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## TREACHERY IN KOREA General Van Fleet's Exposure

After being removed from control of the "United" Nations forces in Korea, General Douglas MacArthur returned to the U.S.A., and on a number of occasions claimed that political influence from Washington was preventing the military leaders from bringing the Korean War to a successful conclusion. McArthur's evidence confirmed the view of American patriots who claimed that the Korean War had been deliberately engineered for the purpose of furthering the subversive policies of Communist traitors in the American State Department and other sections of the American Government. In our last issue we dealt with the events leading up to the Korean War, and the manner in which the international plotters were attempting to use it for their own purposes.

Now, in spite of the seriousness of General MacArthur's charges, they were successfully brushed aside and MacArthur was given what is described as the "silent treatment". He was ignored as far as possible. The "silent treatment" is an even more deadly technique for destroying an individual than is smearing. Unfortunately for the traitors, General James Van Fleet, who was for 22 months the commander of the Eighth Army in Korea and Supreme Commander of all U.N. forces in Korea, has since his retirement from the army publicly confirmed MacArthur's allegations. The following are extracts from his articles, "The Truth About Korea", which first appeared in American "Life" and were subsequently condensed in the July issue of "The Readers' Digest": —

When I arrived in Korea on April 14, 1951, to take command of the U.S. Eighth Army the atmosphere was tense. We had taken some bad beatings. We had managed to fight back, but now it appeared that the enemy was about to attack with tremendous forces and try to drive us into the sea.

The next six weeks were among the greatest in the history of the U.S. Army. We met the attack and routed the enemy. We had him beaten and could have destroyed his armies.

Then our government's high policy intervened, and we were ordered not to advance any farther. The stalemate began, and then the long and futile series of armistice talks. I cannot help but feel sad as I trace our policy downhill since May of 1951. We have made terrific mistakes in Korea. We may be in the process of making another one right now.

In any peace talks with the Chinese Reds we run the risk of throwing away the future of our nation. Unless the Chinese Reds will go all the way — unless they really mean peace for all Asia, we will only be postponing the casualty lists. We will

only be asking for the wrath of our grandchildren whom we have doomed. I think the Reds want to get out of the Korean War to build up their strength and shift their attack to places like Indo-China and Malaya. This would only mean that we would have to fight again someday against a stronger enemy in a place more to his advantage. All too many Americans are asking: How can we get out of this futile, costly and irresolvable war?

The real question, I believe, is quite different: I deem it my duty to ask this question and to urge all Americans to ponder it with me.

Why, when we are so completely superior to the Chinese Reds in North Korea, do we even consider anything less than a genuine peace? Why, when we can annihilate the Chinese Reds if we want to, why, when Korea is so much more favourable a battleground for us than for them, are so many of us overeager for peace at any price? . . . Our greatest mistake is that we have consistently underestimated the Koreans and overestimated the strength of the Chinese Reds in Korea. By no means do we have to compromise with the Chinese Reds. We certainly do not have to sell the Koreans — a much finer people than most Americans realize — down the river. We do not have to ask the Chinese Reds for any favours.

All we have to do is start an all-out effort and they will soon come begging to us . . . During my 22 months of command I kept seeing favourable opportunities to destroy the armies and material of the Chinese Reds, and I wanted to take advantage of them to finish the war.

When a military commander who is actually engaged in a war sees opportunities for victory and is prevented by high policy from taking advantage of them, he cannot escape a profound sense of frustration. I wanted to come home from Korea earlier.

I felt that I could not continue with honour to execute a policy I had ceased to believe in. I stayed on, by request, until my successor became established.

Now that I am retired, I must speak to the American people as clearly as I can, in defense of what I think is best for my country and of what I believe is due those who have served and died in Korea.

This is not easy, for much of what I have to say goes counter to the present optimism over the chances for a real agreement with the Chinese Reds. Moreover, it goes counter to what has been our official policy for two and a half years. But my

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### OUR POLICY

1. The preservation of Australia's sovereignty as a part of the British Empire, and the exposure of all internal and external groups which attack that sovereignty.
2. The preservation and extension of genuine local government.
3. The preservation and strengthening of all Constitutional safeguards for the purpose of protecting fundamental individual rights.
4. The encouragement of all activities designed to bring Governments under more effective control by the electors.
5. The preservation and extension of genuine free, competitive enterprise and private ownership, and opposition to all Monopoly, whether it be
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.

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# TREACHERY IN KOREA

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conscience will not let me remain silent.

Let us go back to my first experience at fighting the Chinese Reds. It was only five months since they had caught our forces off balance and had nearly driven us off the peninsula. Since then the war had waged back and forth, and the Eighth Army had gradually fought back and recaptured the capital city of Seoul.

Now, in the middle of April 1951, the Chinese Reds were ready for the biggest attack they had yet made . . .

On April 22— my eighth day in Korea—the attack came. Soon we were involved in the biggest battle of the war. We took some heavy losses . . .

Our "Golden Line" held. Seoul was saved. After we had turned back the enemy's first great onslaught by April 28, we dug in and waited for him to come back. We waited and waited — and he did not come.

Only later, when I learned more about the enemy and his weakness, did I realize what an opportunity we had then. After only two weeks in Korea I had no way of knowing that the Chinese Reds were not at all as advertised and that a counter-attack would have sent them reeling back toward disaster.

The next Red attack came on May 16, in the east-central part of the line. At the same time they poured another column of North Koreans down the east coast. Those in the Eighth Army who were still defensive-minded worried about being outflanked and eventually cut off. I decided on a different strategy. I remember telling my staff: "We'll let them alone. There is nothing down there. Their soldiers will starve — or surrender."

We offered no resistance at all in the east or along the coast; the Red soldiers in that advance must have thought it was a very easy war.

On the third day of battle we launched our first counter-offensive of the war against the Chinese, and it caught them by complete surprise. Instead of being outflanked by the Chinese who had poured down the mountains and roads in the east for as much as 50 miles, we simply pinched them off and disposed of them at our leisure.

Determination, tremendous firepower and the heroic stand of all our troops had stopped the Chinese human waves, and our counter-offensive had been a success. On May 22, the official record states that the United Nations forces had stopped the Chinese offensive. On May 24, we crossed the 38th Parallel again.

Though we could readily have followed up our success and defeated the enemy that was not the intention in Washington; our State Department had already let the Reds know that we were willing to settle on the 38th Parallel.

Instead of getting directives for offensive action, we found our activities more and more proscribed as time went on. Even in the matter of straightening out our lines for greater protection, we were limited by orders from the Far East Command in Japan, presumably acting on directives from Washington. First we were permitted to use a single division, then the number of

troops was lowered and lowered until about all we could take was patrol action.

The enemy recovered quickly from the beating we gave him in May and was entrenched again by June 10. This is the reason I concurred with General Ridgway — as has been reported in rebuttal against my belief that the enemy was on the run, that a 20-mile advance which was being considered at that time would "cost too many casualties". There was no similarity between the conditions of June 26 and the opportunities that had existed 30 days earlier — or between the value of a final defeat to the enemy and a limited 20-mile advance.

While I was in Korea opportunities presented themselves again and again to beat the Reds once and for all, but we were restrained by high policy.

The opportunity is still there today. General Maxwell Taylor, the new Eighth Army commander, can seize it as easily as I might have, if only our policymakers give him the chance.

The truth about the Red Chinese army has never yet been told, and it is high time that somebody spilled the story. As an individual the Red Chinese soldier is a formidable foe. This is especially true of the old-line Communist soldiers who fought through the Chinese civil war. These men are tough and proud; many are fanatics and will fight to the death.

However, most of the men in the Chinese army are not Communists at all, although they may rapidly be turning into Communists under the constant deluge of propaganda from the political commissars who live with every unit. Many of the soldiers are North Koreans who never understood their Communist puppet government and never wanted to fight; they are simply men who wanted to be left alone with their families and little farms. They have been impressed into the Chinese army against their will and fight only because of the guns at their backs, as do thousands of former Chinese nationalist soldiers who have been forced into the army of their old enemy....

The logistics of a prolonged attack are beyond the capacities of the Red Chinese army.

On the other hand, we have an army that can regroup as it goes along, hitting hard here, then starting a thrust somewhere

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With their iron discipline, their fanaticism and their disregard for human life, the Chinese Reds can mount an attack, which looks irresistible on the first day, or even the second. By the third day it is slowing down.

The first mistake all of us made in Korea and in Washington was to overestimate the strength of the Red Chinese armies, which attack with far more fury than staying power. This first erroneous judgment of the strength and mobility of Red armies has created a state of mind, which has plagued us throughout the war and is still plaguing us in peace discussions, plaguing us to peace discussions . . .

In terms of high strategy, the Reds have lost the war in Korea and they know it — unless we Americans are foolish enough to let them off the spot.

In any negotiations with Reds, it is crucial that we understand this — and also that we remember that there are now four fronts in the hot war which is being waged in Asia. One front, engaging more than a million of the enemy's soldiers, is in Korea. Another is in Indo-China, another in Malaya. The fourth is Formosa, where Chiang Kai-shek's friendly army is stationed, and the mainland of China opposite Formosa.

Each of these fronts is a focal point in the global struggle for survival, which the free world is waging against the Communist enemy. Each is vital to the others, and the simplest of all strategic concepts requires that free-world action be co-ordinated on all these fronts.

To yield on any one of them would expose the others to increased pressure from the Reds. If Russia has really changed its line since Stalin's death and wants peace for all of Asia — then fine. If not, we certainly cannot afford to yield to the enemy's blandishments and give up our obvious military advantages in Korea just to free the Reds for action against Indo-China or Formosa . . .

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## A Letter to the Governor-General

The following letter by Mr. John Macara, of Sydney, was sent to the Governor-General, Sir William Slim, on June 14:—

To His Excellency,

The Governor-General,  
Canberra. Eminent Sir,

I listened with great satisfaction, not devoid of emotion, to your address given recently at Canberra, on the occasion of your inauguration to your high office.

I was strongly impressed that every word you then uttered, and every sentiment to which you gave expression, carried with it the impress of highest integrity and sincerity.

Such impression was still further reinforced on reading your address given at the Sydney Town Hall as reported in "The Sun", of 12th instant. On that occasion, you yourself emphasised the incalculable value of the integrity of the individual.

It is beyond question that there is no value higher than integrity. There is no obstacle, which cannot be overcome by a people in whom individual integrity is of a high order.

If this postulate be granted, it follows that every corrupting influence should be exposed and recognised for what it is. For integrity, though its rising is spontaneous, flourishes more luxuriantly where the soil and nutrient conditions are favourable to its growth. In adverse conditions, individual integrity may wither at the root.

It is my well-founded belief, that there is a basic corruption in our economy, which threatens the survival of individual integrity. There is an evil intent manifesting itself as a conscious policy, making use of all winds that blow to promote its diabolical ends.

The basis of this belief is to be found in the writings of such men as W. E. Gladstone, Benjamin Disraeli, Ramsay MacDonald, Lord Snowden, T. Johnston (Lord Privy Seal), Sir Josiah Stamp, Sir Reginald McKenna, and President Wilson of U.S.A. I will make only one quotation from the above authorities, i.e., from the late President Wilson, of U.S.A., in his book, "This New Freedom":—

"Some of the biggest men in U.S.A., know there is a power so organised, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breaths, when they speak in condemnation of it." These men were so well placed in relation to that of which they speak, and their names carry such weight, that no responsible person can disregard their plain warnings.

If you are interested, I will give other quotations to the same effect, from others named above — and much other evidence. At this stage our only weapon is exposure. We must first identify the enemy before we can destroy him.

Nothing evil can withstand the searing vibration of light.

[Mr. Macara subsequently received an acknowledgment of his letter from Sir William Slim's secretary, who said that the Governor-General desired to thank him for his communication.]

## Sir William Slim On Local Patriotism

We noticed with both interest and great pleasure Sir William Slim's remarks at the Victorian Government luncheon on June 24. Sir William said, "local patriotism should be encouraged . . ." It is heartening to hear someone in a position of authority talking about local patriotism instead of windy abstractions about world governments. Sir William was also quoted as saying that "Australia has a tremendous part to play in keeping alive the traditions of the Empire". The new Governor-General apparently is unaware that it is now dangerous to use the term "Empire"; that it is offensive to the builders of our "Brave New World". He also dared to contradict the carefully fostered idea of the British peoples being unable to survive economically without the help of various international organisations like the World Bank: "There are some people who believe that other countries are bigger and more important than the British Commonwealth. But the Commonwealth has not only the greatest number of people, the most varied talents and the greatest resources, but has also the most practical form of a union of free nations the world has ever seen." Well might the question then be asked of Sir William's ministers at Canberra: Why do the British peoples have to seek the permission of international plotters before they can develop their own vast resources? And if the British Empire is "the most practical form of a union of free nations the world has ever seen", why submerge it in a "United" Nations dominated by Communists and their dupes?

Congratulations, Sir William, on your genuinely patriotic sentiments. Why not now go further and use the latent constitutional powers of the British Crown and make our Constitution work as it did during our great and glorious past? Now as never before the individual requires some protection against the growing demands by governments upon his independence and rights.

## A Pertinent Question

Most people have overlooked the vital point that the Soviet could, if its leaders had desired, have used its veto power in the "United" Nations to prevent the Korean War from starting. If the Chinese Communists are to be permitted to join the "United" Nations, they will be in the position where, if at a later date they decide to attack South Korea, they can also use the veto power to prevent any assistance being given to the South Koreans.

## Senator McCarthy's Enemies

A recent report from America gives some information concerning a Gallup Poll, which was alleged to prove that the majority of Americans disapprove of Senator McCarthy. We were interested in that portion of the report, which stated that older people (more responsible electors) are more enthusiastic about McCarthy than are young people. Those with University and college educations dislike him most of all.

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# WHERE THE CHURCH FAILS

We publish below notes of an address given in England by Mr. John Mitchell. This address was given in response to an invitation provoked by a letter in the local press attacking the Church for its apathy. The speaker sought to present Social Credit knowledge as a vital aspect of Christian action. Proposals for action were subsequently presented to the Vicar, and these were agreed to in principle. Furthermore, the Vicar said that he would recommend similar tactics to fellow clergymen.

The following is Mr. Mitchell's address:—

To my mind the most remarkable phenomenon in the world today is the contrast between, on the one hand, the extraordinary dynamism which we witness in the physical world, resulting from an attitude of humility on the part of the scientists who have applied their thought objectively to discovering the natural laws governing the physical world and on the other hand the inertia and disharmony which we witness in the realm of human nature and human relations — subjects which it is almost universal practice not to think about objectively with a view to discovering the natural laws which apply.

I have not the least doubt that the unsatisfactory part of this phenomenon is due to two courses. Firstly, the work of the devil incarnate in the field of human nature and human relations (or the metaphysical world) and secondly the failure of the churches to adopt an objective, and if you like scientific approach to this field, which is essentially the field of operation.

The word "religion" is derived from the Latin "religare", meaning to "bind" or to "bind back". If you consult the dictionary you will find the meaning given to "reality" is "actual" as opposed to imaginary or apparent existence. As religious people who believe in God as the Creator of the universe (or reality) it is easy to see that genuine religion is a binding back to reality.

Now, there is a physical reality and metaphysical reality (or the Nature of Being). In physical reality we witness, as I have said, this extraordinary dynamism, and it comes from applying a religious, or a

"binding-back" objectivity to the laws of the universe.

You cannot at once be a religious man or woman and deny that a similar binding-back or religious objective approach to metaphysical reality would produce a similar dynamism.

But we do not find this objectivity. In place of it we find all sorts of crazy ideology. Now, metaphysics, or to put it in everyday language, the nature of being — of BEING, of LIVING REALITY, is obviously the prime concern of any church which can claim to be called Christian. "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living". Daily we pray, "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". But the church seems to be primarily concerned with the next world, with transcendental things, instead of with this world.

Society is primarily metaphysical, and the metaphysical world, although intangible, is still part of reality, of this world. And it is just as much subject to natural laws, or God's laws, which can be ascertained, as the physical world.

Society is primarily metaphysical — and its harmony and health depend upon the practical acceptance and the working of ideas and "Christianity is a practical means by which we may control this ideation", as the sciences are a practical means by which the physical world may be gained for man's enjoyment.

But, as you know, in this matter there is a priority. It was uttered in these words: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you".

And what is the sequence? "I came that he might have life and have it more abundantly."

The central question in society, when people associate together for any purpose, is the relation of the individual to the group, and this leads us to this matter of ideation and the principles of association. Now, it is well known to you that the irreverent, pagan, and materialist-minded people think that you can invent principles of association, without reference to any source of authority, and make people conform to them. But if, on the other hand, you are a sincerely religious person, it is impossible for you not to recognize that this question of association is subject to the laws of the universe, or natural law, and must be made to conform to it, or disastrous consequences will ensue — as you well know they do in the physical world.

I am here tonight because I have accused the church of apathy and of shirking its responsibilities. And I say to you, emphatically that evil is rampant in the world today, because this issue, which is fundamentally a religious matter, is shirked by the churches. But this was not always so, as Magna Charta is a witness.

I come now to the main point, which I wish to make.

If we are dissatisfied with the results of our wireless or motor car, we acknowledge that there are experts who know all about these things; or if as individuals we want a new house — but I should say this used to be the position — we specify such things as site, size and number of rooms, and then leave the expertness and method of the operations to the architect and builder.

I want you to notice that in these things there are three principal factors. There is power, which is exercised by you by virtue of your having the sanction of money, which enables you to exercise it. You can choose the sort of home you want; you can choose the architect and the builder. There is authority interpreted by the architect or designer. And there is administration in the person of the builder. And notice that however eminent the architect he is your servant — "and whosoever shall be the chief among you, let him be your servant".

Appertaining to each of these three factors is something we call responsibility. In exercising your power, if you choose an unsound architect or builder the results will recoil on you personally in the shape of a poor and ugly house. And unless there is a monopoly, the results will recoil on the architect or builder, in the shape of loss of business. Now, if there is a monopoly, if the trinity of factors is disturbed, the balance is lost, then the whole character and dynamism which is implicit in the arrangement of power authority and administration, and also of power and responsibility, is changed and destroyed.

The arrangement of the factors in this association I have described is what is called a constitution, and the balance, the health, the harmony of it is destroyed if the integrity of any of the factors is affected.

As an example let us suppose that it is decided that the purpose of house building is not solely to provide houses to suit the customers, but is to provide employment. At once you have corrupted the whole constitution. "A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit."

The ideation in what I have described — the arrangement of the various factors, either accords with laws inherent to reality — in the universe — or it doesn't. The idea-

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tion belongs to the realm of metaphysics, and it is properly a field of authority which belongs to the Christian Church.

What is the base on which this constitution rests? Or used to rest? It rests on a philosophy, on the philosophy breathed on every page of the Christian Gospels — that of immanent, not extraneous sovereignty, expressed in answer to a question.

"The kingdom of God cometh not by observation."

"Neither shall they so, lo here! Lo there! for behold the Kingdom of God is within you."

You will find in the Gospels every encouragement to preach and practise the word of God, but you will not find that anyone is given power or right to dictate it. Think on this.

We thus arrive at the position where we recognize that the church has a vital role in the Constitution of any country claiming to be Christian. It is that of interpreter of authority in regard to legislation. The Church of England today is, of course, nothing of the kind, and in the nature of things (all of its chief functionaries are appointed by the political power) cannot be. In fact, so far as its head is concerned, it is nothing more than the public relations department for the philosophy of those who govern. If you think that this philosophy is Christian, I can only refer you to the words: "A good tree does not bring forth corrupt fruit".

What we are in fact, increasingly getting is institutional sovereignty, not the sovereignty of the individual. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." Power is increasingly being taken from the individual and given to the institution. (There was expatiation on this point.)

### Freedom

"Freedom is a real thing. It is the most important thing, which is at stake in the world today, and it is beyond all other things necessary that its nature should be understood. It is the power to choose or refuse one thing at a time. It is the power to choose whether you will play cricket or whether you will play golf, or whether you will play neither. Quite emphatically it is not the power of the part of the non-player to change the rules of cricket or golf; that is not freedom, it is oppression." —C. H. Douglas in an article, "These Latter Hours" (1936).

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Those who support this policy, these institutions, are not practising Christianity; they are supporting the work of the devil.

"He who is not with Me is against Me."

When does the Church of England raise its voice in this matter? On the contrary, it has endorsed the Welfare State, which is institutional sovereignty.

(There was a reference here to the Pope's Christian broadcast on the peril of huge organisations to the individual)—on the proliferation of laws and the difference between Common Law and its origin and Statute Law.

"Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye laden men with great burdens."

"Woe unto you, lawyers; for ye have taken away the key of knowledge. Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that we entering ye hindered."

What is the Key of Knowledge?

Experience is the only true teacher. Experience of good or bad results, of choice, of decision, of exercise of your power, not someone else's — the automatic reaction of right uniting of power and responsibility. The greatest evil is the misuse of power resulting from the divorcement of power from responsibility.

I can only say to you with absolute conviction that if the remnant of religious people in this country do not take up this issue, do not take it to their hearts, put it in the forefront of their lives, and rouse the dormant religious spirit of the people to it, there is absolutely no hope of averting impending calamity, and the soulless Satanic despotism other peoples are getting.

### "The Protocols" On Initiative

"We shall create an intensified centralisation of government in order to grip in our hands all the forces of the community. We shall regulate mechanically all the actions of the political life of our subjects by new laws. These laws will withdraw, one by one all the indulgences and liberties, which have been allowed the goyim, and our kingdom, will be distinguished by despotism of such magnificent proportions as to be at any moment and in every place in a position to wipe out any goyim who oppose us by word or deed.

"There is nothing more dangerous than personal initiative: if it has genius behind it, such initiative can do more than can be done by millions of people among whom we have sown discord. We must so direct the education of the goyim communities that whenever they come upon a matter requiring initiative, they may drop their hands in despairing impotence."—"The Protocols of Zion", No. 5. Emphasis in original.

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## Plotters' Programme Collapsing

*In his booklet, "Communism Can Be Defeated Without a Third World War" the writer exposed the menace of the policy of appeasement and "containment" which the Western Powers were adopting towards the Communist offensive, and suggested a constructive offensive policy which would, amongst other things, lift the morale of all those European peoples dominated by their Communist masters. But, so far from giving the enslaved Europeans encouragement to resist, Western "leaders" like Sir Winston Churchill have encouraged the idea that it is possible to appease the controllers of the Communist strategy. It was not surprising, therefore, that when following the dramatic revolt against the Communists in East Germany, reports from all over Europe indicated that opposition was also growing in all Communist-dominated countries, there was no word of encouragement from the West. The right message from the West at this psychological moment might have lifted moral immeasurably behind the Iron Curtain and forced the Communists on to the defensive and kept them there. But our leading "new Elizabethan", Sir Winston, was too busy scheming to prepare the way for yet another conference with the Communist masters to concern himself about the fate of the Poles and other peoples whom he helped to betray at Yalta.*

*We have no "inside information" about what has happened in Soviet Russia since Stalin's death — or murder? — but there can be no doubt that a battle for power has been proceeding between leading Communists at the top of the centralised Soviet structure. That battle has probably not yet been resolved. Not only are the Germans, Poles and other enslaved peoples becoming more restive, but there is evidence indicating that the Russians, particularly Red Army troops, also are resisting Communist control. It is during this stage of growing unrest behind the Iron Curtain that the West should be taking the psychological offensive everywhere. Western leaders should be actively concerning themselves with this matter instead of giving their enemies time to regain, if this is possible, effective control.*

*Perhaps the most hopeful aspect of the present world situation is that the plotters on both sides of the Iron Curtain are finding that the programme for progressively centralising all power is becoming undone. So far from federating, the European peoples are causing consternation by their refusal to give up their local sovereignty. A recent press headline stated that the spirit of nationalism in Europe was proving too strong for those striving to create the United States of Europe. In the U.S.A., where President Eisenhower and his Zionist backers find themselves thwarted by both the patriotic Republicans and Democrats, feeling against the "United Nations mounts and that dreadful thing called isolationism is regaining strength.*

*Reports from America make it clear that Sir Winston Churchill is going to find it most difficult to persuade the American Administration to join with him in a new appeasement of whoever is in control in Moscow. American Senator Wiley demands that it is high time that Sir Winston and those who think like him should "get some steel into their spines". The general picture is one of growing resistance everywhere to that World Unity which the international plotters desire. If those of us who are still comparatively free compared with the enslaved Europeans, will now emulate the spirit of the East Germans and others who are defying centralised control on their side of the Iron Curtain, it is possible that we can set in motion policies which will lead to absolute defeat of the policy of World Tyranny.*

## The Value of Art

There are two things, and only two things man can do with the fruits of this earth: he can enjoy or destroy. So far, all through recorded history, mankind has not hesitated in making their choice. All civilisations, in their technical progress have declined morally and aesthetically, into a wholesale organisation of wealth-destruction. And the cultures of ancient Egypt and Mexico (with its advanced socialism) were entombed beneath the pyramids so painfully erected by their slave labour. We no longer produce pyramids, but only jet planes; and, of course, the Bomb. But we are — as we all agree — far more efficient than our ancestors.

It will have been noted — perhaps with dark suspicion — that one began a talk on the nature of wealth, and its experience. Men learn — thousands learn — but the artists and philosophers who expose new truths are opposed by perverse genius in action on the one hand, and mediocrity inactive upon the others. There can never be any hope in school-instruction or education until these things are informed by the essential wealth-gaining value of art. The instinct of the born artist is a very wonderful and deeply moving thing, and one does not envy a society that possesses no apprehension of this fact.

There is, in Japan, a certain peculiar fish, which is kept in a tank to warn villagers of coming earthquakes. By its sensitivity the animal apprehends, some hours in advance that an earthquake is coming. And its distress provides a warning, so that villagers get out of their houses and take what precautions they may. But one thing is essential if that fish is to function usefully: its tank must not be electrically insulated. Shut off from whatever contacts its sensitivity responds to, this fish is just as other fish, a poor watchman, an ineffectual angel, a helpless interpreter, of natural phenomena — one might say — a hopeless artist — merely, in short, a poor fish. —Marten Cumberland, in a recent address to the Contemporary Club, Dublin.

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Up to a few years ago every one considered cobalt just another ore that miners dug out of the ground for use in industry. They did not know that it was an important food element all mixed up with Vitamin B12, cow manure, and the famous animal protein factor we hear so much about. Cowmen had their tussle with this element a few years earlier. On certain lands cattle became anemic, lost weight, dropped in milk production, and in general went to pieces. No disease germs were found. Not even a virus. The solution finally turned out to be the addition of a tiny pinch of cobalt to their feed.

If cobalt, just one of dozens of rare mineral elements ignored a few years ago, now turns out to be so important to the health of our livestock, just what might be the significance of the dozens of other trace minerals whose secrets are now being unravelled with the spectrograph.

Healthy soil is full of organic matter, a variety of major and minor minerals, millions of microscopic organisms and plenty of earthworms. If our livestock could eat grains grown upon such soil it is quite possible that they would get in natural form all the minerals, vitamins and antibiotics they need for perfect health. Otherwise they have to be supplied artificially in increasing quantities in our feedstuffs — if our livestock are to maintain the best health.

With the various adaptations of the principles of the spectrograph, it is possible to determine quickly nearly every element in any sample of soil, food, feed, meat, manure, urine, or fertilizer. A complete knowledge of the elements present in healthy plants and animals, as well as in unhealthy ones, can give us information never before available on how to keep plants and animals in perfect health.

There is also the feeling on the part of many people that since the human race has for centuries eaten certain staple foods produced on our farm soils, and maintained a reasonably satisfactory state of health, it can do the same thing today. Those who hold this belief to ascribe the growing rate of degenerative diseases, such as those of the heart, liver, teeth, bones, etc., to causes other than the quality of food.

Many others, however, have become alarmed at the increasing indications of a falling level of national health. These men point out a much higher percentage of military rejections in World War II as compared to World War I; to a greatly increased percentage of hospitalization of the general public; and to a marked rise in the incidence of degenerative diseases, which brings about the need for more hospitals and insane asylums.

For many years, not only in this country, but in others, there have been farmers and scientists who recognized the shortcomings of the N.P.K. formula. Their own observations and experience convinced them that really nutritious food or feed cannot be produced from deficient soils, even though they might be liberally supplied with calcium, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash. Such men have made various attempts to improve the health-giving qualities of soil products. Some rely upon adding bacteria-rich humus formed by composting. Others depend upon

the addition of numerous minerals. Building up the earthworm population is believed by many to release more minerals from the soil particles.

For many years, Dr. Ira Allison, 155 Public Square, Springfield, Missouri, has been interested in the treatment of nutritional diseases. Over the years he became more and more convinced that a good many of the diseases of modern man are based, primarily, on malnutrition. And a great deal of that malnutrition he was certain was peculiarly enough a "starvation-on-a-full-stomach" type. In other words, he believed that a man might literally be starving even while eating an ample supply of what he might term the "proper foods" — starving because those "proper foods" were being grown on land lacking in the basic elements needed in the human system.

Dr. Allison has worked mostly with Ozark cattle — each herd had Bang's disease. Dr. Allison took samples and had them analysed with the spectrograph. In each sick cow there was a deficiency in the trace elements but those both same elements were present in the blood of healthy cows.

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## DEBATE ON PROCESSED FOODS IN BRITISH HOUSE OF LORDS

The following is taken from British "Hansard" of June 10:

Lord Teviot rose to call attention to the high percentage of processed and chemically treated foods now consumed, and to ask Her Majesty's Government to do everything possible to increase the availability of fresh food for the people and the furtherance of supply of home-killed food and home-grown food; and to move for Papers. The noble Lord said: . . . Taking into consideration the effect of unsuitable food on animals, and indeed on human beings, there seems to be no question that in regard to almost all illnesses food is the most important question. I am a trustee of, I suppose, the biggest clinic in this country, and the number of people who come in for special diet is very large. To me, being a layman that shows that something is wrong with the "tummy". If food is going to put that trouble right, it is probably caused by wrong food. I feel that this question should be tackled at once. I know something is happening in the direction I desire, but certainly not enough. In order to give your Lordships some justification for my having the temerity to raise this question in your Lordship's House, I have with me the Report of the Ministry of Health, which some of your Lordships may have read, covering the period April 1, 1950, to December 31, 1951. With your Lordship's permission, I shall give a few quotations and conclusions arrived at in this very important Paper, which is set out for the Minister of Health and is signed by a well-known man in the medical world, Mr. John A. Charles.

Let us take one question, which is very much stressed in this Report, the question of dysentery and its increase. I will not weary your Lordships with many statistics, but taking 1950 and 1951; the Report shows that while the number of cases notified in 1950 was 17,286, in 1951 it was 28,590. That has very much disturbed the learned gentleman who compiled this Report. I should like also to read your Lordships quite short quotations from other parts of this Report dealing with various subjects. On page 19, there arises the question of stillbirths, and this is what the Report says:

"The lack of progress in reducing the stillbirth rate in the last two or three years must be regarded as disappointing, and, in fact, disturbing; particularly when compared with the rapid reduction that was achieved between 1936 and 1948. Intensified efforts are needed to combat the causes

of stillbirths and it may be that the first step will be to determine more accurately what these causes are, in this field our knowledge is inadequate."

That, my Lords, is a very important and forthright statement.

The next question, I should like to quote here concerns the deplorable situation with regard to cancer. I will not give your Lordships the figures; they are deplorable, and show a marked increase. Then I come to page 51. Here I find something, which appeals to me very much, because it is bang on the subject, which I am discussing. In a comprehensive table are set out statistics with regard to outbreaks and family outbreaks of food poisoning in 1951. It shows that infection comes in a far greater percentage from certain types of food than from others. Take canned fish. The total number of outbreaks given is 15. For processed fish the figure is 1. For shellfish the total is 2, and for fish generally it is 4. But please note that the number for canned fish is 15. Meat comes next. The total number of outbreaks due to canned meat was 25, and to processed and made-up meat 114. Then figures are given for fresh meat and gravy. The figure is 1 in each instance. Exactly the same sort of proportions is found with regard to other foods. In the case of fresh vegetables and canned vegetables, for instance, it is shown that there was one outbreak due to fresh vegetables, while two were due to canned vegetables.

Here I am going to make a suggestion to my noble friend, and perhaps I may put it this way. We go to a shop wishing to buy something to eat, which is tinned—it may be that we have nothing else in the house and are obliged to buy something. Our purchase is contained in a tin. There is no mark on that tin to indicate the vintage, so to speak, of the contents. Your Lordships will be aware that there are certain baby foods, which are not to be used when a certain time has elapsed after their manufacture. I make this suggestion to my noble friend. It would not cost very much to the manufacturer of these tinned or processed foods if relevant dates were put on the tins so that you would know that, like your wine, the food was of a certain vintage. I think that would stop a great deal of the use of tinned food. In some cases we do not know the age of the tinned stuff we buy. It may be five, ten, fifteen or twenty years old. It is all very well to say, "Oh, but of course it is hermetically sealed". I am one of those who do not

believe for one moment that tinned food does not deteriorate with age. Passing to page 54 of the Report, we find further matter of considerable interest in this connection. I am afraid that this afternoon I am going to speak for a longer time than I usually do, but I feel that this is a matter with which one should deal pretty exhaustively. On page 54 the question of the notification of food poisoning is dealt with. I would draw your Lordships' attention to this passage:

"For notification of food poisoning to of full value it must be prompt and of all cases of gastro-intestinal illness. But in his subsequent investigations the medical officer of health may, not infrequently, find

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that despite the best efforts of the bacteriologist and himself, there is a substantial incidence of gastro-intestinal illness of sudden onset in patients from whom no pathogenic organism can be recovered nor any vehicle of infection incriminated."

This is going on all the time; it is all wrong. We were not meant to be like this. I feel that what I have already quoted justifies my raising this question in your Lordships' House today.

I have just a few more remarks to make with regard to this Report. On page 61, the question of poisoning in school meals, curiously enough, is dealt with. There appears to be a distinct indication that a careful investigation should be made into this subject. That is the conclusion one draws from the results shown. Finally, I come to page 111 of the Report. On this page we are given information on a subject, which is occupying the attention of a great many people, and I propose to say just a few sentences about it—I refer to the question of premature infant birth. Apparently that is occurring to a very serious extent. My noble friend on the Opposition Front Bench must know all about this. Certainly, the figures given here show that there are far too many premature births and far too many children born underweight. Percentages are given of children of weights such as 5½ lb. and so on. I will not weary your Lordships with all the figures; you will find them on page 111. To me they demonstrate that the mothers are undernourished or not properly nourished. Many other important questions are, of course, dealt with in the Report, and many of them, in my view, justify me in bringing up this matter today. I do not intend to weary your Lordships by speaking upon my pet subject, except to say just a few words about it in passing—I refer, of course, to bread. My noble friend Lord Hankey has a Motion on the Order Paper about that. He is going to deal with the question of the composition of our bread. No one knows more about it than he does, so I shall only touch lightly upon it. I hope that on this topic we shall have the benefit of the opinion of noble Lords who are members of the medical profession. I believe that in the rise of agene and other so-called improvers we find one of the great dangers to the general health of the people. We are still using agene in the making of bread. That is a matter with which Lord Hankey will deal, but my noble friend Lord Derwent, who cannot be here today, told me that I might make a few remarks, which he had intended to make. I understand that Lady Derwent had been ill for some time. She was never well; there was always something wrong with her. Finally, it was decided that she should have a most thorough examination with a view to finding out what really was wrong with her. It was discovered that she was suffering from agene poisoning. As I have said, Lord Derwent cannot be here today, but he told me that he would be very glad if I mentioned that fact. The curious thing is that one of the reasons they found out the cause of the trouble was that when Lady Derwent went to France her condition began to improve. When she returned to this country, her doctors told her not to touch national bread. They also said to her, "Never eat anything made out of national flour which has in it agene and these various chemical improvers". Lady

Derwent followed their directions, and as a result she has since then been improving all the time. Her physicians are of opinion that the improvement in her health is entirely due to this change of diet, and that her illness resulted from the poison, which she had accumulated in her system through eating bread, made from national flour. I was in Edinburgh the other day and visited a shop which some of your Lordships may know. It is that great shop where is sold the finest quality shortbreads. At that establishment there is displayed a notice which reads:

"No flour is used in these premises which has been treated."

I had not time then to inquire just what that notice meant, but I think it really means that they see to it that the flour they use has not been, in my term, doped with various chemicals. I believe that my noble friend Lord Hankey has something to say about the Scottish views on this subject.

Some of your Lordships know that a Committee is sitting at the present time, the Zuckerman Committee. I will not quote the terms of reference but give you the headline—"Working Party on precautionary measures against toxic chemicals used in agriculture: risks to wild life." I hope that perhaps this learned Committee will go into the question of whether poisonous sprays used on crops infiltrate into the human being. I have seen people who have eaten fruit that has been sprayed and who have undoubtedly been poisoned thereby. With great respect to my noble friend, Lord Carrington, who is going to reply, I suggest that an investigation into this question should be started at once. We know quite well the dangers of these sprays. The noble Lord, Lord Carrington, will recollect that when we had in this House the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Bill it was said that three people had already been killed by using these sprays. The Bill laid down that protective clothing had to be worn when these sprays were used. I remember asking him then what would happen if I were walking along a lane beside a field that was being sprayed and there was a wind blowing: what would happen to me with no protection? The answer was, "Oh, you

would get only a little of it." But I do not want any of it...

... I am certain that an enormous amount of food is sent to Covent Garden that could easily be utilised without its going anywhere near that place at all. I hope my noble friend will take that point into consideration and obviate these long trips and the stale food that is the result of them.

We now keep boys and girls at school up to fifteen years of age, and up to sixteen, if they so desire. Instead of lecturing them about sex, for goodness sake lecture them on food and how they should eat, what they should eat and how to take care of their bodies. I think that would be a very good substitute for these ridiculous ideas about sex the poor kids get hold of. Let us brush out all that and put in food and how to take care of their bodies, which would be of the greatest advantage to them in after life.

Without encroaching, I hope, on what my noble friend Lord Hankey is going to say, I want to get in another word on bread. I do not know whether the new wheat flour is actually on the market, but I should like to see some competent body investigate it. I want to stress that this should be a Committee composed of members who are men of experience in deficiency diseases. A great deal is said in this Report about deficiency diseases—and the Report is not by me, it is by the Ministry of Health: this is the latest thing they have produced. I should like to see this body composed of members of the Medical Research Council, the Nutrition Society, the Ministry of Health, the British Medical Association and the Society of Medical Officers of Health, and with no representatives of vested interests at all on it. We must not have any of these; it must be made up purely of scientists and experienced medical men. I say that with great emphasis.

The degradation of our daily bread has reached a stage, which makes it vital that a halt should be called at once. In my view, the wheat germ and wheat germ oil should never be taken out of bread, and we all know it is. I should like to give your Lordships some figures from this Report on the effect on women of the removal of the wheat germ oil and Vitamin E from flour. With women taking wheat germ oil, the number of cases of threatened abortion was 100; with those not taking it, 166; abortion, among women taking the wheat germ oil, 30; among those not taking it, 150; premature birth, 37 among women taking the wheat germ, and 71 among those not taking it; toxemia, among women taking the wheat germ oil, 21 cases; not taking it, 100; still-births, 4 among those taking it, and 23 among those not taking it. In this book it is laid down that the synthetic vitamin

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has been proved valueless in the treatment of spontaneous miscarriages in women. Wheat germ oil is of number one importance. I was talking about this subject some time ago to a well-known breeder of horses, and he said that they always give wheat germ oil to the brood mares. Surely, we should see to it that our women get it, too. Some of your Lordships may know of the well-known Cheshire panel doctor, with whom I am familiar. When barren couples come to see him, the first question asked is, "What do you eat?" In 99 cases out of 100 when he is told what is eaten, he says: "How can you expect to produce life if you do not eat it?" The people are put on a proper diet, and in due course there is happiness in the home . . .

. . . There are far too many people making fortunes out of tampering with natural food that the Almighty meant us to eat; and there are far too many people making vast sums out of the antidotes to eating these bad foods. My Lords, I beg to move for Papers.

## Butter and Cheese Prices

Although the Dairy Industry Investigation Committee found that dairy farmers' production costs rose by 1.72d. a pound during last year, it has recommended that the dairying industry be asked to carry the increased cost of production and that there be no price increase in the price of butter or cheese for twelve months. While it is undoubtedly true that dairy farmers on the best dairying country will be able to continue making reasonable incomes (unless there is a drought) without a price increase in the price of butter fat, many will be adversely affected by the decision not to increase prices. Some will probably switch to other forms of primary production.

No doubt the Federal politicians will be breathing a sigh of relief because there will be no increased price of butter to intensify inflation. But we can predict that if they persist with their present financial policies, their relief will be short-lived. Further basic wage increases followed by still higher prices are inevitable. If the government adheres to its policy of removing all food subsidies, particularly the wheat subsidy, it is probable that the first basic wage increase early in 1954 will be much greater than those experienced since the government applied its restrictive policies in 1951. Efforts may be made, of course, to try and get other producers apart from the dairy farmers to help subsidise prices by accepting less returns. But there is a limit to this policy and if the government perseveres with it there can be little doubt that within a few years food shortages will become very serious.

Page 10—"New Times", July 10, 1953.

## Japan and the Wool Market

There is growing concern amongst woolgrowers that Japan may have to curtail purchases of Australian wool. Mr. W. R. Scilley, President of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, recently said that "any curtailment in Japan's wool buying could have a far-reaching effect on the Australian wool market". Mr. Scilley also said that although Japanese purchases of Australian wool had been on an increasing scale, a fact which had helped keep prices high, Japan would not be able to continue buying unless she could get access to sterling in order to pay for the wool. "Unless somebody is prepared to buy these manufactured goods in sufficient quantities Japan must cut down on whatever imports she possibly can. She cannot do without food, which she must import; but she might manage with less wool."

Several spokesmen for primary producers have recently urged that the Federal Government should enable Japan to sell more manufactured goods in Australia in order that Japanese purchases of wool may continue. But such a policy would, under present financial rules, be disastrous for many Australian manufacturers. It is also contrary to the certified economists' policy of a "favourable balance of trade". Unfortunately for the economists and their political dupes, the very financial rules they are trying to maintain are producing results, which must result in a fierce international trade struggle. It is this struggle, which the Communists are relying upon to help them towards ultimate victory. Unless Australia and other Western nations are prepared to alter their internal financial rules in order that Japan can trade with them, nothing is more certain than that Japan must increasingly look towards Communist China and other Communist countries for necessary imports.

Under sane internal financial rules there is no reason why Australia should not be able to take from Japan sufficient goods to pay for all the wool Japan desires. A modified financial policy directly based upon production facts would result in a higher standard of living for both Australians and Japanese.

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Crop troubles could be reduced by the use of compost or farmyard manure said Dr. Russell. Micro-organisms in the soil were not able to differentiate between dead organic matter and tissue in which some life remained, and if a plant was suffering from excessive carbon dioxide in the soil these organisms sometimes attacked the weakened parts.

The greater the supply of humus, the more resistant was the soil to packing. On sandy soils the ideal was to keep the surface covered continuously either by a crop or by farmyard manure or straw. He said that lack of aeration in the soil was one of the great limiting factors in arable production in Britain. Roots needed oxygen and exhaled carbon dioxide. In summer the concentration of carbon dioxide in soil could increase tenfold in a day, and unless the soil was adequately aerated the gas was liable to damage the root system of the plants. It was the most useful roots that were most susceptible to injury. Normally, sandy soils were well aerated, but heavy rain or tractor wheels could often seal the surface. He could not see that the new soil conditioning agents would be of much help to the general farmer at present costs — £100 to £200 an acre — although they might be a practicable proposition for the glasshouse man or market gardener. These substances did not themselves make a tilth, but stabilised a tilth when it had been obtained, making clay soils more friable. So far as he knew, they would not be of help on sandy lands.

Though the value of organic matter in the maintenance of soil fertility is not more than grudgingly recognised, and certainly not openly declared officially, it is encouraging to have this admission of the value of humus in aeration of the soil and the importance (clearly observable in nature) of keeping the soil covered with surface organic matter of some kind. The value of the subsoiler as the best mechanical means of aerating the soil is also implied in Dr. Russell's remarks.

I have not previously thought the new and much publicised "soil conditioners" worthy of any comment in "The Farmer", though the naive admission that Krilium was produced in an effort to make good the harm done to the soil by the inventor's chemical products, was, I thought, rather charming. But Dr. Russell's assessment of these attempts to commercialise a synthetic substitute for humus is a fair summary of their irrelevance to agriculture at this stage. — "The Farmer" (England).

## The Nutritional Diseases that Grow Out of the Soil

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Milk analysis revealed corresponding deficiencies and so did soil analysis.

Another thing which the experiments revealed was that cows fed salts of the trace elements were immune to the disease even though in constant proximity with the diseased animals.

Dr. Allison knew he had something now. He began to experiment with sick animals with trace element salts and keeping a number of "control" animals to validate his findings. The results were highly gratifying. The sick animals began to respond. Within a few months their blood tests showed a completely negative check for Bang's disease. They were cured.

Dr. Allison extended his experiments into the realm of human life. The results have been amazing. The same minerals that cure cattle of Bang's disease also rid the human body of undulant fever and other diseases amounting to a list possibly as large as two hundred.

In the meantime, Dr. Francis Pottenger, Jr., North Canyon Boulevard, Monrovia, California, was working along the same line in co-operation with Dr. Allison with the trace elements as a nutritional factor in the treatment of tuberculosis which has won him wide acclaim.

In 1939, a new and mysterious disease appeared in a dairy herd in New York State. First attempts to learn what it was failed, and it was dubbed "X-Disease".

A report issued late in 1949 by the McCollum-Pratt Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore tells of the work of a group of eminent American scientists to learn the cause and cure of X-Disease. Their first research, these scientists reported, had been for some infectious agent — virus, bacteria, parasitic fungus — that might cause the disease. But significantly, it was noted that the disease was highly localized in its appearance — it would strike in one herd and not touch cattle in adjoining fields. Furthermore, the disease was

not transmitted from one animal to another.

Next, researchers turned to the pastures themselves. Perhaps some toxic weed was to blame. But why in one pasture and not in its neighbouring meadow?

Spectrographic tests were then made of the organs of animals affected and compared with those of healthy cows, and it revealed increases in silver, copper, manganese, molybdenum, thallium, and zinc over the amounts found in healthy cattle.

Accordingly, amounts of these various elements were fed to healthy cattle; one at a time, and molybdenum alone seemed to make the animal ill with the symptoms of X-Disease. The molybdenum content, furthermore, was unusually high in all legumes and grasses grown on the lands where X-Disease was prevalent.

Now what would have brought on molybdenum poisoning? These scientists again sought answers, but arrived at no definite conclusions. However, they had some pretty damning evidence which invites further research: "On every farm which had experienced losses from X-Disease, chemical fertilizers had been applied either to pasture or to the land on which the forage was grown — unusually large quantities of superphosphate — unusually large quantities of calcium carbonate limestone — and others," were used.

Were these factors to blame? Frankly, these scientists were uncertain. Further study, they indicated, is needed. But they did say this: —

"It is known that overliming a soil greatly alters the availability to plants of the micronutrients present. Thus the available supply of copper, zinc, cobalt, and particularly of manganese and iron may be greatly reduced, while conversely that of molybdenum, vanadium and probably gallium, germanium, thallium and uranium is increased."

In other words, excess use of calcium carbonate limestone and superphosphate throws soils out of balance and appears to be dangerous.

One only needs to look at history to realize that the survival of the Nomad in his primitive agriculture depended on the fact that the cow went ahead of the plow. She was leading the people wherever their agriculture went. She inspected the natural forages and marked the land as being fitted to grow food for her owner as well as for herself. Agriculture of the old world put the plow where the cow had first gone to recommend that it be put there. It sent this capable chemist ahead to scout the areas.

Quite the reverse is the case in our American agriculture. On much of our farm land the plow went ahead of the cow. We used no such capable chemist to put the stamp of approval on the fertility of the soil as a suitable and enduring food creator for both the cow and ourselves. We are now beginning to see that our problems of irregularities in conception and in the failures in calving, there are suggestions that the soils may be deficient in items to which we have not yet given sufficient nutritional significance. But, if we can take a suggestion from some feeding trials, the cow as a nutritionist cannot approve for her own consumption these inorganic minerals in a raw form when she can get salt water fish meal, which the spectrograph says contains

all the minerals known to science in a soluble organic form placed in the right balance by nature.

The prevention of most diseases in our livestock has more possibilities than treatment, and if trace mineral feeding of animal and soil will rid cattle of Bang's, then the very biased controversy on Bang's should cease its arguments, as too little has been done and too much has been said by too many who know nothing about Bang's disease whatever. It would be much better if we could learn how the soil atoms help maintain health.

The treatment of many diseases without proper nutrition is like trying to put out the fire by silencing the alarm bell!

## Food Surplus in the U.S.A.

It was recorded in the Melbourne Press last week that the United States taxpayer was paying £200,000 per week in storage fees on farm produce, which he, as a taxpayer had bought, through the government, from the farmers at agreed prices.

The fact of the matter is that the United States Government is using the social credit of the country to keep the farmers solvent while denying the consuming public access to the product bought.

If the consumer was subsidised then he could buy whatever he wanted, the farmer would be satisfied and there would be no storage problem.

That seems common sense to me.

The world, however, has been so indoctrinated with the idea that money is something that must be worked for, begged, borrowed, fought for, gambled for or offered (in very small doses) as bribes at election times, that to suggest that people be given money to purchase food that is likely to rot otherwise is pure sacrilege.

Commonsense is not quite so common as it is supposed to be. —H. Hotchkin, in "The Gippsland News", July 2.

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## Syngman Rhee's Realism

The Cairo Declaration of 1943 promised a "free and independent Korea". Apparently Korea's President, Mr. Syngman Rhee, remembers the Cairo Declaration and is rather an old-fashioned individual who believes that those who make promises should keep them. It is not surprising, therefore, that the American diplomats are finding it most difficult to persuade him that he should resign himself to having portion of his country permanently controlled by Communists.

According to an American report, the following exchange took place between Mr. Rhee and the Americans:

"You came here to save us," said Syngman Rhee. "Are we saved if after three years of war, you sign away the principles you have said you were fighting for?"

The Americans tried to explain that the U.N. was fighting in Korea to stop aggression, that aggression had been stopped, that unification would have to wait for the peace conference. Unification, they said, is only a political objective, not a military one. Rhee dismissed that argument as a technicality.

"How can you expect to win from a political conference by persuasion what you could not win on the battlefield by force?" he asked.

After this rejoinder the Americans left looking rather sheepish. They felt that President Rhee's argument was all too true.

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL PAINTED BY AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL CREDITER

Our readers will be interested to know that Australian artist, Mr. Paul Fitzgerald, painted Sir William and Lady Slim before they left England for Australia. Mr. Fitzgerald has been a "New Times" reader for many years and prior to leaving for England at the end of 1949 was working with the Victorian League of Rights.

## Dairymen Recommend Investigation of Inflation Problem

At the recent Conference of the Victorian Dairymen's Association, the following resolution was passed on May 20: "That this organisation take immediate steps to call a Conference of all interested bodies for the purpose of discussing the rising spiral of prices and find ways and means of stabilising the Australian economy, which is slowly and surely losing the markets of the world."

We will be pleased to give evidence before any such proposed Conference. We are prepared to demonstrate as an indisputable fact that the real cost of production, which is consumption, has been progressively reduced, but that the present financial rules do not reflect this fact and should therefore be appropriately modified.

## Political Liberation

The first condition of political liberation is to have at least an elite of citizens with the mentality of free men. Then to spread this mentality throughout the population. The present economic system contributes scarcely anything to this. Can one expect an increase of free men from a society of the depersonalised proletariat, automatons, individuals deprived of their power to make decisions, which the present economic system produces in every town, all the time. Where are possible leaders among those swallowed each day in enormous factories, there to repeat what gestures they are told to producing they don't know what for they don't know whom, denuded of all, even of the tolls they handle, always at the mercy of conditions they can in no way control?

Under a Social Credit regime, man would not be debased in proportion as matter was dignified. Technique of production would continue to improve. But production would not be directed nor controlled by an

aristocracy of money, an irresponsible plutocracy of humanity. Industry would not concern itself with finding "capital" and competence and responsibility would take the initiative in direction.

The wage-slave system of today would soon become past history. —Extract from address by Mr. Louis Even, Director-General of Social Credit in French Canada, on April 21, 1953.

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