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DISINTEGRATION OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Forthright Article by British Views-Letter

For the information of our readers we re-publish the following article from the first issue of "Candour," a new British "Views-Letter":

The British Empire is disintegrating. Whoever denies that fact is a fool or a knave. Should objection be taken to such strong language, the answer is that the vogue of the understatement, a quite recent pose, covers with precision the period of our national decline. Great Britain and its world system amounted to something in the days when Britons spoke their minds. Unless "Candour" expresses itself with that old fearlessness, its existence will be purposeless. We shall not fail. It may be, in consequence, that we shall find ourselves starved out of existence: whatever else happens, we pledge our word that—unlike other once outspoken publications—we shall never be bought out of existence.

In place of the British Empire, there arises the Empire of the United States. We have no quarrel on that account with the American people, who are entitled to whatever their dollars can buy. Our quarrel is with our own abject leadership, of whatever party, which has supinely allowed the Dollar Empire to grow fat at our expense, crowding us off the stage of history.

No more profoundly revealing example of this process can be imagined than the revolutionary change in power politics about to take place in the Mediterranean. The acquisition by the United States of strong naval and air bases in Spain means that the Western Mediterranean will become an American sea. General Franco, surviving the pressure of many months, has managed to retain the principle of national sovereignty over the selected areas, but although the concession pleases Spanish pride, and is a tribute to his own personal character, the victory is only nominal—once the Americans are ensconced in Spain, it will take more than decrees of the Spanish Government to shift them.

Simultaneously with the reaching of an agreement with Spain came the announcement that Washington had signed a pact with Athens. This provides for the "sharing" by the United States of Greek naval and air bases, which are to be enlarged for the purpose. The Greek Prime Minister said that strong American forces would soon arrive in the country to take up their stations. In other words, the

new Lords of the Western Mediterranean are also to become the Lords of the Eastern Mediterranean.

What of the Central Mediterranean? As Italy has long been a satellite of the New York Money-Power, it might be thought that the United States had this area, too, nicely tied up. But there seems to have been one fly in the American ointment—a remarkable little fly called Malta. From the British point of view—if such a thing can now be said to exist—what is happening to Malta is the crux of the entire revolutionary situation in the Mediterranean.

First it is necessary to recollect that as the Americans are about to move into Spain and Greece, so are we preparing to move out of Suez and the Sudan. The State Department covertly, and American-inspired organisations openly, have been as successful in undermining our influence in the Nile Valley as they have been in collarng our spheres of influence almost everywhere else in the world. In consequence, we are now searching for a formula whereby we may remove our 70,000 troops from the Canal Zone and thus end the chapter of our splendid service to Egypt, the Sudan, and the whole civilised world.

Once that formula is found we might expect to hear of the transfer of units from Suez to British possessions, which are few enough, in the Mediterranean. We might expect, in particular, a strong British air-reinforcement of Malta. Instead, what do we find? We find, in the instant of our expectation, the strong American air-reinforcement of Malta. We held the island throughout the war. Why should it be supposed that we are no longer capable of holding it today without the help of American squadrons? Why should the Americans be moving not only into Spain and Greece but also into Malta? It is difficult to believe that the British Government, which permits this thing, is a free agent. One would prefer the explanation that it acts under duress. British power in the Mediterranean is being deliberately smothered.

Indeed, British power is being, or has already been, smothered over huge portions of the earth's surface. There are sure to

be many melancholy occasions when "Candour" will feel impelled to refer to what really happened in Egypt, in Persia, in India, in every other land where our great achievements earned for us a place in the sun whence the sheer weight of dollars now drives us forth. We shall even have the mortification of pointing to the increasing defection of our own daughter nations, which are being detached from the British fold by a deliberate policy of seduction. Australia and New Zealand are being ensnared by the dollar trap as assuredly as Canada has been ensnared by

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

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

WHITTIER

THE MENACE OF "FULL EMPLOYMENT" IV

By JAMES GUTHRIE

In the modern political world the words "Full employment" are used as being synonymous with "Full empayment," or to be more explicit, "Full employment" has come to mean receiving a steady income by punching a clock in some organisation; the emphasis, of course, is on the income, not the employment.

It doesn't matter whether a person is doing useful work or not, or that his work is a menace to society, the conditions to be complied with in order that a person may draw goods and services from the market place, i.e., receive an income, are as follows:

- 1. That he work under "direction";**
- 2. That he or she must not work at home or for their home;**
- 3. That, no matter how hard the employees of a centralised organisation work, or how quickly they finish their tasks, they must not be allowed outside the organisation's gates before the specified hours.**

In other words, in order to draw an income it is not necessary to be fully employed, or usefully employed, but it is necessary to submit to direction—that is, to have one's efforts directed away from home and friends.

Needless to say, someone has to produce food and essential services for the community. Such people, when they are not actually discouraged and penalised, are left to fend for themselves; they are looked upon as an essential but barbaric relic of the bad far off days.

In nearly every rural district one can see buses taking the young men into the city to obtain an easy income punching a clock in some centralised organisation; an income, which they could not possibly earn under the present rules producing food on a farm.

The question we must all answer is: "Who decides that it should be unprofitable to grow food everyone wants, and so profitable to loaf in some centralised organisation producing nothing, or something very much worse than nothing?"

It should be noticed as a strange and rather sinister fact that with the increase in the numbers of people uselessly employed, has come an increase in the demand to victimise those people who don't punch clocks, i.e., those who receive dividends.

When the various "leftist" movements attacked the private ownership of property as evil and immoral, they showed that peculiar facility for wrong emphasis, which we have come to expect from socialist writers; what the socialists should have done was, not to attack the private ownership of property, but to make it easier for more people to own property. The same applies to dividends; to suggest that employees should be the sole beneficiaries of the modern productive system is just silly. If labour-saving machines have any meaning then labour charges in industry should be decreasing and dividends increasing; the distribution of dividends would have to be on a national scale, increasing with the assets of a country. In other words, the

income tax office would be used to pay dividends instead of collecting them.

The distribution of dividends on a national scale is justified on three counts:

- (1) The reduction of prices and hours is of little benefit to those not employed in the industrial system, or to those without an income; some other means of a distribution is therefore required.
- (2) Since the capital development of a country is based on the work of past generations, this forms the best possible grounds for the distribution of a dividend.
- (3) The capital assets of a country should appear in the balance sheet as an asset and not as a liability, and no matter in which way they were financed, and since the whole community bore the real costs of construction, the whole community is entitled to some kind of dividend.

The fact, that the "income" or purchasing power, of a community is generated in the process of production has several nasty consequences. This matter is so important that it requires closer study than we can give it here; however, the main facts can be stated thus:

The money, which a community receives to pay its debts, is in the process of production, distributed by factories and other organisations in the form of wages, salaries and dividends. These organisations are financed by credits created by the banks, and the producers' debts to the banks are liquidated by the community when it pays for their goods and services.

When, however, production stops, the distribution of purchasing power stops, irrespective of whether or not the shops are crammed full of goods for sale. This, then, was the position during the last financial "depression", which was epitomised under the phrase, "Poverty amidst plenty". Immediately the banks financed the governments to build armaments, money came into circulation, in the form of wages and salaries, and enabled the people to buy the goods already in the shops.

The manner in which purchasing power is issued and how it has encouraged a

colossal waste of human labour, and degraded the whole conception of useful employment, is clearly stated by C. H. Douglas in "Economic Democracy" as follows:

. . . if production stops, distribution stops and, as a consequence, a clear incentive exists to produce useless or superfluous articles in order that useful commodities already existing may be distributed.

"This perfectly simple reason is the explanation of the increasing necessity of what has come to be called economic sabotage; the colossal waste of effort which goes on in every walk of life quite unobserved by the majority of the people because they are familiar with it; a waste which so overtaxed the ingenuity of society to extend it that the climax of war only occurred in a moment when a culminating exhibition of organised sabotage was necessary to preserve the system from spontaneous combustion.

"The simplest form of this process is that of 'making work'; the elaboration of every action in life so as to involve the maximum quantity and the minimum efficiency in human effort. The much maligned household plumber who evolves an elaborate organisation and etiquette probably requiring two assistants and half a day in order to 'wipe' a damaged water pipe, which could, by methods with which he is perfectly familiar, be satisfactorily repaired by a boy in a third of the time . . . A little higher up the scale of complexity comes the manufacturer who produces a new model of his particular speciality, with the object, express or subconscious of rendering the old model obsolete before it is worn out."

Major C. H. Douglas has gone to great lengths to prove that the main stream of purchasing power paid out by the productive system in wages, salaries and dividends is always less than the prices of the goods produced. This fact was disputed by economists for many years, but every fact and every event of economic history stands as proof of Douglas' statement. Let us look at some of these economic facts:

- (1) Every industry expects to get back in prices more than it pays out in wages, salaries and dividends. Where does the extra money come from?
- (2) If current purchasing power is equal to current prices, why are private, municipal and government debts increasing?
- (3) If power-driven machinery is efficient, why does it not reduce prices?
- (4) If in an efficient industrial country like America, industry issues enough purchasing power to buy its own production, why have the financial houses to issue vast sums of money (as a debt) to help people buy the goods for sale by the hire-purchase system?

The hire-purchase system is worth discussing at some length. It means that even in a "prosperous" period in a prosperous country the people have to call on next year's salary to pay for this year's production.

The fact that big financial organisations in America have convinced the people of the necessity of hire purchase shows that, they know quite clearly, that the people cannot purchase this year's production with this year's income, nor have they been able

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Disintegration of the British Empire

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the infiltration of capital and propaganda from the United States. We shall be obliged, when considering this problem, to cast a strong light upon such "Commonwealth" figures as Mr. Lester Pearson and Mr. R. G. Casey.

Nor will our searchlight always be switched across the seas. The attitude of our own public men demands close scrutiny. If we are destroyed, and we are in process of being destroyed, theirs will be the dreadful responsibility of having acquiesced in our destruction. Is "acquiesced" the right word? It may be too weak. Shortly before the Conservatives regained office a sleek young Tory politician told me, in the presence of several other people, that he would welcome the taking over of the British Empire by the United States. The Americans would turn it into a going concern, he said. Who was this young man? The Prime Minister thinks so much of him that he has made him a Cabinet Minister. I give his name — Mr. Peter Thorneycroft. But Mr. Thorneycroft, except as a symptom, is unimportant. Was not the prophecy of what has come to pass uttered, and in glad tones, at a place called Fulton? Did not somebody there bid the Mississippi "Roll on"? These are very grave matters.

Meanwhile, the vast majority of people in the British world, or what is left of the British world, affect not to notice their national and imperial eclipse. They mouth comforting platitudes about "democracy," "the free world," "the United Nations," "N.A.T.O.," "the European Defence Community," "the International Bank," and the rest, with never a thought that these are power-agencies of the New York Money Trust, which seeks the federation of the nations of the world that it may rule over them as firmly as it rules over the United States Government. The British people do not know, because no newspaper has dared to tell them, that what they call "American generosity", in the shape of American aid, is in fact the price extracted from the taxpayers of the United States for the establishment of the worldwide Dollar Empire. And the Dollar Empire is certainly not President Eisenhower. The pretext used for the setting-up of so wide-ranging and exclusive a network of power is the Russian menace. There is no desire on our part to underestimate the seriousness of that menace, which Roosevelt, Morgenthau, Hiss and Co. were so determined should be admitted into the heart of Europe, with

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consequences now only too apparent. The vileness of Soviet tyranny never impinged upon the innocent Rooseveltian mind. If it ever impinged upon the minds of his masters, who are still in effective control of the United States, they did not let it deter them from trying to "do a deal with the Kremlin. Although for some reason not explained the negotiations for the deal were broken off as early as December 1945, they went far enough to result in the virtual carving up of the world by Moscow and New York. What is more, should circumstances be propitious, the Money Power would reopen discussions tomorrow for the ruthless completion of that betrayal.

The point which has to be made, however, is that if it be Soviet policy to overthrow the West by force of arms rather than by subversion, the offensive would surely have been taken when there were no more than half a dozen battle-worthy divisions to stand athwart the path of the two hundred Russian divisions massed behind the Elbe. Is it conceivable that the adroit strategists of the Soviet Union would wait for the building up of Western strength before striking? Or are they such simple-minded fellows that the idea of being ringed about in time of American atom-bomber bases appeals to the Russian twilight in their souls?

The conclusion is inescapable that the Soviet menace is being used as part of an elaborate conspiracy to reduce the historic nations of Europe to economic impotence and political servitude, and to steal from them the fruits of their long and splendid labours overseas.

If Britain but awakes, she alone can foil this plot. But where can one look for a trumpeter with sufficient lungpower—and guts—to sound the alarm?

Leisure

The following opinion by Dante, written about 1300 in *De Monarchia*, may startle those living in the slave state era, but we should probably agree with it. "The work proper to the human race," he says, "taken as a whole, is to keep the whole capacity of the potential intellect constantly actualised, primarily for speculation, and secondarily (by extension, and for the sake of the other) for action. And since . . . it is the fact that in sedentary quietness the individual man is perfected in knowledge and wisdom, it is evident that in the quiet or tranquility of peace the human race is most freely and favourably disposed towards the work proper to it . . . Whence it is manifest that universal peace is the best of all those things which are ordained for our blessedness." The translator compares Ecclesiasticus 38, 24: "The wisdom of a learned man cometh by opportunity of leisure; and he that hath little business shall become wise."10.

— H. Swabey in *The Social Crediter*, Oct.

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'BOOK BURNING' ON THE LEFT

By Victor Lasky, in "Human Events" (U.S.A.)

Forgive me while I wipe away a tear; Edgar Snow has just written the "New York Times" complaining that his books have been "burned" in U.S. overseas libraries, all because of the antics of "McCarthy's child-wonder thought-police." (Why those who most emphatically object to "smears" come up with bigger smears is something for the Ford Foundation to subsidize a psychiatrist to discover.) Snow, whom no one can accuse of ever having written one book offensive to the bully boys in the Kremlin, claims in the "Times" (where else?) that several of his books "are listed now by the Army War College as recommended reading for general officers — to whom the Cohn-Schine purge has not yet extended."

If one of the listed books is Snow's "Stalin Must Have Peace", I can readily understand why U.S. officers, presumably studying the enemy's strategy, might be advised to read it. For, as the book jacket says, "Edgar Snow states Russia's case boldly and objectively".

I must assume that U.S. officers must have also given close study to "Mein Kampf", Hitler's blueprint to seize the world, during World War II. But during that unpleasantness, I don't seem to recall Elmer Davis, as head of the Office of War Information, shipping Hitler's or Gerald L. K. Smith's poison propaganda to our overseas showcases of democracy to demonstrate, in Davis' recent words assailing "book burning", that "we're not afraid of controversial ideas".

Indeed, had Elmer Davis put the torch to pro-Nazi books and magazines in the middle of Times Square, the bonfire undoubtedly would have attracted hundreds of thousands of cheering "liberals" now shrieking about books supposedly burned in furnaces stoked by the junior Senator from Wisconsin.

Books were certainly "burned" in Elmer's heyday in New Deal Washington. Yet there was no recorded protest from him—or Edgar Snow, for that matter—when Leon Trotsky's monumental biography of Joe Stalin was suddenly removed from circulation because the publisher had been informed it might do harm to Soviet-American harmony.

Senator Styles Bridges, at the time a member of the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee, hearing that the Library of Congress had a copy securely locked up in a safe, put in a request to see Trotsky's book. The next day Bridges was visited by Assistant Secretary of State Breckenridge Long, and later by a two-star Pentagon inhabitant, who pleaded that any public reference to material in the Trotsky book would be a serious blow to U.S. diplomacy vis-à-vis the Kremlin. The Kremlin, Long said, had indicated it would formally protest any public references to the book. Bridges told Long to inform his superior to inform the President to inform the Kremlin that neither the Kremlin nor the State Department controls the Senate or its members.

Curiously, the Pentagon at the time was sending GI's material critical of General Douglas MacArthur who, presumably, was on our side, too.

This was the hysterical pro-Soviet era when the Pentagon burned intelligence files on Communists; and when vilification greeted the publication of any anti-Red book or work critical of the Roosevelt regime.

Even before the war, when Gen. Walter Krivitsky came out with his book detailing his operations as Red spy chief in Western Europe, every effort was made by the Reds and their pals to discredit him. The defunct "PM", the "liberal" daily financed by Marshall Field, actually published an "expose" with the anti-Semitic headline: "General Krivitsky: You Are Really Shmelka Ginsburg!" Eventually, Krivitsky was found dead, under still-unexplained circumstances, in a dingy Washington hotel room.

Several years later the publication of Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night", an autobiographical account of life in the Soviet underworld, was given the "PM" treatment. "PM" sent out a sleuth, to find something on Valtin. He was falsely accused of having been a Nazi. But they got many people to believe this; and before long, certain New Deal immigration authorities joined in a plot to have Valtin deported to certain death in Nazi Germany, a plot that fortunately failed.

But the biggest book-lynching spree took place in early 1945 when William L. White wrote "Report On The Russians", an account of his wartime trip to Russia with Eric Johnston. Even before publication, "Pravda's" David Zaslavsky (what-ever became of him?) called it "a mess of Fascist garbage" and Bennett Cerf,

who may know better now, predicted it would be "the worst book of the year".

Joe Barnes, in the "Herald-Tribune", called the book "a travesty"; John Hersey, "insulting"; Maurice Hindus, "irresponsible"; and "Foreign Affairs", "distorted".

The "New Republic's" Bruce Bliven warned that by discussing Soviet slave labour, White had "made their lot worse". Bliven had never refrained from discussing Nazi slave labour. Bennett Cerf said "it is such prejudiced reports that have made Soviet censors so eternally suspicious of foreign correspondents". So, Soviet censorship was all our fault!

But the left-wing vigilante campaign to suppress the book did not stop with reviews; the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the Red's most successful sucker operation, published a 32-page brochure on "the book the Nazis like". It contained a petition by 16 top writers—you'd be amazed at their names—who condemned White for writing an anti-Soviet book.

One of these self-appointed book-burners was none other than Edgar Snow, now fuming that having his books removed from libraries set up to fight Communism—what were they doing there in the first place?—"can be seriously damaging to one's professional as well as personal interests".

Snow has never apologized for the damage he and his friends did to Bill White's personal and professional interests. I wonder if Snow has ever been awakened at night to be told over the phone that he was a "fascist beast!" Ordinarily prolific, White—as a result of the almost-successful Red campaign to break his spirit—couldn't write a word for a year.

The hypocrisy of many of those currently ranting about "book burning" is best demonstrated by the brethren on the Far Left, currently demanding a Senate investigation of the alleged burning of a Corliss Lamont book called "Soviet Civilization" (is there such a thing?). It seems, according to the "New World Review" that the book was burned by a fascist mob, which last April, broke up a memorial meeting in Chicago for the beloved Stalin. "As the books burned," reported the "Review", "they danced and laughed . . ."

Now, no Chicago newspaper, let alone the Police Department, has any record of this terrible incident. But Lamont, in an advertisement in the "Times", wailed: "Remember that in Hitler's Germany it started by burning books and ended by burning people . . ." But, Dr. Lamont,

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why only Hitler? Why not Stalin, who gave Hitler lessons in burning books — and people?

More recently, this hypocritical attitude was best exemplified with what happened when Doubleday and Company suddenly announced its withdrawal of Earl Jowitt's strange book "The Strange Case of Alger Hiss". Elmer Davis (here's that man again) went on the air to hint darkly that "pressure" from the right wing might have forced Doubleday to remove the book.

"Not surprisingly," reported Merle Miller, in writing in the August 3 "New Republic", "a number of panicky civil libertarians immediately assumed the book had been suppressed. The Author's Guild was asked to protest the entrance of McCarthyism into the book publishing business, and there were those who wanted the A.C.L.U. to issue a stern statement."

And then Miller added significantly: "Among those who rushed into the non-existent battle were a few unangelic fools who last year had tried to pressure Random House into abandoning its plans for issuing Whittaker Chambers' "Witness", presumably on the grounds that only certain versions of history should be read . . ."

So, book burning works both ways. Walter White, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, who recently screeched about the "banning" of his book from the shelves of overseas libraries, several years ago demanded the banning of a scholarly Ameri-

can history textbook from the schools on the grounds that it was "anti-Negro". Peculiarly, one of the book's authors was none other than Professor Henry Steele Commager who, although constantly denouncing "witch-hunts", never seemed to object to having his book removed from use from at least one school, Queens College, because of the N.A.A.C.P. protest.

Some Jewish groups have even demanded the banning of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" from the schools on grounds that it is "anti-Semitic". The American Jewish Congress actually kept "Oliver Twist" off the nation's screens for several years because of an "offensive" characterization of Fagin; at the same time, this group demanded "freedom of the screen" for "The Miracle", a film many Catholics considered "offensive". You figure that one out. Catholic groups also have objected to certain books.

And so it goes.

Yet, when anti-American books are removed from libraries abroad set up for the sole purpose of selling our way of life, such learned educators as Professor Howard Mumford Jones blow a gasket. Professor Jones, who was an honoured leader of the Soviet-American Friendship Society, which led the lynching spree against Bill White, recently wrote a letter to the "New York Times", in which he complained about the banning overseas of books by Edgar Snow, Howard Fast and Dashiell Hammett. He asked: "What harm in any way, shape or manner can come to a German from reading . . . the poems of Langston Hughes?" One of the poems in question reads:

"Good morning, revolution.

You're the very best friend I ever had
Put one more S in U.S.A. and
Make it Soviet."

Conceding that Professor Jones is a better authority on such poetry than I, I submit that Hughes is a better authority than he.

Hughes admitted to McCarthy that his earlier works had followed the Red line. Asked whether he thought they should be used in anti-Red libraries abroad, Hughes replied: "I was certainly amazed to hear that they were. I was surprised; and I would certainly say, 'No!'" Here's one writer who's not opposed to "book-burning", even of his own books.

OUR SHAM DEMOCRACY

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By James Guthrie, B.Sc.

This important book should be in the hands of all those who are concerned about the manner in which the parliamentary system has been perverted and used to further policies which progressively enslave the individual.

In a penetrating examination of the present voting system, Mr. Guthrie shows how the "majority vote racket" has been used to destroy the rights of minorities. It is not genuine democracy for Governments elected by a majority of electors to have unrestricted powers to do as they like until an election removes them from office.

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"Work"

A noteworthy article, written with great spirit, appeared in "The Spectator" for September 11, under the above heading. It is by Mrs. Jacquetta Hawkes, and we abstract the following, which is a sample of its excellency:

"Modern warfare is only made possible (we should add 'inevitable') by our new and fearful capacity for work. That is why I said that in blind slavery to the God of Work men do more violence to themselves than in following the silliest superstitions. —"The Social Crediter," October 3.

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(What reserves are not disclosed is anybody's guess. Incidentally, banks are the only businesses, which are allowed the luxury of hidden reserves).

There is nothing comparable in business or industry with banking when it comes to building assets. Speaking from memory, I don't think the B.H.P., Holden-General Motors, or the Colonial Sugar Company can show £77 million in assets.

Does it not strike you as utterly fantastic that a bank, which employs a few hundred clerks, with no machinery more pretentious than typewriters and adding machines, with no plant more impressive than office buildings, can vastly increase its assets far beyond our greatest industries and do it in a relatively few years?

Does it not strike you as preposterous that an institution, which produces nothing, more than figures in books can acquire the ownership of assets more vast than our greatest industries which employ thousands of people in all States, and upon whose physical production the entire economy of Australia depends?

—C. Barclay-Smith in "The New Era," October 30.

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By GAYELORD HAUSER . . . 19/8

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THE ARBITRATION COURT AND INFLATION

A close reading of the Arbitration Court's reasons for abolishing the quarterly basic wage adjustments leaves no doubt that the members of the Court believe that they should attempt to solve economic and financial problems which are the result of policies pursued by the Federal Government. The Court claims that it has abolished basic quarterly wage adjustments because these adjustments were helping further inflation. The prediction is made that wage earners should not have any difficulties as the result of the abandonment of the automatic adjustments. Unfortunately for the Court — and the Australian people — its predictions will, like those of the policies, be contradicted by events which are inevitable while present financial policies continue to be imposed.

Ever since the inception of this journal, we have from time to time pointed out that present financial rules make it impossible for the Arbitration Court to arbitrate genuinely between employers and their employees. Orthodox financial policy ensures that there is continual friction between employees and employers, even though their basic desires are the same. Employees desire increased purchasing power in order that they can maintain and increase their standard of living, while employers naturally like to see consumers with adequate purchasing power to buy their production. If our finance-accountancy system genuinely reflected reality, enthusiastic co-operation between management and workers, resulting in more efficient production, should automatically result in increased purchasing power in order that individuals could buy what they had produced. But this does not happen for the simple reason that industry does not over any given period distribute sufficient purchasing power to consumers to meet the total prices of the goods produced during this same period.

The above statement will, of course, be contradicted by all certified "economists", but the fact cannot be disputed that unless new money is being continually created and distributed through capital production — either private or Governmental — which does not immediately increase the supply of consumer goods for sale, there is a recession — or whatever is the current economic jargon for a business slump. It is an astonishing thing that the Arbitration Court, having felt it necessary to set itself up as an authority on economic and financial policies, should have completely ignored the fact that these policies are determined arbitrarily by the Federal Government and its "advisers". While credit expansion under present rules continues, inflation will also continue, the Arbitration Court's opinion notwithstanding. It is well to recall that when a policy of credit restriction was imposed during the Great Depression, the Arbitration Court most arbitrarily reduced the basic wage. If the Arbitration Court feels that it should make a contribution to realistic economic thought in this country, it should make an objective study of financial policy before making any pronouncements. Control of credit is a "key" control and no Court can genuinely arbitrate on any economic issues while this control is vested in a few hands instead of in the hands of all individuals in the community.

ENGLISH RECTOR

ATTACKS NEW DESPOTISM

The Rev. Reginald C. Gaul, outspoken Rector of Rand, Lincolnshire, said recently that the sense of justice was declining in the hearts of the British people.

"For this we have to thank Parliament," he said during his sermon. "Parliament has abandoned its once-honoured position of defender of the rights and liberty of the subject."

"By the creation of numerous mock courts of law called tribunals it has destroyed the ancient principles of justice enshrined in the common law."

"Maybe Britain lacks a supreme court with the power to curb a Parliament unmindful of the rock from whence it was hewn. Our froth-minded M.Ps. are prepared to dress up justice as an election agent and send her peddling for votes."

"Parliament is hardening the hearts and softening the heads of the British people, a certain sign of the approaching totalitarian State."

"Cases of flagrant injustice no longer stir the hearts of the multitude. There is merely a couldn't-care-less attitude, and a feeling that the victim has had it and there it is."

During a recent sermon Mr. Gaul has described trade union leaders as "moguls" sitting on block-vote thrones. On another occasion he said Britain could well do with a dose of McCarthyism.

—"The Daily Mail," August 31.

AFTER 2,000 YEARS

"After 2,000 years of Christianity, Socialism, and science, is that the finest carrot we can set before the toiling masses — that all should be able to get work?" — Sir Alan Herbert, M.P., at the Royal Academy's annual dinner.

Gift Subscriptions

We desire to emphasize the suggestion made at "The New Times" Dinner, for readers to give subscriptions of "The New Times" as Christmas presents. It is not too soon to start thinking about Christmas gifts. Here is a way in which readers can solve the problem of Christmas gifts and at the same time help advance those ideas for which "The New Times" stands. Most "New Times" readers undoubtedly have friends or relatives who would appreciate reading "The New Times". Many of these would undoubtedly continue as regular readers. If sufficient readers will co-operate with us in this scheme, it is our intention to have printed suitable cards with appropriate wording to be sent to recipients of the gift subscription.

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THE MENACE OF FULL EMPLOYMENT

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to do so for very many years. And the fact that vast sums of money are tied up in consumer credits (hire-purchase) is causing a fair amount of misgivings as to the stability of the American financial position, and it looks as if "organised sabotage (will be) necessary to prevent the system from spontaneous combustion".

There has been much speculation as to what American industries are going to do with their gigantic output, if hostilities cease in Korea. There is a great deal of anxiety in Great Britain over the increasing productive powers of Germany and Japan. Nobody appears to be pleased that there is going to be an abundance of goods and services for everybody, nobody appears interested in such things; all that people appear to want, or are hypnotised into wanting, is "Full Employment". The serf demands his serfdom.

The orthodox economist (socialist economist) maintains that the productive system in the process of manufacturing goods issues sufficient purchasing power to liquidate the price of the goods for sale. This is quite untrue. Major Douglas, as a logical consequence of his analysis, suggested that the prices would have to be reduced by means of a subsidy, so that the current incomes of the people would equal the current prices of goods and services they collectively produced. In America the consumer credits (hire-purchase) finance, issued to augment the people's incomes and raise them to parity with prices, comes into circulation as a debt, and is a process that obviously cannot continue for long.

Major Douglas suggested that the consumer credits created and issued as a price subsidy, i.e., to reduce prices, should not come as a debt but merely as a financial instrument to balance a fault in the accountancy system.

There is little doubt that the fate of the Menzies Government depends on how it tackles the problem of rising prices, Mr. Chifley prepared trouble for Mr. Menzies when he withdrew price subsidies; the question is, will Mr. Menzies have enough courage to defy his socialist "expert advisers" and re-introduce price subsidies? If he does not, the only thing that can save his party and save the system he administers from spontaneous combustion, is WAR. (To be concluded.)

The Late Duke of Bedford and Social Credit

In commenting upon the attempt by the English press to link the late Duke of Bedford with Major Douglas and Social Credit, the English *Social Crediter* points out that the Duke never really understood Social Credit or Douglas's viewpoint. "He had courage (which is, however, not so rare a virtue as cowards suppose); but, like Mr. Manning and Mr. Hargrave and many others in their several ways, he though it more blessed to give than to receive—even if you really had nothing to give. The late Duke of Bedford was never a 'follower' of Major Douglas."

"FULL EMPLOYMENT" FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE?

Having just seen an official letter from a British University to "Mr. X. Y. Z., Esquire," we concur in the suggestion (made at public expense) by the Director of Public Relations, Ministry of Labour, that there may be "some jobs being done by young people more suitable for your older employees". In the form of a question, the proposal is one of many on the back page of a pamphlet introduced by a "Message" from Sir Walter Monckton, the Minister. It is based on the first Report of the National Advisory Committee on the Employment of Older Men and Women set up by him.

Considerable if unostentatious ingenuity has been displayed in the public press to explain that the Committee's recommendations are not part of a cradle-to-the-grave scheme of compulsory employment—but what else is it? "What can be done about the ever-increasing number of older persons in our population?" In 1911, one in fifteen was aged 65 (if male) or 60 (if female). That one became two in 1951 and will become (optimistic prophecy) three in 1977. The 2¾ millions of these ages in 1911 were 6½ millions in 1951. "It may seem strange," says the pamphleteer, "that we should be trying to make it possible for people to postpone retirement at a time when longer holidays and shorter working hours are bringing more leisure to most of us." It is strange, and stranger still it seems if you consider that the phenomenon is a sign of increased wealth—increased wealth, which must somehow be dissipated and hidden from view. Had it not been for the various Socialisms—the Labour Party's Socialism, the Liberal Party's Socialism and the "Conservative" Party's Socialism — organised bureaucratic destruction and waste of wealth and energy—this superabundance would have been greater still, and in addition genuine savings (not "post-war" savings) would have accumulated to give leisure and freedom to those who had earned it, i.e., in nearly every case those over 60 or 65, as the case may be, whose further employment is even now considered desirable: "the test for engagement should be capacity and not age" (vide the pamphleteer).

What we should like to ask would happen if the competent members of the population now over 60 were in enjoyment of the average security of fifty years ago?

They might, of course, just amuse themselves without doing much harm to anybody else. Or they might "have time" to consider some of those small matters affecting themselves and their descendants which an active life had shown to be worthwhile though not, perhaps, immediately profitable in a money sense. It does not seem to matter much which of these possibilities we favour. It rather looks as though the Ministries and the Powers behind the Ministries were sufficiently sure that the existence of a leisured class of any age would be highly dangerous not to take any risks. "Older people often excel in accuracy, judgment and patient attention to detail."

"The Committee wants the Report to be discussed by employers, workers and the public generally. They want to know the

reaction to their suggestions and recommendations. The practical response and criticisms that may be made, will help the Committee in their future deliberations, and may give some new directions to their work."

That gives the readers of this review a chance.

Meanwhile, have you noticed the "under-twenties" commentaries on the "B."B.C.? Is this "child labour" back again, or merely an exploit of Moscow-in-our-midst?

—"The Social Crediter," Oct. 24.

MAJORITY RULE

I was at a meeting the other night when one speaker remarked, "We should all hang together and stick to the majority rule".

That is all right if you want to hang—but majority rule is a disaster if you don't.

It would be a bold but very ignorant man, I suggest, who would support the idea that wisdom resides in the majority. All history disproves it.

It is quite possible for a majority to know what it wants and at the same time not to know how to get it.

You can prove that very easily. Nearly every one knows what he wants by way of economic security, but if you suggest to me that he knows how to get it, I should reply, "that the state of the world disproves it".

—H. Hotchkin in "The Gippsland News," October 22.

UNIONISM BY COMPULSION

The following letter appeared in the Melbourne "Age" of November 2:

Sir, —With regard to the current controversy on compulsory unionism, the following facts are both illuminating and disturbing.

A 16-year-old youth of my acquaintance, on taking on work with the Commonwealth Shipping Service, was compelled to join the Seamen's Union, and thereby had to pay out a proportion of his meagre wage as union dues.

Upon his return to Melbourne he found he had to attend a stop-work meeting lasting for two hours in premises appropriately loaned for the occasion by the A.R.U. The penalty for non-attendance was 15/-.

For the whole of that period he had to listen to a Communist speaker extolling the virtues of Russia and the benefits of Communism.

It takes a strong mind to resist that continuous type of indoctrination.

Have we no public leader with sufficient courage to tackle this canker? To rub it in still more, the public, via the Shipping Federation, foots the bill for that choice bit of sabotage, as the men receive wages for that lost time.

—C. W. WEBSTER (Bentleigh).

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SOVIETISATION OF FARMING IN ENGLAND

The following letter recently forwarded to a British Conservative M.P. reveals all too clearly that the Sovietisation of farming in England is proceeding under a "Conservative" Government just as it did under a Socialist Government:

Sir Waldron Smithers recently told a friend of mine that it is not always easy for one M.P. on his own to secure redress in the House for what is patently an injustice; but that if many M.P.'s are pestered by a sufficient number of their constituents, then there is a good chance that something will be done.

I am taking Sir Waldron's advice and pestering my M.P.; for although my friend does not reside in this constituency, his case merits the attention of all lovers of freedom, and particularly of that party, the Conservative Party, which still shows, at least on the back benches, an interest in safeguarding the rights of the subject.

The name of the friend is Edwin Rowsell. With his brother, William, he farms, at Mundon, in Essex, 1,250 acres reclaimed from the Blackwater Estuary. As a result of their falling foul of their county Farm Soviet, the Essex Agricultural Executive Committee, the brothers have been accused of "bad husbandry". On May 4th of this year, they appeared before an independent land tribunal to fight an order to dispossess them. (Details of the case appeared in the national papers at the time.) The effect of the tribunal's decision, announced on the 19th May, was that, although both may continue to own the land, only one, Edwin, may farm it; and that William must give up occupation of the house he is now living in, Mundon Hall. In plain language, William is being turned out of his own home, and deprived of the right to work his own land.

I was not, unfortunately, at the tribunal hearings to hear the evidence for and against; but, what is more to the point, I have been over every foot of the Rowsell's land, and have seen what they have achieved in the last 13 years. When the land, which had lain derelict since the first World War, was purchased in 1939, it consisted of hundreds of acres of hawthorn copses and marshland; all the houses and buildings were derelict and condemned, water had to be fetched in milk-churns from the village three miles away, and dead sheep and cattle lay rotting about the place. From this beginning, the Rowsells have reached the position where they now have under culti-

vation 600 acres of crops which promise over twice the average yield per acre of the rest of England, a herd of 130 T.T. British Friesian cattle, a herd of pigs which varies from 80 to 120 throughout the year, and a flock of 1,000 chickens. As Edwin says, "We claim there isn't 5 per cent. of England's farming population which has raised the output (5-fold) of its farms as high as we have in the last 12 years." This has been achieved despite the fact that William was laid up, first with a smashed shoulder, and secondly for twelve months as a result of being kicked in the groin by a bull, despite the fact that twice in 13 years their land has been flooded, once in 1948, and again early this year, when the sea swept over 300 acres and destroyed about 100 acres of crops.

Early on, however, during the war years, the brothers earned the disapproval of the W.A.E.C. over the policy which was to be carried out in the development of the farm: the Committee said that they should concentrate on reclaiming land; the brothers preferred to sow crops on the land already reclaimed. In 1949, they purchased a strip of land adjacent to theirs, which carried a supervision order. In 1950 this order was extended to cover the whole of their land, although it was subsequently taken off 26 acres hired by them to a gentleman for the non-productive purpose of shooting wildfowl; and on a strip of land, which the Committee did not know belonged to the brothers, but which lay derelict, no order was imposed, nor was any attempt made to find out whom it belonged to.

The most flagrant exercise of discrimination is evident throughout. Since 1950, the A.E.C. has consistently criticized the work of the Rowsells. A new dairy and cowshed they were ordered to submit plans for by 1950. Accordingly, they had construction plans drawn up by the Concrete Steel Trust Company, and commenced building to William's layout plans; with the result that Alfa Laval's engineer has declared the cowshed to be "the best and the most economical and labour-saving I have ever seen." The A.E.G., however, does not approve; suffice it to say that their criticisms are petty and vindictive. The dairy "should not be constructed to face S.W."; a drainage system, laid out in one straight line, is "too complicated".

Elsewhere, the crops, despite the promise of an extraordinarily high yield, have "too many weeds"; and the peas in one field are sown "too thickly".

Edwin and William are both rugged individualists, and they have resisted throughout this encroachment upon their liberty by what William calls "the silk-worm cosh boys". The Land Commissars have a particularly ugly knife into William (who addressed them in one letter as "My dear bureaucrats . . . whose genius is so badly needed in Africa for eggs and nuts"); and the output of his farm, despite the fact that, as the brothers have constantly reiterated, the whole 1,250 acres

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is farmed jointly by them, has been assessed at producing only 20 percent, of its possible yield. Edwin's has been put at 40 percent, 10 percent above the "safety" margin.

I apologise for being so long-winded; but I think possibly the enclosed leaflet of the Farmers' and Smallholders' Association will give some intimation of why I and steadily increasing numbers are determined to oppose and frustrate the machinations of these holdovers of a Socialist administration, whose philosophy has been embodied in a policy which is, contrary to all that they claim, unrealistic, un-English, and unjust.

In his book just published, "Nau Nau Endangers the Empire?" Dr. Werner Naumann, the neo-Nazi, suggests that there is in existence a sinister international Socialist coalition, which includes the present Conservative Government in Britain. Although I do not like Dr. Naumann's politics, I am prepared to give some credence to this statement until the present Minister of Agriculture can give a satisfactory answer to the question asked of him recently in the House by Sir Waldron Smithers. "Does (the Minister) not realize," said Sir Waldron, "that in fact he is operating the Socialist policy of land nationalisation, that farmers are being dispossessed without the right of appeal to an ordinary traditional court of English law on points of fact or merit, and would he, as a Conservative Minister, stop doing these things?"

Along the wall of one of his pigstyes, William Rowsell has chalked, "Sir Winston said, 'Free the People.'" May the hope be entertained, Sir, that in this particular case (which may well be brought up in the House, as the Rowsell brothers are determined to carry on as before), and whenever the opportunity may present itself, you will do all you can to implement these words of our Prime Minister. To vote Socialist is, in my opinion, to strike a blow at the greatness and independence of one's country. Nevertheless, I shall record my vote at the next election, and use all my powers of persuasion to get other people

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to record theirs, only for that candidate who shows himself prepared to face realistically the situation in which we now find ourselves, and to fight the menace which causes us to have, what is quite unique in our history, a Socialist 'administration' under a Conservative executive and legislature.

Fluoridation Opposed In England

The following are extracts from a leaflet published in England by "The Defendant":

Who Started Fluoridation?

The U.S. Federal Security Agency, headed by Oscar Ewing who was formerly lawyer to aluminium interests, and who used his temporary power to push fluoridation. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of TAXPAYERS' MONEY were used to propagate this programme, which will so greatly benefit the health of — the aluminium industry.

Is Fluorine Harmless?

Definitely not.

Animals die sooner if given fluoridated water. What about human beings? . . . Dr. Feltman, research dentist at Passiac, N.J. Hospital, spent four years studying children and expectant mothers who had had the equivalent of the fluorine water dosage. Some women had such bad reactions—vomiting and skin inflammation—that even this small dosage had to be discontinued . . . Grand Rapids, first town to fluoridate, has suffered an abnormal increase in deaths from heart and kidney diseases . . . Dr. A. R. Gould, of San Francisco, has filed with the City Health Department a report on his patient, Mrs. Frieda Zwerling, who has suffered a very distressing dermatitis of the whole body, cracked tongue, inflamed inner cheeks, etc. This was only cured when she abandoned the use of the fluoridated City drinking water. Many other citizens of San Francisco, including Dr. Gould himself, also suffer . . . Dr. Paul Manning of Springfield, Mass., polled 1500 dentists and found that NOT ONE gave fluoridated water to his own family . . . Report of Commission on Scientific Investigation, Academy of Restorative Dentistry, 1953, says, "There has been some evidence to show that ingestion of fluorine may cause mental Retardation in children".

And so on. We have great quantities of authoritative judgment on fluorine and its effects. We challenge contradiction, and will willingly elaborate and substantiate these remarks.

Will it Cure Dental Caries?

No. It is claimed that it will reduce caries in children up to the age of about 10 years. That is all.

Dr. Max Ginns, senior dental surgeon at Worcester, Mass., City Hospital, says that fluorine cannot prevent dental decay. Only diet and hygiene can do that. He ardently supported fluoridation until study convinced him that the dosage cannot be controlled, and that some people are allergic to it.

Why is there a Moral Objection?

Because parents are responsible for their children, and must decide what drugs shall be administered. Doctors may only advise. Nobody, whether doctor or politician, may compel medication against the will of the patient, unless the exercise of freedom of choice infringes the rights of other people.

Chlorine is not medicine. It is used to purify water, not to remedy illness. Again, if I refuse chlorine, I risk typhoid and become a danger to others. If I refuse fluorine I involve no one else—dental caries is neither contagious nor infectious. It is purely my own affair.

What about People who WANT Fluorine?

There are at least six different ways in which fluorine can easily be used without forcing other people to take it against their wills.

Will it Stop at Fluorine?

No. Once the precedent of compulsory mass dosing is established, anything can be done at the whim of the government in office, or of a permanent official. Fluoridation itself means not only fluorine, but fluorides, that is a compound of fluorine and other elements or chemicals. We actually get sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride, hydro-fluosilicic acid, or hydro-fluoric acid. If feed-lines become encrusted, something else is added, such as a metaphosphate. Remember how quietly AGENE crept into our daily bread, and remember the fight we are having to get rid of this poisonous substance.

And one last quotation—"It has not yet been proved that fluorine compounds in water may not seriously interfere with the iodine content and so increase the incidence of thyroid diseases." (Med. Council Research Memo 18, and B.M.J. 25/10/52.)

NOW—Do you still welcome the Dosing of your Drinking Water with Fluorine?

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Mr. W. Kenneth Richmond in *British Journal of Psychology*, August 1953.

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GESTAPO POWERS OF VICTORIAN EGG BOARD OFFICIALS

The following are extracts from the debate on Marketing (Egg and Egg Pulp) Bill in the Victorian Legislative Assembly on October 28:

Sir George Knox: I put this conundrum to the House: Where can you buy a really fresh egg in Melbourne during the summer months? The trouble is that one cannot deal direct with the Egg Board. If a complacent housewife desires to ascertain the facts in relation to a particular egg she has to trace the time from when the egg was sent to one of the depots in and around the metropolitan area. She has to ascertain how long it has remained in the receiving depot - - how long it has taken to pass through the numerous gradings and other processes that are required. Next she has to find out when it was delivered to the retailer and how long it was held by the retailer before it was ultimately passed on to her. I realize that the Board has no control over the egg once it has passed into the hands of the retailer. The retailer has to accept eggs—whether allegedly fresh or otherwise—from the Board and then, probably in hot and otherwise unsuitable premises, he has to sell the eggs over the counter either by the dozen or half dozen or in two's and three's.

The price of eggs is largely brought about by the multitude of intermediate processes from the grower to the consumer. I realize, of course, that the retailer must make a reasonable profit, sufficient to cover his risks and costs generally; but if we could cut down the costs between the producer and the retailer—the intermediate charges for all sorts of services — the housewife would obtain her requirements at a reasonable price. On the one hand, the producer today is still not getting the price he should receive, and, on the other, the housewife is paying far too much. The

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producer deserves everything he can get, but the handling charges from the time the commodity leaves the producer until it reaches the retailer are far too high. If a member of this House asks a question about the subject he has to put it in a meticulously detailed manner in order to extract a satisfactory answer. It is not the Minister of Agriculture who is hedging; he must depend on the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board for his information. That body will go to inordinate lengths to cover up the various charges that are levelled against it concerning the handling of eggs. If, through carelessness or bad management at a Board depot, a box of 30 dozen eggs received from a grower is dropped and broken, I understand—although I speak subject to correction — that the Board debits the producer with the cost of the breakages. Moreover, I understand that, when eggs arrive at the various depots around Melbourne the cases are piled, even in hot weather, in improperly ventilated rooms, where there are no cooling arrangements; consequently, the eggs become stale. Members can readily visualize how cases of eggs will deteriorate if they are piled from 6 feet to 8 feet high, particularly in hot weather.

Reverting to my reference to the debiting of a grower in the event of a case of eggs being dropped accidentally and the contents broken, I might say that the Board adopts that high-handed attitude because the eggs are acquired compulsorily. About a year ago, an attempt was made to oust the Board. That was done by a canvass of members of the egg industry. Many persons in my electoral district interviewed me and stated that they had since been intimidated by visits of inspectors of the Board. Not only were their signatures to a document allegedly verified, but they were told that they were foolish fellows — indeed, much stronger terms were used—for daring to raise their voices in protest to the Minister, so that the Government could be warned that there was a body of opinion that was entirely opposed to the Board's administration.

I do not think the persons who interviewed me were exaggerating the position. Today, most members of this House received a circular letter, and they know that a policeman has been interviewing egg producers—in fact, he has been made a temporary member of the inspectorial staff of the Egg Board. I ask: Why did he go around? Surely, the mere visit of a policeman is an act of intimidation. One is apt to get particularly hot under the collar when it is realized that the producer is not receiving anything approaching the advertised wholesale price for his eggs.

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Food Protein Decreasing In Crops

The following is a short excerpt from the March 1952, issue of *Prevention*

I was reading the other day that the average of last year's crop in the United States had the lowest protein content in history. Now there is a peculiar thing about the nutritional habits of insects. Where man thrives best on a high protein diet, insects go for carbohydrate. They need it more in their system of operation. An insect can jump the equivalent of the Empire State Building in one jump, comparatively speaking to its size, of course, and it needs a lot of carbohydrate for that energy. Man does not have to jump that high in one jump. So when a plant has more carbohydrate than another, an insect will seek it out and prefer it. It can sense it in some way, perhaps like we smell the aroma of coffee.

Beginning with the active use of chemical fertilizers, the protein content of crops began to go down. In a recent ten-year period, in the Middle West, the protein content of the grains declined 10 percent, or an average of one percent per year. At that rate, in about 70 or 80 years the crops will be down to zero as far as protein is concerned and people will be eating so much carbohydrate that, after a few generations, they will suddenly begin jumping over skyscrapers. But they will be completely bereft of reason, for you need protein to feed and rebuild brain tissue. It might be an interesting world, with everyone jumping over buildings, but I'm wondering what would happen to planes piloted by such carbohydrate-fed men, to trains driven by such Grade C intellects and to our whole complex machine civilization. Will it suddenly collapse like the Tower of Babel? Are we gradually producing our own destruction within ourselves, without benefit of atom bombs?

Of course, it will not all happen as simply as all that. First, there will be war! The scientists, seeing the protein content going down, will breed highly artificial varieties of seed that will grow plants higher in protein. But this will be only a temporary stopgap. They are actually doing that very thing right now. But experiments with mice show that those fed on food raised from plants that have not been tampered with as far as protein is concerned, are healthier. Trying to increase the protein content on a permanent basis, without doing it naturally, is like the attempt of Canute, the old Danish King of England, Denmark and Norway, to hold back the wild ocean waters. It will never be accomplished.

STATE ABSOLUTISM

"State absolutism is the modern danger against which neither representative government nor democracy can defend us . . . If we do not bear this in mind we shall be led constantly astray by forms to overlook the substance, to think that right is safer against majorities than against tyrants."

—Lord Acton, in 1860.

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One reason, perhaps, is that an overwhelmingly large staff is employed by the Egg Board, and it is housed in palatial premises. A multitude of officials derive their living by battening on an industry, the costs of which should be kept down instead of being raised continually. If I am exaggerating the position, the Minister of Agriculture will have ample opportunity to correct me.

Members of this Parliament, some time ago, agreed to the passage of legislation that gave power to the Egg Board to enter and search a grower's private premises. That power is unusual, and certainly it is undemocratic. Not only may a representative of the Board inspect the business premises of an egg producer, such as his packing shed or his poultry runs, but he may enter a poultry man's house. He may even look under granny's bed, in case eggs are hidden there. Powers of such a character should not be delegated to any statutory body. In my view, we, as a democratic Parliament, were foolish when we granted a power that could be used against the egg producers of Victoria. I appreciate that it is now impossible to amend that provision, but I urge members to read carefully the circular letter which most of them received today. . . .

Colonel Leggatt: In passing, I should like to refer to the point raised by the honourable member for Scoresby. Section 9 of the 1951 Act grants very wide and harsh powers to inspectors and persons authorized by the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board. I do not know of any other Act, including the income tax Act, which contains harsher conditions than section 9 of this Act. I ask the Minister of Agriculture to examine the section with the view of amending it. The powers contained therein at present are so wide that I shudder to think of their possibilities. Power is given to inspectors to enter any premises where eggs or egg pulp are believed to be produced, stored, or sold, to search without a warrant, and to inspect

any eggs. As the honourable member for Scoresby remarked, authorized persons can look under the bed or anywhere on a property. These persons and inspectors are appointed by the Board, yet even a policeman, unless he suspects a felony has been committed, is not empowered to enter a property without a warrant. I draw attention to the most obnoxious provision of all, which is contained in sub-section (2) of section 9 of the Marketing of Primary Products (Egg and Egg Pulp) Act 1951—Any person who—

(a) Obstructs or hinders any person authorized as aforesaid in the execution of his powers under this section;

(b) Fails or refuses to produce any such record or to answer any such inquiries as to any matters within his knowledge; or

(c) Makes any false answer to any such inquiries—
Shall be guilty of an offence against the principal Act.

Paragraph (b), which gives inspectors power to demand answers to questions put to egg producers, is particularly bad, in my view. According to my understanding of the Government's statements, it is the Egg Board which has caused most of the trouble in the industry, yet that Board may appoint an unqualified man—even a temporary inspector or an "accredited representative"—who will then have power to ask questions which, if unanswered, might lead to an egg producer being convicted of an offence under the Act. I ask the Minister of Agriculture to examine the section with the object of making it less harsh.

Fluorine Blamed as Cattle Waste Away on English Farm

From "The Toledo Blade," Ohio, U.S.A., August 6

Stoke-on-Trent, England, August 6 (Reuters)—Farmer Godfrey Smith fought a losing battle for years on his farm near here but the harder he tried to fatten his cattle the thinner they got.

Now the government agricultural department has taken it over and set up a research station to study the problem.

The experts today disclosed that chemicals borne in smoke from nearby pottery furnaces and other industries settle on the grass and produce poisoning in grazing animals.

Cattle waste away year by year. Fluorine, though recently proved to be beneficial to human teeth, was shown to be mainly responsible for the emaciation.

A strange aspect of the case is the fact that cattle lose their teeth after three years of grazing on the polluted land.

The government experts will continue to keep cattle on Mr. Smith's hard-luck farm, studying the effects of prolonged grazing in the poisonous atmosphere. If their studies pay off, Mr. Smith's misfortune may be balanced by big savings to farmers crowded around Britain's busy industrial centres.

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Tree-Consciousness Pays in U.S., Canada

Through private forestry work, tree-conscious farmers of America and Canada are preserving their soil, and getting extra profits, with little financial or physical output.

This was stated by Mr. Stewart Cahill, director of a Sydney company, on his return from an overseas tour.

Mr. Cahill said overseas farmers were much more tree-conscious than Australian farmers.

"The value of tree growing has not been fully realised in the rural areas of Australia. In Canada and America farmers are finding that trees have many valuable uses on the farm, apart from soil conservation," he said. "Timber provides immense wealth in America and Canada, and is being highly developed by the combined efforts of Governments and farmers."

Under a tree farm programme, Mr. Cahill said, American farmers dedicated an area to growing and harvesting continual forest crops for commercial purposes. In Canada farmers could apply to manage a certain area of Crown forestland.

The farmer by producing his own timber gained stumpage fees and had off-season labour for himself, his employees and his equipment.

He had his own farm timber requirements and there was a ready market for any surplus, which meant added profits for him.

Mr. Cahill remarked that Australian timbers were considered among the best in the world.

He had found that American softwoods grew much faster in Australia than in their native country.

Rationing by Coupons or High Prices?

Major Gwilym Lloyd-George assured us that he intended to abolish his own office, and he looks like doing it in the immediate future. We shall then, all of us have a bonfire of ration books. But do not let us be too joyful. The Government has carefully arranged matters so that another kind of rationing shall take the place of the book: i.e., rationing by price.

If any woman thinks there will be no work for the League when the books are burnt, let her ask herself whether she is content with a state of affairs in which an old-age pensioner can never afford to buy butter. Many never buy it now. If the women of the country think this is no affair of theirs, then the sooner we close down the better; but we believe that there are still enough women to "leaven the whole lump".

Occasionally a journalist, appearing to be very nervous, inquires over the telephone what we intend to do about the high price of this or that. The answer is always the same—fight monopoly. Whenever we see a slightly weak position, it is there that we must be, even if the point of attack appears a little remote.

—"Housewives Today" (England), September 1953.

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When recently rewarded by the Nobel Prize electors, Sir Winston Churchill commented: "Mr. Rudyard Kipling never thought much of me, whereas Mr. Bernard Shaw often expressed himself in flattering terms." We have always felt that Kipling was never liked by the powers-that-be.

Geelong Town Planning Attacked

"Town planning should be aimed at making things better for the householder, and not more difficult. In modern town planning people are required to walk up to three-quarters of a mile to a shop.

"They are not allowed to have the friendly corner shop, which had been a God-send to people living out of the City areas for donkeys' years," the chairman of Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (Mr. J. W. Carr) declared in an address to the members of the council of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures recently.

Mr. Carr was dealing particularly with the design of the Housing Commission area at Norlane, and said the grid-iron type of planning which had been introduced by the pioneers had many advantages over the present planning with courts, crescents and cul de sacs. The result at Norlane was such that sewerage works would cost one-third of the total cost of the sewerage works for the whole of Geelong.

Mr. Carr said many people agreed that town planning for Geelong was "going haywire", and it was time someone spoke out, and referred to its disadvantages.

—Geelong "Advertiser", November 3.

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