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## The Tragedy of Winston Churchill Further Appeasement of Communists

"Britain's Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, is hoping, through a number of dramatic proposals, to lay the foundations of world peace within the next four days," writes the Melbourne "Argus's" special correspondent, John Walters, covering the Bermuda talks. By the time this article reaches our readers, some or all of Churchill's "dramatic Proposals" may have been made public. But we can predict with certainty that none of these proposals can have any bearing whatever upon world peace unless they deal with two basic and directly related facts.

The first fact is that the directors of the Communist conspiracy are not interested in genuine peace, except the peace of a world graveyard over which they will exercise complete control. The Communists regard all talks and conferences as instruments, which they must try and use to further their basic strategy of complete world domination. In his own history of the last war Sir Winston Churchill reveals quite clearly how impossible it was to get the Soviet leaders not to break agreements reached with the Western Powers. But in spite of this he now asks that he and other Western leaders seek further talks and further "agreements" with the Communists. The plain fact is that the Communists have laid it down in their basic textbooks that there can be no permanent and genuine agreement between the Communist and non-Communist worlds. The Communists must continue with their revolution until the whole world is under Communism.

The second fact which all realists must face is that while the Western Nations continue to accept as axiomatic present financial rules, there must be growing friction between these nations as all progressively seek to make their internal economies work by the "favourable balance of trade" technique. Already the struggle for international trade between the "capitalist" west is being shrewdly exploited by the Communists in various ways. Present financial rules and political and economic policies make it inevitable that there will be growing dissatisfaction amongst the peoples of the West. It is this dissatisfaction, which the Communists and their Socialist dupes rely upon to further their propaganda programme.

Having read most of Sir Winston Churchill's writings, we find it hard to believe that he does not understand that Communism is a subversive international conspiracy whose promoters cannot be reasoned with in any way. But it does

appear that Churchill's sense of historical destiny is such that he desires it to be recorded that before he died he tried valiantly for world peace. The picture of Churchill as a failing old man desperately striving to avert another military war, and prepared even to travel alone to Moscow to battle with the Kremlin bosses, may appear a moving one in the history books of the future. But the tragedy is that Churchill is pursuing a policy, which must prove even more disastrous for the interests of his country and the British Empire than those policies he supported during the war years.

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No doubt Sir Winston Churchill and those who had control of Western policy making during the war years find it difficult to admit openly and frankly that the Second World War was a disastrous failure; that it failed to produce a genuine peace, one in which the genuine interests of the Western powers were adequately safeguarded. But there is no hope for the future unless there is some genuine repentance for the mistakes and follies of the past. Unhappily we see no evidence of this repentance at the moment. For this reason the Bermuda talks will be no more successful than all the similar talks of the past.

### OUR POLICY

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

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

# THE UNESCO HOAX IN OUR SCHOOLS

By FELIX WITTMER, in "Human Events", October 14.

**THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF EDUCATION** voted on January 13 of this year to ban Unesco publications from the city's public schools. On the other hand, a well-financed national campaign to promote the wider use of these publications in the schools is now in progress.

However, the responsibility for encouraging our academic societies to promote Unesco rests with Congress; for the U.S. National Commission for Unesco was set up according to an act of the 79th Congress under Public Law 565. The intellectual and practical stewardship of this formidable array of public societies, in UN matters, has been largely the concern of the American Association for the United Nations, which from its beginning has been under the directorship of Professor C. M. Eichelberger, of New York University.

Thus the issue, which was brought to a head in December of last year, is joined. It was then that the Educational Policies Commission of the National Education Association issued an official pamphlet, "The United Nations, Unesco and American Schools." It advocates the teaching of world issues in conformity with United Nations' policies, the study of the United Nations' structure and documents, and the use of Unesco publications in schools. In this championship of the UN, the NEA enjoys the co-operation of interlocking and associated educational organizations.

Besides nationwide groups, from the (socialistic) National Planning Association to the (free enterprise) Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the following fifteen academic and educational societies are represented on the U.S. National Commission on Unesco: American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of School Administrators, American Association of University Women, American Council on Education, American Council of Learned Societies, American Federation of Teachers, American Political Science Association, Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes, Educational Film Library Association, National Association of Student Councils, National Catholic Education Association, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National Education Association of the United States, and Social Science Research Council.

Clark Eichelberger, who plays a leading role at nationwide, statewide and local conferences assembled to boost the UN, is typical of the UN educational leaders. He is not a conscious supporter of the Communist causes. During the time of the Stalin-Hitler alliance, to the chagrin of the *Daily Worker*, he was secretary of the William Allen White Committee, which was instrumental in aligning citizens on the side of the anti-Nazi, anti-Soviet, pro-war forces. But before and after this interlude Professor Eichelberger, fatuously clinging to his rhapsodic faith in compromise with our uncompromising Communist foe, has

sponsored Communist fronts. He was on the National Advisory Board of the American Youth Congress before the Soviet-Nazi honeymoon, and after the war he endorsed the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Unlike Professor Eichelberger, the majority of our professors and educators who, through the above-mentioned fifteen organizations (though in many cases against their will) collectively champion the teaching about the UN apparatus have never sponsored any front. They are loyal citizens of the U.S.A. Superintendent Jansen of New York City, for instance, who ranks among the foremost members of NEA's Educational Policies Commission, has been for many years a target of opprobrious attacks from the pink and scarlet fringe of his own colleagues. To condemn an entire profession would be senseless and reckless; it is more rewarding to re-examine the attributes of UN and Unesco teaching in our schools.

The official NEA pamphlet leaves little doubt that our educators have the promotion of American ideals in mind; however, in the disguise of these ideals, the Trojan horse is ever so smoothly led inside the precincts of American education. Men like Jansen hope to awaken America's youth to the fact that it is wise to study the rest of the world with an unprejudiced mind; that other nations have made significant contributions to civilization; and that we must do our best to cooperate with them in the pursuit of peace.

We would indeed be sterile and ossified if we believed that whatever is not American is therefore automatically inferior to our way. We would be hopelessly unfit for the shaping of a world policy if we were unable to cultivate respect and even admiration for ways which are not ours. We would be incompetent fools if we ever forgot that world politics, like all politics, necessitates compromise.

The elementary error in the concept of educators who have officially adopted the sponsorship of the UN and Unesco derives from the notion that the UN represents an enlightened world policy on behalf of peace. Unfortunately, they ignore the fact that the UN was schemed by the then Deputy Director of our State Department's Office of Special Political Affairs, Alger Hiss, who, with his accomplices in our Government, was much more responsible for the drafting of directive and binding documents from Bretton Woods through the Yalta betrayal to the San Francisco Conference, than is at this time known.

There would be nothing basically wrong with a body such as the UN if it were not infested with characters who conspire to undermine the concept of individual freedom, and to infringe upon the sovereignty of nations. In some cases compromise is a virtue; in others it is suicide. It is a

virtue to work out a compromise with foreign nations without interfering with the cherished customs of the peoples concerned; it is foolhardy to compromise with those who plot the destruction of the values which we hold most dear.

Logically, the USSR itself has refrained from joining Unesco. It is unthinkable that those who serve the cause of world dictatorship and the banishment of individual rights can co-operate in the making of textbooks with those who wish to safeguard these rights. The Muscovites would first have to admit that they have never ditched the programme of the Communist International.

The dirty work of propagating through Unesco publications those insipid generalities, which blur the issue of our fundamental conflict with the totalitarian concepts, is being done by Soviet satellites. They are represented in Unesco. It goes without saying that anything that might impede the conspiratorial activities of world Communism could not pass the censorship of such Unesco distributors as Kultura, P.O. Box 148, Budapest 62, or Orbis, Narodni 37, Prague 1. The UN Information Centres at Hohlovski Pereulok, Appt. 36, Moscow; Pansak 5, Prague and Hoza 35, Warsaw, will not under any circumstances permit the distribution of any publication which honestly explores the avenues toward world peace on which free men might proceed.

It is consequently ridiculous that American schools—as many of them do—should use the Unesco pamphlet series *Toward World Understanding*, published by Columbia University Press. While none of these pamphlets is openly inimical to the United States, every one of them undermines our traditions; all of them ignore our basic conflict with world Communism. If they had been written by individuals who be-

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lieve strongly in the fundamentals of our Constitution, they would indicate how far we can go in dealing with other nations, and that in any case it is our American duty to be on guard, not to compromise even slightly the fundamentals of our form of government. These pamphlets, which Congressman A. S. J. Carnahan (Dem., Mo.) had the naiveté to defend in the *Congressional Record* of April 1st, 1952, disregard the tenets of our Constitution (by means of scrupulous negligence) and therefore spread confusion. They are the tools of a grisly hoax. They are, in spirit, anti-American.

The British Materialist, Julian Sorell Huxley, who was the first Secretary General of Unesco, on page 61 of his official monograph, *Unesco: Its Purpose and its Philosophy*, defines the two opposing philosophies of our century. As he states it, we are involved in the struggle of individualism versus collectivism; Americanism versus Communism; Christianity versus Marxism. Then, in an adaptation of dialectic materialism, Huxley says: "Can this conflict be avoided, these opposites be reconciled, this antithesis be resolved in a higher synthesis? I believe not only that this can happen, but that, through the inexorable dialectic of evolution, it must happen."

So far Mr. Huxley who, in politics, may still be a good scientist. The evolution of civilization (dialectically or otherwise) has led men to the peak of individual freedom, as guaranteed in the American way of life, i.e., individualism, capitalism, and Christianity. The Russian way (which Huxley might better have called the Soviet way), i.e., collectivism, Communism or Marxism, has proved to be a lapse into the ancient barbarities of tyranny.

The ideological hocus pocus of Unesco which would mix vinegar with milk, turpentine with wine, and cyanide with ice cream, is typical of those scholars who apply the methods of the physical sciences to the study of man, as if the latter were in no way distinguished from the ape. No wonder that we are in danger of rapidly falling from the apex of the vision which is embedded in our Constitution, if we forget that man is distinct from the animal, and that only man, who has a personality of his own, creates civilization.

As matters now stand, there is no end to the platitudes, which are being offered in

our high schools in yearlong preparation for United Nations week, and in our college seminars and institutes on the United Nations. The college of the community in which this writer lives holds annual summer institutes on the United Nations. A replica of Columbia Teachers College, it trains the prospective high school teachers of New Jersey. Elvira K. Fradkin, close friend of Clark M. Eichelberger, is the director of the Institute. In her latest book *A World Airlift*, Mrs. Fradkin, "insisting on compromise" with the Soviet Union, speciously pleads for Unapp, which stands for United Nations Air Police Patrol. She believes that both the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. will be perfectly happy to share the joyous duties of this airy scheme because (as she seems to know by some way of intuition) none is strong enough to beat the other.

During World War II, when we supplied the Soviet Union with lend-lease material to the tune of eleven billion dollars, our aviators were not permitted over Russian territory, except for one U.S. base at Poltava, from which our airmen flew exactly two missions. Now, presumably, they would be welcome. And we, presumably, would love to have Soviet Russian airmen "patrol" our American land, confident that they have sprouted most angelic, non-atomic wings. Conservative ladies of the community are reported to "go wild" over Elvira Fradkin's UN institute. And the teachers of the State, who receive State authorized "credit" for attending it, go back to their schools to prepare our American youth for the Huxleyan compromise with Communism.

Thus the indoctrination of the teachers, and through them all the little school children of the country, proceeds. The rejection of Unesco publications by the Los Angeles Board will undoubtedly be followed by similar action by other boards and other loyal teaching groups, when the inherent fraud of the current official fad is brought to light. The American tradition is far too strong for this Unesco propaganda to counteract. And the American parent is still too jealous of her child's education to permit it to be perverted by the "liberals".

## Senator Kennelly's Admission

During the recent South Australian Labor Party Conference, Senator Kennelly in his address specially reminded delegates that they were "members of a Socialist party". While prominent Labor leaders continue to claim that Socialism is the objective of the Labor Party, Labor supporters cannot blame anti-Communists who say they cannot support a party, which has a Communist objective. Non-Socialists within the Labor Party must remove the Socialists if they desire to serve Australia and not an alien philosophy.

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## Communists and Middle-Class Intellectuals

"Wars and the Welfare State have made Europe into America as far as middle-class intellectuals are concerned. Now that none but the rich can save enough to leave their children in positions so secure that their comfort and enjoyment of social prestige can be guaranteed, the younger generation must find an allure in the prospect of joining a secret society offering them membership in a worldwide organisation of many advantages over the next man in getting a job, while enabling them to pretend that they are accepting these benefits for the sake of the needy proletariat.

"This explains why the Communist Party had so many middle-class recruits in the twenties and thirties, and it explains an odder phenomenon, the fierce campaign waged by many intellectuals who are not Communist, against anybody who exposes Communist activity. Of this the persecution of Whittaker Chambers is a horrifying example, and his book might well be called 'Intimidation of a Witness' . . . But many groups have still an aching sense that Communism might have been a way out for the stranded bourgeoisie, that it might have offered jobs for the boys with haloes thrown in, and that maybe if indiscreet people would keep silent about the real nature of Communism, a packaged Eden might yet be dispensed from under the Red counter." —Rebecca West in the "Sunday Times", July 19.

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# TWO AMERICAN WOMEN DEFY TAXATION

## A Suggestion for Australian Employers

One of the greatest infamies ever imposed upon a supine public is the practice of making employers liable for the deducting of taxes from the wages and salaries of their employees.

Every employer is an unpaid tax collector for the Government, and for this doubtful privilege he employs staff to keep the necessary records.

By implication the employer is bracketed with the Taxation Dept. as though they were voluntary partners to a conspiracy to take from every employee a portion of his hard-earned money.

The practice does nothing to improve the relations between employer and employee. On the contrary!

Why employers accept their unenviable role with such supineness can perhaps only be explained by the fact that many years of conditioning has sapped their moral courage and that spirit of challenge and defiance with which our forefathers fought and won what freedom we have.

However, it is some small comfort to learn that two employers—both women—have refused to be the tools of the tax gatherer. Both have challenged the constitutionality of the law on the subject, and so far with victorious results.

Here is a cable from New York:

—Mary Cain is a newspaper editor with a campaign, which may land her in gaol. Mrs. Cain hopes it will.

It is all over a matter of 42 dollars Mrs. Cain owes in self-employment and social security taxes for 1951. She is campaigning that the taxes are unconstitutional.

Her first move came when she sold her newspaper—the *Weekly Sun*, of Jackson (Mississippi)—to a niece for one dollar, closed her bank account and went to work as "manager" of her newspaper under the condition that no portion of her salary be deducted for social security taxes.

The authorities seized the printing plant, but Mrs. Cain sawed off the Government padlock and went back to work.

"My patience has been worn thin. Her

move has made her liable to legal action," said Mr. James Enochs, Mississippi Director of Internal Revenue.

"I don't know what the authorities are going to do, but they are not going to close this newspaper," said Mrs. Cain.

Some years ago (1948) Miss Vivien Kellems, manufacturer, of Stonington, Connecticut, U.S.A., refused to withhold taxes from her employees, and she has continued to do so ever since.

She has openly challenged the Government to indict her and make a test case as to the constitutionality of the Withholding Tax Law.

Now we learn from "Money" (U.S.A.) that Miss Kellems has written an excellent book, "Toil, Taxes and Trouble," in which she challenges not only the constitutionality of the Withholding Tax Law but income tax in general.

Rupert Hughes, in an introduction to the book writes:

"Her (Miss Kellems') defiance of the Withholding Tax Law was based on a woman's practical common sense. She maintained that she had no right to withhold from her employees the tax the Government deducted. Then she put the Government in the ridiculous position of demanding that she be punished for not paying it every week, other people's taxes, while still other people paid their taxes only twice a year.

"She jockeyed the Government into trying to punish her for not paying it moneys which it had already received long before.

"From such a position, so bravely and unbudgeably upheld, she has gone on to the high position that the whole Income Tax Law is un-American and should be repealed.

"To those who still believe that the Income Tax Law serves a good purpose; and to those who dislike but think its repeal impossible, I commend the reading of this book . . . I am convinced that the reader of this book will not only be sadder and wiser, but will be captivated and thrilled by it . . ."

Mr. George Peck, chairman of the Board of the National Labour-Management Foundation, writes:

"With Mr. Hughes' estimate of 'Toil, Taxes and Trouble,' I most heartily agree, because once I picked the book up I found it impossible to put it down. Miss Kellems proves that the Income Tax is destroying our American way of life and that the Withholding Tax violates the Constitution guaranty against involuntary servitude. She demonstrates that the very principle of taxing incomes is contrary to the provision in Section 9, Article 1, of the Constitution, which reads:

"No capitation, or other direct taxes shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken."

"Miss Kellems asserts that the Income Tax Amendment was slipped over on the unwary American taxpayer and is an instrument used by the followers of the Marx-

Engles doctrine, which advocates the use of a progressive income tax to destroy the capitalistic system.

"As for the Withholding Tax, Miss Kellems charges that it commandeers every employer into involuntary servitude, assumes that every American worker is unfit to administer his own affairs, sows seeds of dissension between employer and employee and conceals the hold which the politicians have acquired on every pay envelope."

"These two evils must be eradicated, or there will be no America as we know it," Miss Kellems says.

"Yes, I heartily recommend this book by Vivien Kellems. It is a call to arms," adds Mr. Peck.

—"The New Era."

## Russia Buying Food

As far back as July 16, it was reported in *The Times* that a Soviet government agency was making inquiries in Queensland for shipments of frozen beef, mutton and pork to Baltic ports. On August 11 a *Times* Special Correspondent compared the recent emergence of the U.S.S.R. as a large-scale importer of butter with the considerable pre-war exports of that commodity from Russia and the then free Baltic countries, including about 40,000 tons a year to Britain. He reported that purchases in the previous month were believed to include 10,000 tons from Denmark (partly on a barter basis for feeding stuffs), 16,000 tons from Holland, 5,000 tons from Australia and 2,000 tons from New Zealand. This represented a big increase on earlier purchases and there was every indication that Russia would be prepared to buy more butter if the price was acceptable; many possible sources of supply were being sounded. A more recent (August 26) report from Holland was to the effect that that country would supply the U.S.S.R. with 2,500 tons of butter and 1,750 tons of cheese in exchange for wheat. It has been suggested that even some of North America's surplus food stocks may find their way through the Iron Curtain.

Reasons for this new development can only be surmised. One may be the need to allay discontent in the occupied countries of Eastern Europe (which, incidentally, were formerly exporters of food) as well as to improve living conditions in the U.S.S.R. itself. But the general effect will be to provide some of Britain's present suppliers of food with an expanding alternative market.

—*Rural Economy* (England), Oct. 1953.

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We don't know much about Miss Bentley, whose ascent we note from being "a muddle-headed and foolish woman who admits that a lack of truth was one of the principles she embraced when she became involved with the Communist espionage network" (*Washington Post*, August, 1948) to the status of credible witness of *The Times* (November 24, 1953), but we are quite willing to believe there are four, not two, spy-rings in the United States or indeed anywhere else. The only point of any significance so far discernible through the din of the Dexter White hoovering seems to be a distinct apprehension here and in America lest the dust-bag busts. Mr. Igor Gouzenko is asked for by the State Department. For the Canadian Government, this extension, says *The Times* correspondent, is "much against its will." Also says he, slyly, Mr. Gouzenko might not seem to need police protection if he went to the States.

"Even otherwise relentless congressional probers remained too timid, despite much prodding, to look into the matter of Niles (David K. Niles, alias Neyhus, Roosevelt-Truman aide) when he was living. ... It remains to be seen now whether they will tackle perhaps the most sensational of all investigations." (*Human Events*, November 18).

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The author demonstrates how the basis of democracy must be local, decentralised government, which can be effectively controlled by the individual. He deals with the menace of centralised Government and the disastrous results, which always stem from it. Constructive suggestions are made for making genuine democracy a reality. "Our Sham Democracy" is one of the most fundamental and important books to come from the pen of an Australian Social Credit writer.

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## Freedom Non-Existent

In a sermon given in the Baptist Church, Collins Street, Melbourne, the Rev. J. Arthur Lewis said that the freedom boasted about in Australia was largely non-existent.

Mr. Lewis made these points:

To obtain work it was necessary to belong to a trade union, which might mean compulsory support of one political party.

To retain his job a man must obey not his employer, but the various trade regulations as to what he might do, how long he might do it and so on.

Man's political and religious belief must meet with the approval of certain powers that be -- worthy men had been shoo-ed out of Parliament in Victoria because they would not bow down to powerful moneyed interests.

Newsagents were compelled to take and sell a certain amount of filthy literature.

The State Government dragooned its members into obedience by instructing them how to vote, a violation of man's conscience.

"It is against this stifling of conscience, this denial of man's fundamental right to freedom, these stand-over tactics, that I make emphatic protest," said Mr. Lewis.

We hope that the Rev. Lewis will pursue this subject a little further and deal with the manner in which the individual's credit—both real and financial—has been progressively filched from him by organisations over which he has no control. It is true that he is permitted to vote for some of these organisations, but this does not mean that he controls them.

## The Function of Producers

The essential nature of a satisfactory modern co-operative State may be broadly expressed as consisting of a functionally aristocratic hierarchy of producers credited by, and serving, a democracy of consumers. The business of producers is to produce; to take orders, not to give them; and the business of the public, as consumers, is not only to give orders, but to see that they are obeyed as to results, and to remove unsuitable or wilfully recalcitrant persons from the aristocracy of production to the democracy of consumption.

No peace will ever settle on the distracted earth until this matter has been fought to a finish, and it rests with the intelligence of those who are from time to time in a position to guide popular movements, whether a mere remnant of civilisation will achieve the Golden Age awaiting the settlement, or whether a decisive verdict is close at hand.

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## BRITISH MINISTER ATTACKS PLANNERS

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, Colonial Secretary in the present Churchill Government, has some interesting comments to make in an address to the Conservative Society at the London School of Economics recently. Here are some extracts:

"Economic planning has been shown to be, in the sense in which the words were used, a great big bit of boloney.

"You cannot, in fact, have economic planning and individual freedom, and you have to choose between the two.

"To talk about economic planning in the sense that it is used and to discard direction of labour is the great hypocrisy. You cannot have one without the other."

It was right to have a graduated system of taxation, even in a free society but not so as to kill ambition, enterprise and saving.

The Minister said: "Liberty is the power to do what other people don't want you to do, and since, this is impossible in almost any organised society, liberty is only a comparative matter.

"But let me say as a Conservative that liberty must be as wide as we can possibly make it and not as narrow as we can possibly tolerate it.

"The State must be the servant and not the master of its citizens."

One of the great merits of trying to regulate economic trends by use of the financial rather than the physical instrument was that the former could be regulated by a handful of men.

"It does not require a horde of officials a myriad forms, tons of paper, snoopers questionnaires, sometimes of a most intimate description, and intrusion into the kitchens and the bedrooms of every house in England, to carry out the policy."



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## THE CONTROL OF CREDIT

*Upon his recent arrival in Australia, Lord Ballieu was asked by a Melbourne radio representative why the West Germans had rebuilt their devastated country and expanded their industrial capacity so enormously in such a short time. The radio interviewer said that it was astonishing how the Germans, who allegedly lost the war, were surpassing the "victorious" British in their production methods, Lord Ballieu said that the Germans had been able to rebuild their country quickly because adequate financial credit had been made available. He did hasten to point out that the Germans were paying a high interest rate for this credit. However, it was made clear that the intense activity taking place in West Germany since the war has been primarily the result of credit policy.*

*The control of credit policy enables those exercising this control to direct the individual's activities as they desire. Mr. Giddy, Chairman of Directors of the National Bank, indirectly also made this point very clear in his recent address to shareholders. After making the interesting admission that "excessive" public and private capital expansion could intensify inflation again, a fact we have been drawing attention to for years, Mr. Giddy said that the improved economic conditions were primarily the result of the "enlightened" monetary policy being pursued by the Federal Government. The "liquidity" of the trading banks had been increased by this policy and thus more credit was available for those who required it.*

*It is astonishing how so many businessmen who at present are pleased about what is described as "business buoyancy", do not understand that this "buoyancy" is the result of a policy of increased credit expansion which the present Government has imposed to abolish the unemployment and economic crisis which its previous policy of credit restriction had caused. Credit policy is a "key" policy and all individuals who desire a stable community in which the standard of living is governed by productive capacity—i.e., real credit—and not by the arbitrary decisions of those controlling financial credit, should be looking for ways and means of ensuring that credit control is decentralised back to the individual.*

*The creation of financial credit, which comprises nearly all a modern community's money supply, is merely a matter of bookkeeping. Like many other systems devised by man, the present banking and credit system is a wonderful mechanism. But accepting the Christian view of man, systems were made for men and not men for systems, and it is therefore essential that the credit system serve the individual's desires and not those who may, and do, use it to force the individual to engage in the excessive capital expansion activities mentioned by Mr. Giddy. The worst exploitation being imposed today is the compulsion of the individual to participate in useless activities in order that he may obtain sufficient purchasing power to obtain the bare necessities of life. The fact that the Monopoly of Credit is now primarily a State monopoly instead of a private monopoly only means that the enslavement of the individual is far more effective. Revolt becoming progressively more difficult as Government control increases. There is no hope for what remains of Western Civilization until the issue of credit control is decided in favour of the individual.*

## "Blueprint for Social Decay"

Under the above heading, Melbourne's *News-Weekly* of November 18 editorially criticised the much-boasted Melbourne "Master Plan." We congratulate *News-Weekly* on its courage in opposing a policy which the daily press has publicised as one which no sane person can possibly oppose.

The following is the editorial: —

Last week, with a great fanfare of publicity, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works lifted the curtain on its Big Plan for a new, modern, orderly Melbourne to house two and a half million people by the year 2003.

The fruit of three years' work by chief planner E. F. Borrie and his staff, it will be on view at Melbourne's Public Library for a fortnight, to give the public a chance to express their views.

All right. Here's our view, and we don't have to go to the Public Library to express it.

The Big Plan for Melbourne is a shocking waste of technical time and public money. It is not only wasteful, but it is a mistake that goes beyond the bounds of prudence and reason.

In a country with a declining birth rate, fantastically excessive urbanisation, backward conditions in the rural areas, and urgently needed development of provincial and regional centres, the authorities are deliberately and wantonly planning to increase the concentration of population—and all the social evils that go with it.

If that were not criminal enough, it happens to be the century of the atom bomb, in which every defence authority is considering measures to disperse industry and population, even where such dispersion is not necessarily called for on social grounds.

With its present population, Melbourne is already far too large, particularly in relation to the sparsely settled and undeveloped rural areas; yet our planning authorities propose to concentrate a major effort in the next fifty years on making it larger still.

Melbourne's Big Plan is very pretty. It conjures up visions of vast arterial roads, traffic roundabouts and flyovers, and large blocks of modern buildings. But any social plan, which is founded on an amoral postulate, is itself amoral.

The intense development of big cities reduces the birth rate and perpetuates the population decline that makes the nation dependent for survival upon a continuous inflow of migrants.

Secondly, it fosters the growth of proletarianism, with all the dreadful social ills that follow in its train.

Thirdly, it runs directly counter to military prudence in an era in which all communal building and planning must be based on the very real possibility of atomic warfare.

## The Jewish Invasion of America

The Rev. Robert Shuler, Pastor of one of the ten largest Methodist Churches in America, has the following to say concerning Col. John Beaty's sensational book exposing the Jewish invasion of America. The title of the book is "The Iron Curtain Over America". Says Dr. Shuler: "This book, which will scare any sane man to death, is hard to suppress. It is documented. Its facts cannot be disputed. It is written by a scholar, a professor of Southern Methodist University and a former Colonel in the Army, who wrote the textbooks for the Military Intelligence. There is no fanaticism or inciting-to-hate or warmongering in this book. Beaty has standing. He's in "Who's Who in America". His is a cold-blooded statement of the undeniable facts. And yet the Anti-Defamation League is pleading that this book be suppressed. The leaders of Zionism stand amazed that the American government would permit this book to be sold. What's the matter with this book? The answer is easy. It tells the Truth. Col. Beaty gives the origin of Zionism and surrounds every statement with documentation. He shows that the origin of political Communism and political Zionism was in fact the same. Not that the same individuals were present in the origination of these two isms, but that the ideology was identical. Again, he resorts to documentation that is indisputable. He shows that Zionism is not Judaism, but rather the cunning fox-like foe that will finally destroy Judaism, if permitted to run its course. Read this man Beaty and you'll understand why sane, sound, far-seeing Americans like Senator McCarthy see the shadow of a great disaster spreading over American civilization today. Then you'll understand why Gerald Smith and Jack Tenney are crusading like mad. This conspiracy for the destruction of human freedom is deep-rooted and firmly founded upon a tenacious hate for all our so-called American Way of Life. Americans, be they Jews or Gentiles, will awaken if they ever read Beaty's "The Iron Curtain Over America." New Times Ltd. has a small number of Beaty's book available for genuine students of international affairs.

## Credit Expansion

Retailers claim that they will do record business this Christmas. A study of banking figures indicates why many people are spending more freely this Christmas than last. During September of last year, 1952, the total deposits of the Australian trading banks increased by only £2 millions, but during September of this year (the last month for which figures are available) the increase was approximately £26 millions. As every loan creates a deposit, it is easy to see that credit is being expanded much more rapidly now than at this time last year. The banks, of course, claim that they can loan more credit because they are more "liquid". This means that they have greater cash reserves against which to expand credit. And they have greater cash reserves because of the policy of the Commonwealth Bank. Central bank credit is treated as cash by the trading banks.

## Socialisation Still Labor Objective

### A LEAGUE OF RIGHTS BROADCAST

Since the 1949 Federal Elections, which were contested primarily on the issue of Socialisation, Labor Party leaders have persistently sought to further the idea that Labor's Socialisation objective has been abolished. Dr. Evatt has campaigned to create the impression that the Labor Party is now controlled by moderates who have turned their faces firmly away from the Communist objective of the Socialisation of the means of production, distribution and exchange.

Not only has the Socialisation objective never been taken out of the Labor Party's official platform, as anyone interested can easily discover for himself, but on occasions several Labor Members have admitted that they still strongly support a Socialist policy.

Speaking at Canberra on November 12, prominent Labor Member from South Australia, Mr. Clyde Cameron, made a frank admission concerning this matter. In a speech which had obviously been carefully considered and well-prepared, Mr. Cameron said: "The Labor Party has been a socialist party for many years, and during that time it has won many elections. It was a socialist party when it was elected to office in this Parliament with a record majority in 1943. It was still a socialist party when it won office again in 1946 with a handsome majority . . . It was the Labor Party with its socialist objectives which polled the greatest number of votes at the recent Senate election, and it is the same Labor Party with the same socialist objective, that has held office in the Queensland Parliament for more than 30 years."

Although it was reported that Dr. Evatt and other Labor leaders were disturbed by Mr. Cameron's frank remarks, it is significant that they have not criticised them publicly. (It is true the Dr. Evatt subsequently disagreed with Mr. Cameron on the subject of General Motors' profits, but he has not challenged Mr. Cameron's remarks on Socialisation.) Canberra observers report that Mr. Cameron's speech obviously delighted many Labor Members who think as Mr. Cameron does. There can be no doubt about what Mr. Cameron meant when he spoke about Socialisation. In reply to an interjector who asked, "which Socialist Objective is the honorable member referring to?" Mr. Cameron replied: "I am speaking of the socialisation of the means of production, distribution and exchange . . . If honorable members opposite will read the platform of the Australian Labor Party they will understand. The platform sets out the methods and principles of action by which we propose to socialise those undertakings."

Mr. Cameron also said: "If the Labor Party should ever persuade the people to give it the constitutional power to nationalise banking it would not hesitate to nationalise the banks, because we believe that the private banks should be nationalised."

The League of Rights opposes Socialism, not because it is opposed to reform, which will benefit the individual, but because monopoly of any description leaves the individual defenceless against exploitation. Socialism means State Monopoly, the worst form of monopoly. All power, political, economic

and financial, is concentrated in the hands of a small group of planners who act in the name of the State.

The only way to prevent exploitation of the individual is to reduce the power of the State and other organisations over the individual, not increase it. For this reason every freedom-loving individual must reject any party advocating a policy of Socialism.

## Deflation Worries Americans

In our editorial this week we mention that under present financial rules the only alternative to inflation is deflation. Both are disastrous for the individual. The truth of this has been graphically demonstrated in the U.S.A., where the Eisenhower Administration, which made a pre-election promise that it would abolish inflation, is now seriously concerned about deflation and how to stop it.

It is reported that the Treasury is considering a scheme "to unfreeze a billion dollars of gold against which the Treasury could draw cheques to pay Government bills." It is admitted that this policy would be inflationary! The Wall Street Journal reports that the strongest concern about deflation is felt by the officials of the Federal Reserve Board, who are now easing their restrictive credit policy in order to prevent deflation from becoming worse. How the Communists must smile when they watch the antics of the American Government trying to decide between the disasters of inflation and the disasters of deflation. Present financial rules inevitably produce results, which help the Communist revolutionaries. That is why the Communists strenuously oppose Social Credit financial policies for abolishing the unbalance of inflation and deflation. And many who call themselves anti-Communists merely echo the Communists without any understanding of what they are doing.

## Infiltration

Infiltration is so universal a technique of Communism, that it would be strange indeed if it were never tried in regard to Social Credit. And, of course, it not only has been tried, but the trial is continuous. Not much study of Communist activities is necessary to convince anyone that the Communists are in possession of a virtually inexhaustible list of objectives in which to enlist public support. They are just so many crackers, or, better, cartridges, which anyone may use, and the more the merrier, if they have any weapon into which they will fit—and, if they have not, they can just stuff a guy-fawkes with them. The distinguishing mark is that while, in most cases, these objectives cannot be gained without inflicting at least some damage on this or that Government, in no way do they endanger the Money Power or draw the slightest attention to its effects. —"The Social Creditor," November 14.



## MAN'S ALLY, THE EARTHWORM

(With additional research by Robert H. Neil and David Gunston)

**WORMS** by the million are being used right now in a remarkable experiment in New Zealand's Northland; an experiment unique to the Dominion but of considerable significance in view of her pre-eminent place in world agriculture.

Australia is conducting similar experiments, the object of which is to convert clay and other intractable second-class country into rich, humus-packed soil. The experimental area in N.Z. was specially prepared on part of a Puhata farm owned by Ivan Lunjevich, near Herekino.

These particular worms, a hybrid species, are now bred in Australia, the U.S. and Europe for their particular value as compost makers. They are so efficient at the job that one worm makes its own weight of compost every 24 hours. You get a better conception of just what this means if you try to visualize a 14-stone man eating his way through nearly 2 cwt. of, say, potatoes a day.

The people responsible for first getting the earthworms into New Zealand were W. H. Hales and his wife of Titirangi, who managed to procure just half a pound of them in 1950. From this small quantity they have succeeded in breeding and liberating literally millions.

Hales and his wife first became interested in this hybrid earthworm when Mrs. Hale's sister, who is working on an experimental farm in Canada, wrote and told them about it and sent them a book entitled *Harnessing the Earthworm*. The Hale's property was heavy clay and they decided to see what the earthworms could do to it. They tried first to get the worms from Australia, but they did not succeed, as the Commonwealth had none at all for export; they wanted all they could produce. Hales subsequently got permission from the N.Z. Government to import his half a pound from the United States.

Anyone who has worked on the bush-clad building sections of the Waitakere Ranges and around Titirangi will know that the area produces its own breed of worm — a giant among its kind. They grow to 12 inches and more in length and are as thick as a man's thumb; enough to scare any chicken! They burrow deep, but if you ever have the job of cutting an access drive to a house you'll come across them in the clay. It was this heavy, puggy sort of clay that W. P. Hales and his wife liberated their worms on. In three years they changed it

into first-class soil. Some 45 fruit trees and a flower and vegetable garden are thriving as a result of the worms' work.

It was this success, which led them to commence their experiment on the Lunjevich farm at Puhata, where the soil is also clay. In the second-class hill-type country, five acres were prepared by harrowing and the worms were liberated as soon as the soil became moist from this winter's rains. They were taken to Puhata and stored in 45-gallon drums of compost, kept moist on the farm until the weather was suitable for their liberation.

Puhata is in Magonui County. The nearest township, Herekino, has a population of only about 210, but the worm experiment may attract a lot of agricultural attention to it. The Maori name, Herekino, means "badly tied," the story being that the Maoris tied up a captive with the intention of eating him next day, but because of a poor knot he was able to loosen his bonds and escape . . . the worm that turned.

A worm, lying shrivelled, and stranded on the road, or turned up by a fork in the garden, seems a helpless, insignificant creature, yet without his kind, civilization would be impossible.

Earthworms are nature's own cultivators of the soil. Nothing lush can grow on rock or chalk or gravel. Fertile topsoil is a necessity for the world's crops. By their ceaseless boring and tunnelling, earthworms make and renew that vital topsoil. They keep it friable; transform animal and vegetable waste, particularly dead leaves and plants, into rich humus. They turn natural minerals into soluble plant food. They break up and aerate the earth, allowing water to drain through. They are the first husbandmen, and still the most important.

In a world that is speedily losing its soil fertility through over-cropping, mismanagement and erosion, it is time to take stock again of the worm's true value. Kill off your worms and your soil will lack constantly renewed fertility. Encourage and preserve them, and your crops will remain satisfactory.

From Aristotle to Darwin, and again in the present day, men have appreciated the humble earthworm's place in the scheme of things, but never fully enough. Member of a wide and varied family of primitive

creatures, your average earthworm, although he may vary in size in different parts of the world, is mostly a long stomach and rings of rippling muscle. A simply constructed creature, it consists of from 100 to 200 muscular rings, or segments, which extend from the elongated head without eyes, nose or ears, to the tapering tail. By means of tiny clusters of erectile bristles, set at intervals along the whole length of its body and a slimy mucous secreted for lubrication purposes, the earthworm is able to burrow through the soil. The bristles grip at one end while the other is pulled along, the movement rippling rather than snake-like.

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The bristles and muscles are strong and active, enabling the creature to crawl backwards as well as forward. It can travel in reverse at a comparatively high speed, noticeable when it is alarmed and retreats rapidly into its burrow.

Cut a worm in two with your spade and the front end will be able to grow a new tail, but never vice-versa. By means of a long lip overhanging its wide mouth—its most important organ, apart from its stomach—the worm is able to push some of the earth aside as it tunnels. The rest it swallows greedily.

The food of worms consists of any digestible matter that they can extract from the immense quantities of earth they swallow; half-decayed leaves of all kinds, leaf stalks, flower stalks and decayed flowers, sugar, liquorice, dry starch, raw and roasted meat, and, greatest delicacy of all, raw rat.

Before eating leaves, they cover them with a fluid, which very closely resembles the pancreatic juice used in digestion by the higher animals and man. This juice softens and partly digests the food taken, before it enters the body of the worm, the moisture taking place within the mouth of the burrow. The fluid quickly kills and discolours the leaves.

Although most animals depend upon the sense of smell in selecting food, a worm has no nose. It does appear to have a definite but very feeble power to smell. It is sensitive to heat and cold, to vibrations and to touch. Worms can live for hours under water, but they do drown. They move about mostly at night and, although they have no eyes, they can distinguish between light and darkness.

Let us try to get some idea of what happens to food the worm takes in. Behind the mouth is a cleft or cavity, which acts as a pharynx, a minor introductory gullet. As the creature eats, it pushes this powerful organ forward. At the other end, the pharynx diminishes in width, tapering to what is known as the esophagus, a long, tube-like continuation of the gullet. Little more than half way down are three pairs of large glands, which secrete carbonate of lime. No other animal is known to have

such glands. The lime assists digestion, as it acts on acid, turning it alkaline. Below the glands lies the crop, a widening of the esophagus and actually in front of the gizzard, which is faced with a smooth, thick hard, lining and surrounded by powerful muscles.

As worms possess no jaws or teeth of any kind, it is in the gizzard that the food is broken down. This organ contains minute particles of rock, which rub and grind against its contents. The organ opens into the intestine, which follows a straight course to the end of the body.

The intestine itself is a wonderful structure. Its inner walls are fluted (involute) lengthwise, which adds very much to the surface, extending its power of absorption of the nutriment, which reaches it.

Its diet is swiftly digested in the long, thread-like stomach, the worm taking its own nourishment from it. The remaining soil, now very finely ground, is deposited on the surface in the form of the familiar worm cast. This is the bane of tidy gardeners, bowling-green attendants and golfers, but consisting of pulverized, pre-digested soil, it is the world's richest material for growing anything. Scientific tests show that contains five times as much nitrate, seven times as much potash, three times the magnesium content and up to 50 percent, more natural humus than ordinary soil.

It is worth growing a few seedlings in worm-cast soil just to prove its richness.

Myriads of worms, never resting or hibernating, digging deep in dry weather and nearer the top in wet, constantly produce this layer of cast soil. No wonder the earth has been fertile for thousands of years. The Nile Valley, for so long the home of a civilization, owes its sweetness to the hordes of hungry worms that wait each year for the huge quantity of waste vegetable matter the river brings down at flood-time. The same is true of fertile areas all over the globe. Starting long before the advent of man on the earth, the lowly worm still tunnels, burrows and transforms in its primeval but vital way.

Whereas a plough rarely penetrates more than a foot down, the worms perform their good work down to a depth of 4 ft. and more. It is probably true that all natural vegetation owes its luxuriance to the unseen armies of earthworms at work beneath it. Each year, they shift ten tons of soil per acre to the surface more thoroughly than my spade or ploughshare can. All vegetation is systematically buried to rot. Stone fragments are pushed down to form natural drainage. In five years, undisturbed, worms will put an extra inch on the surface—an inch of the richest soil there is.

Figures may mean little or nothing, but for what they are worth, in England alone, earthworms process something like 320,000,000 tons of soil a year. Darwin estimated that arable land carried an average of 53,000 worms to the acre, but more recent research at Rothamstead has shown his estimate to be unduly conservative. Even poor soil, it has been found, supports half-a-million worms on each acre. Really good farmland may have up to 1,750,000. A worm has no lungs. It breathes by the skin. It has a nervous system, of which the most important part acts as a brain and is situated in the front portion of the body,

Although without eyes, worms are affected by intense light of long duration. A single candle shone on them for a quarter of an hour from a distance of 18 inches or so, causes them to withdraw into their burrows. It is not the whole body that responds to the action of light, but only that portion in front, containing the "brain" nerves. If the worms' attention is engaged on food or on dragging leaves into their burrows, they scarcely seem to notice the light. They take even less notice of radiant heat, but they are sensitive to cold and do not leave their burrows during a frost.

In the sense of human hearing, worms appear to be deaf. They take no notice of shrill whistles, shouts, or loud music reaching them through air vibrations. They cannot hear as we can, but they are extremely sensitive to vibrations in any solid subject. Darwin tells of an experiment he made by placing two worms in a flowerpot and leaving them to make burrows. He then put the flowerpot on a piano and struck the note C in the bass clef. The two worms instantly retreated into their burrows. After a time they came out again, until G above the treble clef was struck, when they again retreated.

The fact of their sensitivity to jarring or to any trembling of the earth seems to be well known to birds. A story is told of a peewit, kept in confinement, standing on one leg and beating the turf with the other. This action had the effect of bringing inquiring worms out of their burrows, when the peewit immediately devoured them. This does not appear to agree with Darwin's experiment when a tremble sent the worms back, but different vibrations probably affect them in differing ways.

Carefully watch a worm leave its hole and see how it stretches out its foremost portion and moves it in all directions, as though seeking something through its sense of touch — which is very highly developed. This is reflected in the amazing construction of its burrows. In N.Z., these "homes without hands," are usually kept near the surface, but in long-continued dry weather and in cold weather worms burrow to a considerable depth. Many figures have been set down in different parts of the world of the depth to which the burrows run. One observer in Sweden gives these as from 6 ft. to 8 ft.; another in Germany, from 3 ft. to 6 ft. This last observer had seen worms frozen at a depth of 18 inches. The burrows are mostly run straight down, though some are on a slight slant. In recently dug ground they occasionally branch. They are lined with dark-coloured

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earth, which has been passed through the bodies of the worms. Sometimes little earth-pellets are dotted about the walls. As the worm travels up and down the burrow it spreads out the pellets and in the end has a fine smooth lining, thoroughly compact and closely fitting its body. The burrows are thus not merely holes or channels, but carefully constructed tunnels, finished off with a kind of cement.

The entrances are often lined with leaves. In a masterly way, the patient, skilful tunnellers may draw in pine needles by their bases, carefully pressing the sharp ends into the fine earth with which they have lined the walls. If they omitted to do this and left the needles projecting, they might still be able to enter, but would find it a cruel business endeavouring to leave the burrows.

Research workers have frequently found burrows that widen out into small chambers at the far end; as many as three, one below the other. Sharp pieces of stone and husks of grass seeds have been seen lying about the "rooms." Some were lined at the bottom with minute stones; others, where no stones were procurable, with pear seeds. One seed had germinated. The queer little carriers probably swallow the stones and seeds to carry them down, and then eject them. The burrow linings keep the cold, surrounding soil from touching the tender bodies of the worms.

New Zealand's first worm farm was established some years ago, but not for the production of topsoil. The Hawkes Bay Acclimatization Society's game farm at Greenmeadows began breeding worms about 1944 to feed the first kiwis ever bred in captivity. The farm manager, F. D. Robson, found it a considerable problem, for worms form the young bird's main item of diet. By the time the first chick was a fortnight old, the family of three needed 1½ lb. of worms a day—and it was wartime, remember; they had no meat coupons. What's more, a second chick was then expected

within the week; another mouth to feed! Robson was certainly a busy man.

Kiwis have made their appearance at the Auckland Zoo since then, and during the past couple of years or so the zoo authorities have been breeding worms for them.

Most worms run to about four to six inches long, are two-sexed, but mate like the higher animals, and produce in bellows-shaped cocoons 20 or more minute worms at a time. Australia, famed for its unique fauna, has giant worms 6 ft. to 12 ft. long, fat slimy sausages, which burrow noisily into river mud. Specimens have now been flown in glass tubes to England for study, for there is a growing support in all countries for the idea that the best fertility can be achieved by cultivating worms and spreading their rich castings on the land.

Pioneer of this revolutionary school of thought is an American expert, Dr. Thomas J. Barrett, who has already built up a wide connection supplying worms reared in garden pens on rubbish and decaying vegetation. He first discovered the value of harnessing the earthworm years ago from an old peasant in France, and has since grown stupendous food crops from a single acre spread with worm soil. "What we need is more top-soil," he says, "not more acres," and he has transformed (or rather his earthworms have) a rocky dry hillside acre in California into a fruit and tree-filled paradise to prove it.

It would be remarkable if man finally recognized the earthworm's immense importance by working for him, *cultivating him*, instead of the soil, and relying on nature to do the rest; remarkable, but by no means impossible, for the scientific world is now rapidly becoming more worm-conscious.

## Fluorine for Melbourne's Water Supply

We trust that Melbourne readers of this journal who realise the dangers of adding fluorine to public water supplies have noted that an intensive campaign is under way to have Melbourne's water supply treated.

The addition of fluorine to Melbourne's water supply to prevent dental decay was being investigated by a sub-committee appointed by the Health Commission, Dr. E. J. Crowe said last week.

Dr. Crowe heads the committee, which includes dental, chemistry and water supply experts.

He said the committee expected to have its report ready early in the New Year.

It would study results of research on fluorine by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia.

The Board of Works' Chief Engineer of Water Supply, Mr. F. M. Lee, said recently the cost of installing equipment to mix the chemical with the water supply would be about £50,000.

Another £50,000 would be needed each year to pay for the fluorine.

## Japanese Farming Methods

We have received the following letter from Miss Hall, of Cremorne, Sydney:

As a long-time resident in Japan, I can fully confirm Mr. Oates' report ("New Times", October 2), on the efficiency and variety of Japanese food production before the recent war. Since the beginning of this century Japan has imported much rice from Burma and Siam. The people esteem it less than the homegrown rice.

Having been away from Japan between 1914 and 1932 I noticed many changes on my return. Travelling by train between Kobe and Osako, houses had multiplied and the trains no longer ran between cultivated fields. Most of the former fields were built over. The same between Yokohama and Tokio. The travellers on the beaten tracks see much less of agriculture than formerly. On the other hand, afforestation has covered with trees large areas where nothing but coarse grass was formerly to be seen. Bare gravel hillsides have also been turned into woods.

Much land has been gained by filling in shallow parts of the sea with earth taken from the low hills behind the shore. This is for building and crowded dwellings. No system of land tenure or method of agriculture can solve the problem of the farmer who has two or more sons. Only one can find a living for himself and young family on the farm that supported his father. The non-agricultural proportion of the population must be larger with each generation. The Japanese emigrated in thousands to far Eastern areas, Pacific Islands and Brazil. Japanese-grown coffee from Brazil (Sao Paulo) and sultanas grown by Japanese in California were imported in quantity in the 1930's.

During the war the propaganda was that the Japanese were only fit to be exterminated. The surrender made a change necessary, so the Army of Occupation was informed that the Japanese were ignorant and stupid people who needed to be taught Agriculture, Baseball, Cookery, Democracy, Electricity and all the other matters in which they excelled before the war. Frank Clune's comments clearly show the influence of this line of propaganda.

## Small Units

There is much to commend the common man's instinctive craving for the security and homeliness of small units. The freedom of the individual, and even the importance of freedom, is lost sight of by centralisation — by the assembling of firms in amalgamations, or the grouping of people in over-large business, professional and political associations and similar institutions, with control of policy imposed from the top instead of being retained by people themselves.

—Peta in "Our Money."

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# HEALTHY PLANTS FROM DISEASED MATERIALS

By Dr. O. W. GRUSSENDORF, in "The Farmer" (England).

IN THE SPRING 1953 issue of "The Farmer", Frances Cleaves reported an experience on the significant fact that diseased plant material, after composting can serve as a substrate for new, exceptionally healthy growth.

Many organic farmers and gardeners are quite familiar with this natural phenomenon. If I may add evidence that I had myself when starting along the organic lines, here it is:

My plot of maize on very poor soil, about half an acre, had been seriously infected by smut in the year when I had not yet enough compost, but fertilised "according to the book," with a complete dressing of NPK. This does not necessarily mean, though, that the attack was *caused* by the chemicals. At any rate, they could not prevent the disease. On average, every third plant was so infected by the smut as, to be entirely destroyed, at least as far as yield was concerned. However, an adjacent, smaller plot with compost was nearly free from smut.

Of interest in this context is the following: Most of the diseased plants I cut off or pulled out, but did not destroy them. They found their place, among other kinds of plant material, in the Indore compost. In the next season I planted the maize field on soil prepared with this compost. Part of this field was planted right on the ground occupied in the previous year by the heavily smut-infected maize — on a soil saturated with the spores of the smut (which readily dust upon and survive in the soil). The plants grew on the composted remains of their predecessors.

The result of this unorthodox procedure was: Hardly any incidence of smut greater than in the part likewise composted, but on new ground; that means hardly any smut in the entire maize field. Maize on uncomposted soil continued to be heavily infested, as also my neighbours unwittingly demonstrated. Obviously, too, the poorer the soil,

the more devoid of organic matter, the more serious the smut. I used to apply the compost in furrows for the row crops, in order to save compost. Thus the plants had a good concentration of it at their roots.

Such results, common in organic practice, establish two points: first, the modern composting process (after the Indore principles) cleanses completely all diseased plant material—as well as animal waste—by killing disease germs through heat, attack by inimical micro-organisms and by enzymes relayed to them, and through formation of antibiotic substances. The resulting humified material is sterile in the sense that it contains no "harmful" organisms.

Secondly, the perfect nutrition, which the plants receive from humus-compost in a steady balanced flow, allows the inherent life qualities to manifest themselves perfectly in the plants. Well-fed plants do not invite the destruction by disease germs and insects; these natural agents, created to destroy living beings—plants as well as animal and human life — improperly nourished and placed into inadequate environmental conditions, by-pass beings of radiant health—the only type of beings intended in the scheme of nature; and I mean "intended,"—a fact of which everyone can convince himself if he wants to see. No need for the "knackers" to do any work on beings well in a position to contribute to the handing on to future generations, essential qualities unimpaired.

This benefit from a perfect nutrition can be derived from any organic system understood and accordingly designed. What matters in this context is the compost; any organic compost (correctly made, that is) will contribute to healthy, disease-resistant plants.

Thereby we come to our third point—which is less well established as yet. The first point was the cleansing effect, the second the nutritive-environmental effect, and now the third one—the antibody effect. When we make up a compost heap from diseased plant material, say such that was riddled by smut (maize), blight (potatoes), or any virus disease, or rust, etc.— could it be that antibodies form in the compost; antibodies that will immunise next year's maize, potatoes or tomatoes. The amounts necessary to immunize plants will be very small. We are also entitled to think of another type of antibodies, namely less specific ones, with a broader spectrum, which later "defend" a wider variety of plant species— perhaps botanically or ecologically related species. Such antibodies may or may not be identical with known antibodies.

The heat generated in the composting

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process will possibly lead to substances different from those occurring in untouched nature. Further, when we conceive of a compost heap as the natural system of "waste disposal" and re-circulation rolled up and concentrated by our own efforts, another aspect of the problem will come to light. In untouched nature, diseased plant material will drop to the ground and will there be "processed" by decomposing agents. There are strong indications that during the transition to humus specific antibodies are produced. But they may not under all conditions come into effect very soon. In other words, the ensuing plant growth may still be diseased. Only when conditions provide, i.e., when enough humus has been accumulated by the continued dying-off of the plants, meaning also an increased supply of antibodies, then the immunising effect—now supported by the effect of better nutrition and environment, besides the ever-present cleansing effect—will become effective. We cannot expect an immediate immunising effect that would be detached from the nutritional-environmental effect. Such short-cut is unwanted by nature, and only man in his arrogant ignorance prefers short-cuts, by immunizing, vaccinating, drugging, spraying, germ- and insect killing and all the hosts of remedies which he uses against symptoms—generally before and without ever looking at the roots and real causes of disease and premature death, namely disharmony, faulty nutrition and environment.

Nature does not protect the unfit and weakly. Nature, relentlessly as it seems to most, decrees: First, better nutrition and environment (the latter also by ecological build-up, aeration, granulation of soil, tilth), then an additional immunization.

While in nature these processes are slow and may require many re-circulations, composting speeds them up and magnifies them. Thus also the results appear earlier, and

indeed it has often been observed in organic practice that highly destructive diseases disappeared in the very first season when compost, made under incorporation of the particular diseased species, was applied. We have, however, not yet a clear-cut differentiation between the disease-preventing benefits accruing to the plants from (a) the improved nutrition and environment through compost, and (b) from the possible participation of antibodies.

Experiments to decide this question would have to include composts made uniformly after the same method, with the same ratios of animal waste and plant materials. The plant-derived part of one compost type would have to come exclusively from normal, healthy plants, say potatoes. The other type entirely from potatoes, diseased with the particular trouble that we intend to study. These plants must be field-culled so as to incorporate only healthy plants into one group of heaps, sick ones into the other. No other plant material should be present, except for a small percentage of activators, like legumes, and possibly herbs. When ready, both types of compost would have to be applied to potatoes under conditions that invite the particular disease. Its differential incidence, if any, could then be determined against controls. As far as I know, experiments of this type have not been carried out.

We cannot, therefore, definitely state whether or not antibodies formed in composts account for the health of plants, or the non-recurrence of specific diseases. However, we must realise that such considerations centre on finding the proper explanation for a fact that, to anyone who has experience with organic husbandry, stands without the shadow of a doubt:

Burning is folly. Diseased material, whatever it is, should never be "destroyed." It can advantageously be composted after modern methods. Such compost is perfectly sanitary for humans, animals and plants.

We can completely rely on the overall cleansing power of the composting process, as well as on the perfect nutrition we provide with compost for subsequent plants (regardless of species). Such optimal nutrition and environment will convey the utmost of health and of disease resistance to all our plants—possibly with the additional aid of specific antibodies.

## "Meaningless Fictions"

If Departments can today legislate beyond the reach of Parliament, and if, as they do constantly, they exclude the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts, substituting for it the jurisdiction of their own departmental tribunals, is it not clear that they have effectively excluded the rule of law and the control of Parliament from increasingly wide areas of the subject's social existence? If this is so, is it not clear that 'the rule of law' and the 'sovereignty of Parliament' have both become polite, and increasingly meaningless fictions?

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