: "The question does appear on forms used in Europe.

"It has appeared on similar immigration forms ever since Australia decided, before World War II, to "admit 15,000 Jews who were refugees from the Hitler regime.

"The question was placed on the form in agreement with Jewish organisations in Australia.

"Its purpose was to enable the Australian immigration authorities to give preference to Jews who had had a bad time under Hitler.

"Jewish organisations in Europe have approved the question."

—*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, October 16, 1950.

The "Chosen Race."

The Melbourne Communist "front" organisation, "The Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism," has recently issued another booklet by the Rev. B. Burboyne Chapman, in which the following appears: ". . . in every land and age, a pernicious and dangerous kind of race hatred and bigotry has always been anti-Semitism, or prejudice and hostility towards the Jews."

Rather than face the obvious fact that there must be some distinct and objectionable feature about a race, which has, right down history, provoked opposition from all

other peoples, it is seriously suggested that the Jews have been victims of "race prejudice." This remarkable attitude can only be attributed to the Jews' "Chosen Race" theory. Their self-righteousness is breath-taking.

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Press Deception.

"Journalism is a false picture of the world thrown upon a lighted screen in a darkened room so that the real world is not seen."

—G. K. Chesterton.

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Furthering Communist Policy.

The "Spender Plan" for "developing" the countries of South-East Asia is a variant of President Truman's "Fourth Point" programme. Allegedly designed to uplift the standard of living of the backward peoples in order that they will resist Communism these programmes are in reality exactly what the Communists require to further their strategy. Large-scale industrial development by Governments means, amongst other things, the creation of a "proletariat" suitable for Communist purposes.

Although President Truman said that his "Fourth Point" was "a bold new programme for undeveloped areas," some time before this the former Communist Party leader Earl Browder, had written in his book *Teheran, Our Path In War*: "America can underwrite a gigantic programme of the industrialisation of Africa. Our government can create a series of great industrial development corporations, each in partner ship with some other government or group of governments, and set them to work upon large-scale plans of railroad and highway building, agricultural and industrial development, and all-round modernisation in all the devastated and undeveloped areas of the world."

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Mass Production and Incentives

Although there is much to commend the payment of incentives in industry, those who claim that incentive systems by themselves will solve all industrial problems, overlook the fact that industrial psychologists state that workers seek many other things apart from extra pay. The large and more centralised the production system becomes, the more frustrated the individual becomes. He is no longer a human being who feels that he is important, but a mere cog in a machine he does not understand. The environment created by economic centralism, largely the outcome of a policy of credit monopoly, is hostile to the fundamental aspirations of the individual. Unless this environment is improved by genuine decentralisation and the relegation of the production system to its proper place in the scheme of life, incentive systems cannot prevent growing industrial unrest. The human factor cannot be ignored.

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Private Liberal Members Revolting?

Chief criticism of the Menzies Government inside its own ranks is that on performance it is trying to out-socialise the Socialisationists.

Nothing has yet been done to reverse the process to which Chifley committed this country.

Menzies himself appears to be thoroughly imbued with the doctrines of Fabian Socialism.

Liberal member Alan Fairhall, speaking on the Budget, put it cryptically when he declared that there are too many Government controls in business, and not enough business.

Members of the Mustard Club, comprising most of the earnest new members in the Government parties, feel that they had been let down rather badly.

They refuse to take the cynical viewpoint expressed by Harold Holt that the Government is the victim of its own propaganda.

They are appalled at the revelation that the Government payroll has been increased by 4,000 since Menzies took office.

Hostility.

They are bitter about the decision to grant the tall poppies retrospective increases to July 1st of £500 a year each, irrespective of the merits of their work or the qualifications they may have for the job.

They are hostile about the Government's decision to revert to controls. On the hustings most of them fulminated against the bureaucratic dictatorship. They attacked the system of controls then operating. They promised more freedom.

Now they find that Menzies is heading back again to the rigid, controlled, Government planned and Government dominated national economy.

If there are to be controls of capital issues, controls of profits and controls of raw materials, as set out in the Menzies

1950 Economic Policy, what is the difference between the Chifley Policy and the Menzies Policy?

In the House the other night Chifley referred to Sir Douglas Copland as the Government's principal economic adviser.

Copland.

If that is so then there has been no formal announcement of his appointment. His job is supposed to be at the National University.

The truth, of course, is that Sir Douglas Copland has had continuity in the direction of Government policy since 1931. He came in with Scullin, and has remained in power ever since.

The first Menzies Government abdicated to Copland. He then appeared as the apostle of the controlled State. It was Copland who devised the earliest wartime controls.

It was Copland, who, as Prices Commissioner, took over the control of business through regulations under the National Security Act. Menzies gave him plenary powers.

The Curtin and Chifley Governments merely carried on where Menzies finished.

Copland demonstrated how business could be controlled without any formal acquisition of shares. Menzies then accepted the plan. Chifley rubber-stamped it.

That plan was State Socialism in a new guise. It was gradualism as envisaged by the Fabians, rather than Revolutionary Socialism as preached by the Marxians. But the end was the same.

State Monopolies.

It all led to the creation of State monopolies. It all added up to a pyramiding of the official machinery. It involved Government direction of every phase of the national life. It meant that in the first stages small business was squeezed by big

business. Then in the next stage big business was squeezed by the bureaucrats.

The Australian people rejected the idea of further State controls. That was one of the dominant issues last December.

But if Menzies proceeds with his present policy there will be more, not fewer, controls.

The next step will be freezing of wages that will be followed by manpower controls. Socialisation involves all these controls. Profits, prices, wages and jobs are all under one central control authority. That is the inevitable end of the control system.

Political Philosophy.

Menzies' chief problem appears to be his inability to get down to thinking in terms of fundamental political philosophy.

It is not enough to mouth platitudes. He must think in terms of a valid system of government.

If he proposes to enforce more rigid controls, then he must provide for a bigger bureaucracy.

At his first Cabinet meeting a committee was appointed to review the size of the Public Service. The committee consisted of the three leading administrative heads. Nothing has since been heard of their decisions.

The Information Department was supposed to be the first victim. But it has re-emerged under a new format, doing for Menzies precisely the same work it did for Chifley.

The fact is that the real task has never been tackled. Menzies must first decide what his approach is to be to the problem of government. He must decide who is going to run the country, the government or the tall poppies. He must decide whether he wants an authoritarian government butting into every phase of the ordinary citizen's life. He must decide how much government there is to be.

Foggy Conception.

There has been plenty of talk about Socialisation. But it is now dawning on many of the new members that the Government has a very foggy conception of the real meaning of socialisation.

Menzies has never been very sound on economic principles. He is always the lawyer. But there are men in his party who are thinking the problems out in terms of concrete application of basic political philosophy. They are not happy about the current trend.

They realise that if the Government tries to run everything then a bigger proportion of the national income must go to the cost of running the Government.

That is why they would like to see a major pruning in the cost of government.

They consider that Menzies must be prepared to put up some alternative to the Copland Plan. For them socialisation is still the dominant issue.

—J. T. Lang's *Century*, November 17.

General Marshall Serves U.S. "Secret Government"

"The appointment of Marshall was a complete and total victory for the secret government and the Acheson gang.

"However distinguished and bedecorated a citizen Marshall may be, his entire career in later years has been one of subservience to the secret government and the political gang. It must have galled him considerably as a man, deliberately to have lied—under orders to do so—about his lack of knowledge of the impending attack on Pearl Harbour. He was as guilty of that outrage as F.D.R. or anyone else.

"Later on he sold out to Chiang Kai-shek and China at the order of 'his bosses.' A fact that is not generally known is that at the conclusion of the war against Japan, tens of millions of dollars' worth of equipment destined for Nationalist China, including tons of badly needed ammunition, was destroyed — blown up or sunk — by direct order of Marshall. As a result of this unforgivable destruction, thirty-nine of Chiang's crack divisions were immobilized, and put on garrison duty. Chiang ran out of ammunition, which, more than anything else, is why he lost the war.

"Coupled with this, of course, was the fact that the same State Department gang, bent on turning China over to the Soviets, gave mountains of ammunition, weapons and munitions of every sort to Russia and the Chinese Communists. They got practically all of the huge supplies that the Japanese had in Korea, Manchuria and China.

"Today's war in Korea is directly due to F.D.R., the secret government, and 'the gang,' through their giving the Soviets the right to occupy the northern half of Korea. Had it not been for the senseless, the totally unnecessary gift to Russia of Manchuria and North Korea, we would not now be in war there. The considerable cost in American lives and blood, and the tremendous cost in wealth, can be blamed directly on the wreckers in our government.

"No matter how quickly or how completely MacArthur defeats the North Korean Reds, we will incur the undying enmity of Koreans, both North and South. The people will not consider us as liberators . . ."— *American Intelligence Agency, N.Y.*

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THE JEWS AND COMMUNISM

At an anti-German Migration protest meeting, held in the Melbourne Town Hall on November 21, Jewish speakers claimed that large numbers of German Nazis were already in Australia, and that it was impossible for Australian officials to "screen" effectively large numbers of migrants coming to this country. In a letter to the Melbourne "Herald" of November 23, two days after the Jewish protest meeting, a correspondent who claimed to have "served as an interrogator of top military and civilian German war criminals with the British Intelligence Service in England, Belgium and Germany during and after the war," said that effective "screening" of German migrants was impossible — principally because the war had caused so much displacement of population.

Now it may or may not be true that some German Nazis have migrated to Australia. But it is indeed a remarkable thing that Jewish spokesmen have not pointed out that if the "screening" of German migrants is unable to prevent Nazis coming to Australia, it must also follow that a large number of Communist agents and Communist sympathisers have been coming here from Eastern and Central Europe. Why is it that Jewish spokesmen maintain complete silence on the menace of Communist infiltration? It is significant that speakers at the Melbourne Town Hall meeting included Mr. Wilfred Buchett, a prominent Communist who has recently been addressing a number of meetings arranged by Communists and Communist-dominated organisations.

In recent months, Jewish journals, in the British Empire and the U.S.A. have been striving desperately to prove that Communism is not Jewish-inspired. These journals have suddenly discovered that there is a Communist menace; it is politic to do so. But all the spacious material being put forward cannot obscure the significant fact that in the majority of cases where Communists have been found in key positions the individuals concerned have also been Jews. While those who have recently arrived in this country have the effrontery to tell us whom we shall and whom we shall not let into our country it is pertinent to enquire where their own first allegiance lies.

... Coming Home to Roost

Pandit Nehru, having supported Communist China's claim for admission to U.N.O., is now confronted with its claim for admission, by force of arms, into Tibet. It isn't the first time a fellow traveller has found his Communist friends to be mighty uncomfortable colleagues.

—*The Bulletin*, Sydney, Nov. 1.

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"Unemployment is a most perilous thing for a Government. For us, its part will *have been played out the moment authority is transferred into our hands.*"—*Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*. No. 23. (Emphasis added.)

But, of course, the relationship works both ways. The moment "unemployment" has played out its part, and the production of articles of luxury is reduced, it will be obvious that authority has been transferred into "our" hands.

The Social Creditor (England), Nov. 4.

Prestige

Pandit Nehru's Republic of "India," allee same like "Melican fiends" now, has not had long to wait before being confronted with the facts of life bred by Wall Street out of Sob-sister, with low-caste Hindu industrialists and Parsee bankers as stud-grooms, its heredity is exclusively that of the babu and the office-wallah. It is one of the tragedies of the British Raj in the real India that it appeared to be based on office work, whereas in fact it was office work, which more than any other factor, made its continuance impossible. But it was office work that the babus who in the main comprised the Indian National Congress, the Home Rule body, coveted. And the main it is office work to which they have flocked in their new-found autonomy from positions in which patronage and petty favours can be dispensed in comfort and, they think, security.

While Nehru and his friends may, and probably do, think that they can always run to New York for help in any emergency, it is most improbable that they are justified in their belief. "Britain" has been displaced from the position of the most favoured nation and the distressing code of decency imposed by the earlier Indian Civil Service has no doubt been suitably modified. That was what it was all about, and that the bright idea included using American troops to keep the North-West Frontier or to support Tibet against open or covert Russian aggression was never on the agenda, and is not, now. It is true that the cadres of the magnificent Indian Army still exist; but it is more than doubtful whether they could be used without the stiffening of the British regiments with which they were invariably brigaded, not to mention their picked British officers.

When, in 1904, the mysterious Gurdjeff, or Dordjjeff, used his varied talents in Lhasa with the object of furthering Russian interests at the expense of the British Empire, and India in particular, Sir Francis Younghusband, with a mere handful of troops, who never fired a shot, marched into Lhasa, and returned with a firm treaty of friendship with the Dalai Lama. His victory was won by prestige, not office work. We shall see if the new Republic's prestige, and that of Nehru's supporters, will equally bear the strain.

The Strange Speech of Money

I believe it was Lord Macaulay who, in a burst of admiration for the English language, declared it to be "second to the tongue of Greece alone." You have, of course, to be trained to its idiom before you can appreciate to the full its flexibility, its subtlety; its power to convey something quite other than might appear from the syntax. Ministerial language is particularly rich in otherwiseness. You seldom hear a parliamentarian call an honourable member a liar. He is content to hint that there is a defect in the said hon. member's information or terminology.

To one unversed in parliamentary subtleties, the difficulties in the way of a clear interpretation are sometimes imposing. When we are told, for instance, that the Government is "all for private enterprise," we are not prepared for the sort of encouragement likely to ensue from an excess profits tax; nor when the sacred freedom of the individual is being extolled by the Government, does our mind leap to the prospect of the inquisition which is to decide what is excess profit and what is not. Ministers cannot help it if our education in ministerial language has been neglected. From their point of view we are illiterate persons.

In our own lazy fashion we have achieved a method of understanding ministerial pronouncements, which consists merely of turning them upside down. The conclusions thus arrived at sometimes serve in a rough and ready way to satisfy our craving for harmony. But we have never—the ordinary blokes, I mean—progressed much beyond an unthinking acceptance of natural phenomena. We should be distressed for instance, if we discovered one morning, that by placing the kettle on the gas-ring we achieved a block of ice, and it would be some time before we hit on the wheeze of warming our shaving water in the refrigerator. Or, if we found everything developing a tendency to fall upwards, it might be a while before we entertained the notion of turning our houses upside-down and standing on our heads so as to arrive at our destination in something like our accustomed order.

Ministerial language finds us at this sort of disadvantage. There are some, of course, there always are, who have somehow contrived to keep pace with the development of ministerial language. Such, for example, are the speculators referred to in my newspaper, which reports, in connection with Mr. Menzies' pronouncement on the Government's attitude towards revaluation of the Australian £: "Speculators have come to regard the official denial as a recognised stage in a currency change. They consider that the stronger and more authoritative the denial the greater the need for it. It will take more than an official denial to stop speculation in the Australian £." Just what that "more" is likely to consist of is not clear, but it is unlikely that the said speculators expect anything but vocal action from ministers. The queer thing is that if the Prime Minister had said that the Australian £ was to be revalued, the same speculators would have believed him.

The situation is reminiscent of the strange case of some mythical islanders I heard of recently. The population was divided into two distinct castes. One caste

found it impossible to tell the truth about anything; the other found it equally impossible to tell anything but the truth. The first-named were known as Ananias and the second, Socrates. This made it impossible for a stranger to find out by question what caste any individual belonged to, since all would say they were 'Socrates'.

I am not making any insinuations. Even if the speculators prove to be right in their interpretation of the Government's attitude, it should be remembered that the Prime Minister merely stated that he was authorised by the Government to make his announcement, and this authorisation may be conditioned by many considerations too robust for our embryonic understandings.

I am inclined to think that speculators have been somewhat crude and impetuous, but it must be admitted there are some grounds for their scepticism. The difficulty arises because ministers must often find such truth as laymen understand, difficult and sometimes distasteful to their advanced culture. Ministers themselves have acknowledged the difficulty. They perhaps remember the advice given to President McKinley when Minister Choate said: "To the best of my knowledge, Mr. President, I can say I've never told a lie."

"Ah! I wish I could say that," sighed the President. Whereupon a third minister—I forget who—said, impatiently: "Why the heck don't you then? Choate has."

It seems to be particularly difficult for ministers, when they are talking about money, to convey their meaning in a way that will hurt least. It will be remembered that not so very long ago, this very same question cropped up in England and Sir Stafford Cripps declared that only over his dead body or something would sterling be devalued. Ministers then proceeded to devalue sterling. No doubt, though, there were speculators, tuned in to the ministerial wavelength, who understood perfectly—with gratifying financial results to themselves.

It is always hard to talk about money. No gentleman likes to do it: he much prefers to fumble while the other fellow pays. So we can't blame ministers for avoiding the subject, especially as it often happens, they don't know much about it—vide the admission of Mr. Churchill when Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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Opposition to Wool Tax Strong

The Australian Primary Producers' Union is to be commended for its forthright opposition to the Federal Government's Wool Tax Plan and any legislation, which seeks to interfere with the open auction system of wool sales. The A.P.P.U. announced last week that it proposes to test in court the legal validity of the Wool Tax Plan as soon as it becomes law.

Although there was a tendency amongst spokesmen for the wool industry to accept the Wool Tax Plan when it was first announced, over the past week there has been an awakening to the dangers of the Plan. This vicious sectional taxation will penalise most severely the small woolgrower, the backbone of the Australian wool industry.

In his Budget Speech, Mr. Fadden, Federal Treasurer, made no reference to the vital question of whether the Wool Tax Plan was for one year only, or was to continue indefinitely. But, if high prices for wool continue next year, as they most certainly will while present financial and economic policies are continued all over the world, apparently woolgrowers are to be deprived of 20 percent of their wool cheques year after year. Many spokesmen of the woolgrowers have already complained that, by failing to limit the operation of the tax deduction to the 1950-51 wool clip, Mr. Fadden had badly misled the woolgrowers. Deception is, however, regarded as one of the finer political arts!

In their desperate attempts to defend the Wool Tax Plan, Country Party Members, who fear for their political future, are telling angry woolgrowers in their electorates that the only alternative to the Wool Tax Plan was Copland's proposed Export Tax. It is obvious that the Country

Party Members have been subjected to a type of blackmail. And, unfortunately, the great majority of electors are not concerned about this matter, either because they have no interest in the fate of the woolgrowers, or because they believe that a sectional tax on the woolgrowers will really be effective in helping to defeat inflation.

The totalitarians have been so successful in their drive for centralised power, mainly because they have been able to penalise one minority of the community at a time. They operate on the assumption that the majority are not vitally concerned about the fate of minorities. The totalitarians can only be defeated by all sections of the community uniting in defence of fundamental principles. If a sectional tax can be successfully imposed upon the woolgrowers, there is no limit to an extension of this plundering of the individual by Governments. The time has arrived when all liberty-loving individuals realistically face the stark fact that modern Governments are tyrannical and oppressive. They are the individual's worst enemy, and he should bitterly resist every proposal to extend the power of Governments at the expense of the individual: That is why all sections of the community should applaud the growing determination of the woolgrowers to defeat the Wool Tax Plan.

Fruit and Sheep Combined

The dual role of orchardist and sheep-owner is filled by Mr. Syd. Lewis, of Seville (Vic.). On 120 acres, he has planted 50 acres of orchard, and runs 100 breeding ewes. The combination is highly satisfactory.

Oats are sown in the orchard and sheep allowed in to graze them during winter. Feed and flock need to be watched carefully, but if alternated with pastures, and provided there is good stand of oats, sheep cause no damage to trees.

Orchard grazing provides valuable supplementary fodder for the flock and a certain amount of manure for trees. Only other precaution taken is to keep sheep out of the orchard when it is too wet to prevent them cutting up ground.

Towards the end of the season, sheep are returned permanently to pastures, and the

oat crop allowed to grow. This man likes plenty of green fodder and straw mulched in with the soil.

In common with many other orchardists, he has now disposed of the plough, and is using tandem disc harrows. Prunings are left where they fall and after a few runs with the harrows they disappear.

No Cultivation

Mr. Lewis is seriously thinking of taking on newer methods of orchard work that have met with success in other districts.

These consist of not cultivating or stirring the ground, and growing a heavy green crop, such as oats or lucerne. This crop would be cut while still green and allowed to lie where it had fallen, providing a blanket to conserve moisture and protecting the ground from the sun's rays.

Whenever a mat of vegetative cover of this nature is turned over, even in the middle of summer, worms can be found underneath, a sure sign that there is ample moisture present, said Mr. Lewis.

The success of these new methods under dry farming is not absolutely certain, but under irrigation they have proved advantageous. -*Weekly Times*, November 1.

Peak Downs

In a recent attack on the Socialist Peak Downs Food for Britain project, the Leader of the Queensland State Opposition said that the scheme had failed completely in its objective.

Criticising Government proposals to increase Queensland's financial contribution to the Queensland British Food Corporation, which conducts the project, he said the corporation had produced only 281 pigs for £2 million.

Mr. Bruce Pie (Lib.) predicted that the scheme would be wound up as a failure within 18 months or two years.

Mr. Nicklin said that in 2½ years' operation of the scheme the people of Britain had not got one rasher of bacon from it. In August the properties held totalled 487,121 acres for agricultural and grazing purposes, and 3,242 acres for piggeries, Mr. Nicklin continued.

"We are entitled to know where this acquiring is going to stop," he said. "Before we know where we are this State will be one huge collective farm. We are being asked to vote additional money for a Socialistic enterprise that will not give the British people meat, only grain that they do not need.

The whole set-up is Communist in embryo."

It would be instructive to hear Mr. R. G. Casey's comments on the above views. He has landed the Peak Downs scheme.

From the Ground Up

"... the survival of civilization cannot be ensured merely by avoidance of disaster any more than health can be ensured merely by avoidance of pathological infection. Since the world is never static, survival postulates revival. The only effective answer to concentrated money-power on the one hand, and concentrated State-power on the other, is a renewal of vitality—physical, intellectual, and spiritual—in Western civilization itself. For both money and State are essentially abstractions, deriving power from the passivity of the real. Their sterilizing influence can, therefore, be countered only by a regeneration of the real.

"This process of regeneration is not to be achieved by gearing Western economy to a world mechanism in which all vital factors are either ignored or regarded as interchangeable. Life itself cannot be mass handled according to international formulae, or regulated by edicts of centralized administrators. It can be cultivated only from the ground up — through localised human associations rooted in their native soil and historic traditions, and actuated by a common sense of spiritual purpose."

—Jorian Jenks in *From The Ground Up*

Importance of Soil Fertility

In his much-discussed book, "Look Younger, Live Longer," a leading American nutritionist, Dr. Gayelord Hauser, writes: "You may ask, 'Why must we be everlastingly intelligent about diet? Our forefathers knew nothing of vitamins, minerals and the rest. They ate without thought of balanced diet and yet maintained good health.'

"The answer is that *their* grains, fruits and vegetables were grown in naturally rich topsoil. Their foods contained a much greater vitamin and mineral content than ours and far greater quantities of protein. Also, their meat, eggs and milk were much richer in nutrient than ours because more nutritious food was available to their animals."

Having mined the fertility of their soils, more and more people find it necessary to fortify their diet with artificial vitamins. Good health is directly related to good husbandry: the preservation and building up of soil fertility by organic farming and gardening methods. This matter should concern every individual.

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Tax-Robbery of the Woolgrowers

In the following remarks, made at Canberra on October 18, Mr. Gullett, Liberal M.H.R., clearly reveals the totalitarian attitude of the Federal Government in its proposed tax-robbery of the woolgrowers:

"The Government has determined that it is necessary to have money in advance to increase social services and raise the pensions. The Government then decided that it can obtain money from the wool-grower. . .

"Putting the position in a nutshell, the woolgrower has the choice of taking what the Government will give to him or what the socialists will give to him. He will be very foolish if he does not realise that the socialists will give him very little. Honourable members opposite have made a lame attempt to pose as the protectors of the woolgrower. The Government has the nous to say that those who can afford to pay, shall pay."

Mr. Gullett obviously believes that the woolgrower is the property of the Government. His above statement also exposes the hollow mockery of the claim that the Wool Tax has anything to do with defeating inflation.

Waste

In sentencing an electrical mechanic to six months hard labor for having stolen £70 worth of equipment from the Snowy River Authority, Mr. McCauley, S.M., criticised the Authority for its neglect in leaving equipment lying around everywhere and thus inviting dishonest people to take it.

One of the features of big Socialist schemes is the waste and corruption associated with them. There is no responsibility. Taxpayers are compulsorily deprived of portion of their money for these Socialist schemes and then have no control over how their money is spent. If private organisations and individuals did what Governments do, legal action could, and would, be taken against them. Large-scale resource planning a la T.V.A. and Snowy River Schemes is a crime against the individual, and Nature. If the individual desires to continue existing on this planet, he must approach all centralised resource planning schemes in a most critical spirit. He must also ensure that any Government desirous of undertaking any project whatever, should be compelled to seek the necessary finance from taxpayers who are prepared to risk their money in such projects.

Are You An Organic Farmer or Gardener?

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

What Sir Albert Howard Said

The Art of Agriculture

This is, perhaps, the place to devote a few words to this basic conception of agriculture as an interference with Nature. I have been attacked for not recognising that interference. My constant references to Nature as the supreme farmer have been found inapplicable and inept, it being pointed out that if we were to follow Nature alone, we should be restricted to those small harvests which she is accustomed to provide, to the gatherings from the woodland and the hedgerow, from the wild pasture or the moor. I am accused of ignoring the fact that the whole aim of the cultivator is to do better than Nature, and that the success attained in this direction is a source of legitimate pride.

It is, therefore, not out of place to take this opportunity of stating that the conception of agriculture as an interruption of interception of natural processes has always been recognised by me. Where I part company with my critics is in my general view of the unbalanced nature of these human acts. Intervention there must be: the most elementary act of harvesting is an interception: the acts of cultivation, sowing, and so forth, are even more deliberate intrusion into the natural cycle. But these interruptions or intrusions must not be confined to mere exploitation: they involve definite duties to the land, which are best summed up in the law of return: they must also realise the significance of the stupendous, reserves on which the natural machine works, and which must be faithfully retained.

The first duty of the agriculturist must always be to understand that he is a part of Nature, and cannot escape from his environment. He must therefore obey Nature's rules. Whatever intrusions he makes must be so to say, in the spirit of these rules they must on no account flout the under-lying principles of natural law, nor be in outrageous contradiction to the processes of Nature. But, provided that the actions on the cultivator are well conceived, that they have been proved successful by long experience, that they follow the essential course of Nature without real disobedience that the character of the intervention under taken is comprehended and measures are initiated to restore the natural cycle in a proper way, much may be accomplished by man: and this is the art of agriculture.

Communists and U.N.E.S.C.O.

"We expose Communist propaganda as lies and moral poison, and, at the same time, permit U.N.E.S.C.O., the international propaganda organisation, financed largely by our money, to be infiltrated, exploited and to a large extent controlled by fellow travellers and Communist party members."

—James Burnham in *The Coming Defeat of Communism*."

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Treachery Amongst the Intellectuals

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exceptionally able scientific investigators, surpassing in number and quality, actual or potential, the indigenous supply available.

(2) General acceptance of the implication to be drawn from the fact that only minor officials of the University of Liverpool are quoted—e.g., for the statement that on his first visit to Liverpool the professor displayed great anxiety to find a house, but on the second waived the matter aside by saying that it could wait until nearer January. The public doesn't expect universities to know much about the people they employ—how can they, since the matters they are engaged upon are secret?

(3) Complete absence from all the comments of those matters which the compilers of the Canadian Royal Commission Report on espionage in Canada thought to be of major interest and importance;—namely the psychological background of treason among intellectuals.

(4) Loyalty?—"Either a man is a foreign agent or he is not. You just have to accept his word" (A statement attributed by the *Sunday Express* to "one of the most eminent of the foreign-born atom scientists in Britain"). We couple the assertion with the official proposal to interrogate the immigrants admitted to this country in recent years without their being asked any questions. They are said to number 200,000. Even at its present rate of increase, the number of professors in Great Britain cannot greatly exceed two thousand, which is a hundredth part of 200,000. What would be the good of interrogating them? Very little, as the newspapers seem to be agreed.

Having disposed of the more trivial comments in our mind, may we return to point (1) of our inventory?

"Top-ranking" physicists (called "atom

scientists" in the newspapers) are now being produced by the dozen if not by the hundred—or, for all we know, by the thousand, from stock which was in former times certainly not more prolific in the commodity than our countrymen. In past times a genius or two was more than enough for a generation; and now dozens do not suffice for a decade. The notion of a sudden "mutation" in favour of greater intelligence in the human community is one, which, frankly, we dismiss as we do all those we meet whom we deem to be sensible and observant people. The phenomenon calls for examination and full and free expression of the results. We cannot but think that we should have the approval of the wise and witty Francis for our assertion that it is more than probable that the more intelligent, as well as the wiser, among the moderns are not to be found among the so-called scientists, and that, in fact, their cleverness is a very superficial thing, and far less productive of results, not merely good results but results of any distinct and positive kind, than is supposed. For it was he, the wise and witty, who said: "For my way of discovering science goes far to level men's wits and leaves but little to individual excellence; because it performs everything by the surest rules and demonstrations. And therefore attribute my part in all this, as I have often said, rather to good luck than to ability, and account it a birth of time rather than of wit. For certainly chance has something to do with men's thoughts, as well as with their works and deeds." So far from being the rarest we suggest that enquiry would soon reveal the sort of ability that goes with the engineering of atomic bombs (or atomic motor cars) one of the commonest in our own as in other modern communities.

And then about item (2): We suggest to the "security police" that a simple perusal of a collection of university minutes, following a selected thousand of recent appointments to their source, would, without a single interrogation, automatically reveal that source (one source). This result would scarcely be secured, of course, if the security merchants were obsessed with the notion that mathematical physics is the only subject with dangerous potentialities. It is possibly the most narrowly dangerous.

Socialism Versus Local Government

"Socialism and Local Government are incompatible, for under the Socialist set-up individual groups cannot be allowed to depart from the plan. The plan is their all in all, nothing must be allowed to cut across it," said Professor F. A. Bland.

Professor Bland was lecturing in Taree under the auspices of the University Extension Board. The meeting was arranged by the Taree Chamber of Commerce.

"In Government nothing succeeds so well as to make the individual responsible for his own life," Professor Bland continued. "Anything that works against the principle is to be deplored; anything that aids it is to be encouraged." Local Government, for instance, brought responsibility for an area

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