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ANTI-EVATT VOTE SAVED GOVERNMENT

But Further Crises Ahead

The Menzies-Fadden Government narrowly survived the Federal Election only because a small majority of non-party electors decided that it was the lesser of two evils. There is little doubt that the widespread distrust of Dr. Evatt cost the Labor Party many thousands of decisive votes.

Government spokesmen are, of course, claiming that the electors have expressed confidence in the record of the Government and the policies it put forward during the elections. This is not true. All Parties claim that an election victory proves that their policies have been endorsed. But in actual fact the policies imposed by Governments are usually quite different from those put forward before elections. Many of the policies imposed are not even mentioned before elections.

For example, practically no mention was made of the vital subject of foreign policy during the Federal Election. Dr. Evatt was reported as having said at one meeting that the Menzies-Fadden Government was planning to recognise Communist China if successful at the elections. But when questioned after his Warragul meeting in Victoria, Dr. Evatt tacitly admitted that he had no objection to recognition of Communist China when this became politically expedient. In actual fact the Australian people have not had an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the subject of recognition of Communist China. Neither have they had the opportunity of expressing an opinion on whether Australian troops should be committed in Indo-China, where the French are now menaced not only by the Communists, but also by their "friends".

If the elections had been fought exclusively on Dr. Evatt's social service and other economic proposals, there is no doubt that the Government would have been defeated. And we agree that the implementation of Labor's programme would under present financial rules, have meant further inflation. But we must confess to a slight feeling of nausea caused by either the hypocrisy or the colossal ignorance of the Prime Minister on the subject of finance. Mr. Menzies spoke with mock indignation about the evils of the credit expansion, which Dr. Evatt's programme would entail. He deliberately ignored the fact that the very "prosperity" which he said his Government had brought about, was the result of considerable credit expansion after the results of the "Horror Budget" and credit restriction had reduced

the Government's political stocks to an all-time low. An examination of official banking figures will prove this to any person desirous of knowing the truth. These figures reveal just how Mr. Menzies made use of Treasury Bills when it suited him and his economic "advisers". And he will be forced to follow a policy of further credit expansion to prevent a collapse of the economic system.

Now the credit expansion, which Mr. Menzies must support, will, of course, produce the very inflation, which he warned it would produce under Dr. Evatt. We are well aware that it is alleged that inflation has been halted. It has not. It has been slowed down, or, as the Socialist economists say, "controlled." We noticed with interest that a Socialist lecturer on economics at the Melbourne University publicly said that Labor's programme could be carried through with approximately 3 to 4 percent inflation per year. This, he said, was reasonable. Mr. Menzies' programme may not result in this amount of inflation, but there will be some. It is this insidious increase in the price level, which is helping in the erection of the complete Monopoly State. The Socialists and Communists understand this matter very clearly.

One of the most dangerous policies advocated by Mr. Menzies in his policy speech, was the creation of a National Development Commission for the purpose of nation-wide planning. If this policy is not strongly challenged, it will be another major step towards economic centralism and the destruction of the few remaining powers of the States. It is a sample of that "practical Socialism" which Mr. Menzies once boasted about.

We predict now that crisis after crisis must follow any policies, which the Government tries to implement while present financial rules are accepted. And there is little doubt that the international scene must worsen unless there is a genuine challenge to the international conspirators responsible for the present plight of the world. The situation is a challenge to all who think as we do. Our readers will be pleased and interested to know that we have made special plans for an immediate campaign on several fronts. Further information concerning this campaign will

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OUR POLICY

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

By A. K. Chesterton, in "Candour," England

Critics of "Candour's" stand for the national sovereignty of the British peoples against incessant American pressures always base their argument on the supposition that such resistance must aid the Soviet Union. They find incomprehensible our assertion that the opposite is the truth, that as the breaking down of normal tissues provides the conditions favourable for malignant growth, so does every impairment of the principle of nationhood make us the more vulnerable to the cancer of Communism. The belief that the United States affords protection against this danger, whatever may be its momentary truth, is historically false, and it is false not only because America seeks to break down healthy national cells as part of her nominal anti-Soviet policy, but also because the Communist cancer was incubated, not in Moscow, but in New York.

Let doubters read with close attention the sixth of President Wilson's Fourteen Points, presented in an address to Congress in January, 1918:—

The evacuation of all Russian territory and such a settlement of all questions affecting Russia as will secure the best and freest co-operation of the other nations of the world in obtaining for her an unhampered and unembarrassed opportunity for the independent determination of her own political policy and assure her of a sincere welcome into the society of free nations under institutions of her own choosing; and, more than a welcome, assistance also of every kind that she may need and may herself desire. The treatment accorded Russia by her sister nations in the months to come will be the acid test of their goodwill, of their compression of her needs as distinguished from their intelligent and unselfish sympathy.

That was a most amazing piece of special pleading. As American public opinion, then as now, was wedded to the system of private enterprise, it is clear that in thus furthering the cause of the bloody-handed, anti-Christian revolutionary terrorists President Wilson was not speaking for the American people. For whom, then, did he speak? The answer is—for the men who plotted and financed the revolution, men who—so far from being the horny-handed sons of toil of the popular imagination—were the international financiers at the heart of the New York Money-Trust. Prominent among them were Jacob Schiff, the Warburg Brothers, Otto Kahn and the European affiliates of their international banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co. It was this same complex of interests which had used Wilson to sponsor the creation of the Federal Reserve Board system whereby they gained control over the entire credit mechanism of the United States and became the effective secret government of that country. The same financiers accompanied the President to Versailles, dominated his actions there, and campaigned with the utmost vigour for their "Russian" protégés, then amiably engaged in exterminating their Christian opponents by the millions. I put the word "Russian" in

quotation marks, because in truth the makers of the revolution on Russian soil were of the same race as the financial backers of the revolution in Wall Street—Ashkenazim Jews. These Jews, using every imaginable kind of fraud to defeat the immigration laws, had swarmed into the United States towards the end of the century, and by slick brains, energy, cohesion and abashless self-confidence had made themselves the biggest and wealthiest pressure group in the land. The British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, placed on record their power to dictate American policy during the First World War. They were a state within a state, using their host's physical means to serve their own purposes all over the world.

When Wilson fell in the great American reaction, the political influence of these Master-Jews steeply declined, and for many years they were compelled to rely upon other countries—our own among them—to serve their special racial purposes, foremost among them being the nurturing of their Soviet foundling and the preparation of the ground for the Jewish rape of Palestine. When Roosevelt came to power in 1932, however, they re-conquered the United States. They also made prodigious fortunes out of the New Deal. The outbreak of the Second World War found them again in a position to take over the secret government of that country and to pursue much the same sinister policy. America did not enter the First World War until Czarist Russia was overthrown, or the Second World War until Hitler attacked Stalin's Russia. Once the Berlin-Moscow axis was shattered, however, World Jewry swept to its revenge, in the process almost openly organising the United States as a part of the great Jewish-Capitalist-Communist conspiracy against Christendom. Specially protected Reds were placed in key positions, where they evolved the policy which was fulfilled when the Russians were admitted to the heart of Europe and given their heart's desire in the East, and when the decision was taken for the United States to share the post-war world with the Soviet Union—which would assuredly have happened but for Stalin's inexplicable withdrawal from the plot at the end of 1945—at the expense of Great Britain and the other Western European nations. Innumerable instances of the conspiracy could be furnished, but perhaps

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none so clear-cut as that provided by General Mark Clark, who tells in his autobiography how, as the Allies pushed back the Germans in Italy, the formidable M. Vyshinsky, with the full knowledge of the U.S. Government, travelled in their wake to try to arrange for the eventual Bolshevisation of Italy.

Even while the war was still being waged the Jewish policy-makers of New York, using as tools Red agents such as Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White, brought into being the United Nations as the basis of a projected Jewish super-state and the World Bank as the basis of a projected Jewish international credit monopoly. They also created U.N.R.R.A., the two-fold purpose of which was to bolster the economies of the new Soviet satellite states in Eastern Europe, where almost all the relief was distributed, and to finance the illegal Jewish migration to Palestine. So blatant had the policy-makers become in the pursuit of their designs that Mr. Henry Morgenthau, then Secretary of the United States Treasury, even sent the Russians plates so that they could print their own dollar notes.

No more alarming picture of Jewish world power exists than that of the seizure of Palestine, carried through under the direction of Jews armed with the diplomatic immunity which all countries, including our own, were coerced into extending to United Nations and U.N.R.R.A. personnel. There was scarcely a government, which was not suborned to play an active part in the infamous proceedings. The picture was first given to the world by General Sir Frederick Morgan, European head of U.N.R.R.A., who related how train loads of prosperous Jews, with pockets stuffed with money, were allowed out of the Russian-controlled regions to take part in the illegal trek. There had clearly been a bargain between Zionist headquarters and the Kremlin to secure this result. General Morgan was finally dismissed from his post for daring to affirm that U.N.R.R.A. was functioning as a Communist espionage organisation, his quietus being delivered by the New York Jew La Guardia.

So unblushingly has history been falsified before our eyes that most people accept without question the idea that the era of the great American loans began when Washington decided to line up the West against Communism. That is pure fiction. The original proposals included an initial loan of £1,500,000,000 for Russia and Marshall Aid, so far from being an anti-Communist measure, was intended—until Stalin withheld his co-operation—to be fed to countries behind the Iron Curtain. When the American reaction set in, as it had set in after Wilson's solid support for Russia at Versailles, the master-planners of Wall Street, paying the time but needful woe, concentrated upon building the West into their system through N.A.T.O. and its related bodies, cashed-in upon the seventy billion pounds worth of rearmament orders which followed the outbreak of the Korean War that had been contrived through the deliberate withdrawal of American troops, continued to work for "one world"—their world—and they now await a favourable opportunity of openly reuniting the anti-

Christian forces of New York with the anti-Christian Soviet Union. That policy-objective outlined in Wilson's Point Six has never been dropped. Capitalism and Communism, in terms of power, are merely their twin-mechanisms to destroy the sovereignty of the Christian nations and merge them into the projected super state, where Jewish finance will exercise full sway and masterdom through that monopoly of atomic energy, which is being sought with such feverish and fiendish persistence.

The Ashkenazim Jews who have conquered America seek also to conquer us. They have already, under cover of our alliance, in large part destroyed the British Empire. That is why "Candour" proclaims the need for a great British revival and a British Declaration of Independence. We are being blinded by the alliance, with its fiction that our destroyers are our protectors. They are nothing of the kind. They will sell us into slavery as willingly as they will sell into slavery the American people upon whom they now wax fat and whose material resources they use for their own nefarious worldwide purposes. To say that in exposing their plans for world dominion we are playing the Kremlin's game is to act as an unconscious agent of Christendom's betrayal.

The tragedy is that although the facts I have narrated are well known to an increasing number of people in the United States, there is almost total ignorance of them in the British world, where even to mention them is to conjure up in sleepy, complacent British minds a sense of the preposterous—and consequently to be adjudged mad. The facts nevertheless remain facts. Nothing has been written here which cannot be proved. Fortunately the conspiracy has not yet fully succeeded. Whether or not it does succeed depends in large part upon our capacity to warn our fellow-countrymen of their danger, because only the retention of British sovereignty and the restoration of British power can ensure to the world that stability which will save mankind from the appalling tyranny of the proposed all-embracing Jewish Police State. As things are, our people are lulled by Communist deposits lost at the polls. That is not the kind of Communism we have to fear. Communism is not a movement of poor men, but of rich men—the richest men in the world—and it does not need Communists in the British House of Commons to bring us crashing to the ground. That aim is achieved by attacking our national sovereignty, in which cause Members of Parliament, forgoing their brains, only too often aspire to lead the van.

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"Stable Money"

The first duty of a government is to provide a proper currency, which will be able to keep its value. Without this, we are indeed helpless. Indeed, a chronically depreciating currency is probably the surest way of bringing about eventually a completely servile State. With a depreciating currency, we find it impossible to make reasonable provision for our own future needs as prudent men should.

—Mr. Colin Clark in "The Tablet,"
March 13.

Although Mr. Clark disagrees with his fellow-economists on some matters, he accepts their views on the control of the individual's credit. While the individual's credit remains under centralised control, and is issued and withdrawn under present financial rules, inflation is inevitable. The duty of a government is to provide a credit system, which will reflect reality. Present methods of finance-accountancy result in a steady depreciating in the purchasing power of money even though the real cost of production, which is consumption, is being reduced. Why doesn't Mr. Clark deal with this issue?

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be revealed shortly. We trust that all readers will co-operate in this important post-election offensive. The salvation of our way of life is not through the trickery practised at elections where the party, which recruits the largest number of irresponsible votes, claims an unrestricted mandate to do as it likes until the next occasion for more trickery arrives.

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MASS MEDICATION THROUGH FLUORIDATION

By Mrs. Elizabeth Pattullo, President of Scottish Housewives' Association.

The fluoridation of water supplies is proving to be a highly controversial subject in local councils where the project has been mooted, and recently the battle reached a new propensity when the Scottish Housewives Association sent a letter to the Prime Minister, asking for the removal of the Hon. James Stuart as Secretary of State for Scotland.

This action followed a B.B.C. announcement to the effect that the Secretary of State for Scotland had asked Kilmarnock Town Council "to test" the effect of adding fluorine to their drinking water and, "should the legality of the action of the Council be challenged, *he will be prepared to indemnify them for the cost of any legal proceedings alleging a breach of their obligations in which they might become involved.*" The Association pointed out to the Prime Minister that such high-handed administration is totally against Scottish principles.

Certainly at least two Medical Officers of Health in Britain (Cardiff and Kilmarnock) will be disappointed if their areas are not chosen and the inhabitants made the equivalent of guinea pigs. Both are ardent adherents of the fluoridation programme. While neither can claim any personal research both have been over to America and both echo the propaganda of the promoters over there.

For instance, the Cardiff Medical Officer's report to his City Council stated that 166 communities in America are fluoridating. He omitted to tell them that 242 communities had rejected the proposal and also that at Steven's Point, Mount Dora, Springfield, Iowa, Williamstown, La Crosse, Westby and others, where fluoridation had been started (in some cases unknown to the inhabitants) it has now been stopped, following their protests on becoming aware of the project.

Again, in contradiction of this officer's assertion that fluoridation does not affect commercial processes, several firms in America have stated that as they do not consider fluoridated water safe, they have had to install expensive machinery for the removal of fluorides.

Commenting on the same officer's assertion that "no mottled enamel is produced by water containing one part per million of fluorine", Mr. Chas. Dillon, L.D.S., D.D.S., of Fort William, Scotland, who has done tremendous research on this subject, has this to say:—

"No one can deny that mottling is due to the action of calcium-reactable fluorine on the vital elements of teeth and bone (bone as well as teeth shows mottling) therefore the process cannot be limited by any public health measure. Once you have fluorine in the water you start a chain of events, which is progressive and accumulative. In South Shields there is evidence of progressive damage to the pulp of teeth and to the periodontal membranes supporting the teeth. Between the ages of 35 and 45 there is a marked loss of teeth due to pyorrhoea.

"It is well known that factory workers exposed to fluorine suffer toxic effects and that their effective industrial life is short. If drinking-water is fluorinated that will mean that the industrial worker who has put in a full day absorbing fluorine cannot escape a further dose of fluorine in his own home. *Fluorine is acknowledged as an industrial hazard.* If the industrial worker has to imbibe fluorinated water the hazard will be increased. And that is not all. When fluorine is put into the water children will be exposed to a measure of factory conditions throughout their entire youth, with the result that their effective industrial life will be even shorter than that of their fathers. The fluorine to which an individual may be exposed under industrial conditions is the same as the fluorine it is proposed to add to the water, and will have the same biological effect."

Dr. Leo Spira, who has devoted twenty-five years' study to fluorine poisoning and written thirty-two papers on the subject for the benefit of the medical profession, has now written a book for the layman entitled "The Drama of Fluorine; Arch-enemy of Mankind" in which he states:—

"Mottling of the teeth is not a localized lesion but the first visible, external sign of chronic fluorine poisoning produced via the general blood circulation."

An investigation concerning the study of fluorine in drinking water is published in the Journal of the Indian Medical Association, and one case admitted to hospital for *spastic paraplegia*, turned out to be one of advanced skeletal fluorosis. "The neurological condition was a result of compression of spinal cord and peripheral nerves due to abnormal calcification and densification which could be reasonably attributed to protracted ingestion of fluorine through drinking water."

The intrigue behind this fluoridation programme is best summed up in the part taken by Dr. Bull at the Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Conference of State Dental Directors with the Public Health Service and the Children's Bureau, held in the Federal Security Building, Washington, in June, 1951:—

Dr. Bull: "I noticed that Dr. Bain used the term 'adding sodium fluoride.' *We never do that that is rat poison. You add fluorides.* Never mind that sodium fluoride business. All of these things give the opposition something to pick at, and they have got enough to pick at without our giving them more. But this toxicity question is a difficult one. I can't give you the answer on it. I can prove to you that we do not know the answer, because we had a city of 18,000 people, which was fluoridating its water for six or eight months. Then a campaign was started on

the grounds of its toxicity. It ended up in a referendum and they threw out fluoride. It's tough. When we are having the Press in, and the public in, DONT HAVE ANYBODY ON THE PROGRAMME who is going to go ahead and oppose us because he wants to study it some more."

The writing is on the wall if we allow the Government to get away with fluoridation of water supplies. The real issue is one of principle and rests on the objection to compulsory medication; surely as serious a threat as the hydrogen bomb.

Life and Liberty

That life and liberty are aspects of the same thing is not just a sententious saying, it is the literal truth; for life is an equilibrium, and the maintenance of an equilibrium is dependent upon the existence of independent, separated powers, i.e., upon liberty; but even more than that, the whole course and development of a life is effected by its expression in the material world. In the simplest case, if we are not free to breathe, or to eat what we need, then that something which expresses itself by causing matter to flow into the form of our bodies ceases so to express itself; and though there are restrictions less total and immediate than these they all cripple and abort the development of life in some direction. Thus, if we say that it is liberty alone that we fight and contend for, we are only saying that we are fighting for life, that our struggle is for existence and not against it, the defensive, reactionary, in the biological sense (i.e., responsible at the human level) struggle which the "progressives" so despise, and which alone can preserve the balance necessary for life.

Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs in "On Planning The Earth".

The Causes of War

Military wars are waged by nations, a statement which is the basis of the somewhat naive and, I think, certainly erroneous idea that you would abolish war if you abolished nations. This is much like saying that you would abolish rate paying if you abolished Urban District Councils. You do not dispose of a problem by enlarging its boundaries, and, if I am not mistaken, the seeds of war are in every village. So long, then, as we are prepared to agree, firstly, that the removal of industrial unemployment is the primary objective of statesmanship, and, secondly, that the capture of foreign markets is the shortest path to the attainment of this objective, we have the primary economic irritant to military wars always with us, and, moreover, we have it in an accelerating rate of growth, because production is expanding through the use of power machinery, and undeveloped markets are contracting. Any village which has two grocery shops, each competing for an insufficient, and decreasing, amount of business, while continually enlarging its premises, is a working demonstration of the economic causes of war—is, in fact, itself at war by economic methods.

—C. H. Douglas in "The Monopoly of Credit".

COMPROMISE IMPOSSIBLE WITH COMMUNISTS

A LEAGUE OF RIGHTS RADIO TALK

On the eve of the Geneva Conference, the Soviet dictator, Malenkov, made a shrewd move in the psychological war against the West. Malenkov said that he believed in the co-existence of Communism and capitalism. He also believed in increased trade between the two systems. As these remarks were made to the supreme Soviet, it is certain that they are a carefully calculated move in the present cold war. Now Malenkov knows that very few people, except Communists, take the trouble to study Communist teachings very closely. And he also knows that most people have a deep yearning for peace. If, therefore, he can persuade these people that there is no good reason why the Communist and non-Communist world should not live peacefully together—even trading with each other, he can further the Communist objective without creating unnecessary opposition. Stalin and other Communist authorities make it clear in their writings that there can be no permanent agreement between the Communist and non-Communist worlds. One side or the other must eventually be victorious. And, of course, the Communists believe that the victory of Communism all over the world is eventually inevitable. Talk about peaceful co-existence is designed to confuse people. In case

there are any listeners who have any doubts about this matter, we draw their attention to the frank admissions made by Manuilsky, then head of the Comintern, or Communist international, in an address in 1930 to agents gathered in Moscow from all parts of the world. Manuilsky said: "War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in 20 or 30 years. To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we will begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to co-operate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down we shall smash them with our clenched fist." How prophetic this all is when we study what the Communist leaders are about today. There can be no compromise whatever with the Communists. We must defeat them completely. This is not, as some woolly-minded people claim, a gospel of despair, an acceptance of the inevitability of another world war in which there will be wholesale destruction by atomic weapons. If the Western leaders will only face the Communist strategy honestly, they will realise what type of psychological offensive is necessary to defeat the Communists. Some people appear to be concerned because Soviet Russia has broken off diplomatic relations with Australia. Australia should have taken the initiative in breaking off these relationships years ago. And every Western country should do likewise. We should make it clear to the greatest victims of Communism, the Russian and other peoples behind the Iron Curtain, that we refuse to accept their Communist masters as the legitimate Governments of their countries. Courageous men like Petrov and others should be given every facility to appeal to their fellow Russians to follow their lead and desert Communism whenever possible. Much can be done to avert war if only we honestly face the fact that the Communists only use compromise to enslave us in the future.

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.

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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One must look for the dry rot inside France, where it has had plenty of time—several decades—to become established. France has sent the cream of her own officers and N.C.O.'s to Indo-China, but for the rest she has been fighting Viet Minh with the Foreign Legion, North Africa troops and Vietnamese. These may be splendid soldiers—the Foreign Legion is superb—but the fact remains that French troops—troops from metropolitan France—have had almost no part in the campaign. The reason? No conscripts—the French Army is a conscripted army—are allowed to be sent to the war, and their absence undoubtedly creates a spiritual hiatus. French politicians, placing service to their own careers above the needs of France dare not incur the unpopularity of remedying this deficiency. The nation is stricken with "leftism". Unless a cure be effected the French, sooner rather than later, will lose everything. M. Bidault now further encourages the enemy by wailing that France cannot prevail against Viet Minh without foreign intervention. If that were true, she cannot complain that the interventionists—even before their intervention—should seek to take over the control of affairs from the palsied hands of French politicians.

"Candour," May 14

Flight From the City

By Ralph Borsodi

"Men and women who desire to escape from dependence upon the present industrial system and who have no desire to substitute for it dependence upon a state-controlled system are beginning to experiment with a way of life which is neither city life nor farm life, but which is an effort to combine the advantages and to escape the disadvantages of both."

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THE COMMUNISTS' ECONOMIC OFFENSIVE

It was recently reported—with satisfaction—in the Australian daily press that Russia has become one of the largest buyers of Australian wool. Butter exports to Russia have also been considerable. There has been no mention of how Australia is to be paid for these exports. Under prevailing financial rules it is regarded as essential that a "favourable balance of trade" be established. This means, of course, that a country sends more production out of the country than it brings in. Regarded realistically, this policy is one of sheer economic madness. Those countries that follow it religiously progressively sabotage their own internal economies while building up the economies of those countries with an unfavourable balance of trade.

The economic facts are, of course, obscured by the temporary prosperity, which a "favourable balance of trade" produces. During the recent Federal Election campaign Mr. Menzies had quite a lot to say about inflation. He pointed out that inflation occurs when the volume of money is increased without any increase in the supply of goods for sale. But this is exactly what happens under the "favourable balance of trade" policy, which Mr. Menzies has so strongly supported. The more favourable the balance of trade, the less goods available for local sale. But at the same time the local money supply is increased because the producers of the exported goods must be paid. The producers of wool and butter exported to Russia do not receive roubles for their production; they are paid in Australian money created in the form of financial credit by the banking system.

The Communist leaders have made it clear on numerous occasions that they understand the flaws in the Western economies. The recent eagerness of the Communist leaders to increase trade with the Western nations demonstrates an intention to exploit the West's growing economic problems while at the same time consolidating the Communist regime by a flow of imported consumer goods. In recent times the Soviet has not only imported butter and wool from Australia, but also best quality beef from Kenya. Large quantities of capital goods have also been imported from Great Britain. Much of Russia's purchases from Great Britain have been probably paid for by gold dug by Russian slave labour. This is not genuine payment because gold is a comparatively useless metal.

It is true, however, that Russia has been exporting considerable production, much of it at prices, which appear to be deliberately designed to under-cut American prices. Communist policy appears to be designed to develop closer trade relations between all Communist countries, including Communist China, and British Empire countries. This policy must have the effect of making it progressively more difficult for the Americans to make their internal economy work by exporting "surpluses." Stalin said in 1952 that "... Britain, and after her capitalist France, will be compelled to break from the embrace of the United States and enter into conflict with it in order to secure an independent position."

Present internal financial rules in the Western nations make it impossible for them to resist the growing Communist economic offensive. Can our "leaders" not see this while there is time for action?

The Great Conference Delusion

He writes, "Of all the phenomena of mass psychology with which we have been regaled these years, this is perhaps the most remarkable. Canny Scots, positive Englishmen, skeptic Frenchmen, and even hardboiled Americans, seriously believe that by some mysterious action of the Holy Ghost or of personal magnetism, the problems that beset the world of nations are going to be solved as soon as the Big Four meet round a table.

"Experience might have told them the reverse. The disasters in which we live are precisely due to those gatherings of supermen. Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam are the three stations of Europe's Calvary.

"The results are apparent. Europe is carved and half of it is in slavery because two Western supermen dreamt themselves equal to the task of shaping her destinies in collaboration with a third superman bent on destroying her.

—Dr. Salvador de Madariaga.

"McCARTHYISM"

The smearing of Senator Joseph McCarthy continues in the Australian daily press. In the April issue of the Victorian League of Rights Intelligence Survey, irrefutable evidence is given of the manner in which deliberate lies about McCarthy have been publicised. Gallup Poll figures are quoted showing how McCarthy is supported by the overwhelming majority of Christian Americans. But the majority of Jews oppose him. This fact is significant and indicates where the violent opposition to McCarthy stems from.

It is probably true that McCarthy's assistant Cohn tried to obtain preferential treatment in the Army for his friend, Mr. Schine. But this unimportant issue has been raised to direct attention away from McCarthy's investigation of Communist influence in the American Army Administration.

General Eisenhower's directive that witnesses at the current investigation of McCarthy's charges must not give any details of what happened at a high-level administration conference on January 21, is the same type of technique which Truman used to stifle exposure of Communist influence. American commentators point out that this directive by Eisenhower is further proof that he is controlled by the same forces, which governed Roosevelt and Truman.

Runnymede

And still when mob or monarch lays
Too rude a hand on English ways,
To whisper wakes, the shudder plays,
Across the reeds at Runnymede,
And Thames, that knows the moods of
kings,
And crowds and priests and such like
things,
Rolls deep and dreadful as he brings
Their warning down from Runnymede.
—Rudyard Kipling.

1954 SOCIAL CREDIT TRAINING COURSE

No battle can be won without well-trained campaigners. Every year during the winter months the Social Credit Action Group conducts a special Social Credit training course for those "New Times" readers who desire to make themselves more competent. A competent minority, which thoroughly understands the issues involved in the growing world drama, can, as Douglas once said, decide the fate of Western Civilization. A great responsibility rests upon Social Crediters, one which should inspire them to equip themselves to play their role nobly and effectively.

Last year's training course was an outstanding success, several of those who did the course subsequently demonstrating in the field of action that they had profited considerably from their training. It is hoped that this year's class will be even bigger than last year's. The sponsors of the course hope to make a start early in June. There will be a small charge of 2/6 per week (£1 for the course) to cover the cost of notes. Will all Melbourne readers who desire to do this year's course, which will be held at the offices of "The New Times," please inform us immediately?

Several country readers asked last year whether they might not also do the course. Considerable thought has been given to this matter and a correspondence course will be conducted if sufficient readers request it.

The following extract from "The Social Creditor" of July 2, 1949, provides a summary of the salient factors which have determined Social Credit strategy in recent years and an indication of the urgent necessity of training courses which will ensure that an increasing number of competent Social Crediters are working in the community:

"At the present time, when the vast forces which have been generated during recent centuries seem to be moving rapidly towards a decision, the most potent force which it is within the power of a minority group to exert is the power of inherent QUALITY. No confession is easier to

elicit from most observers of good intelligence and undoubtedly deeply interested as well as involved in the political drama set before us than the confession of confusion of mind which paralyses action or precipitates it uselessly in a direction which serves any interest but the one the individual most truly desires to serve. The average mind seems in the grip of opinions, which are not clear-cut; they lack definiteness and therefore consistency and therefore truth and effectiveness.

"Now, such is the spread of technical information nowadays . . . that most people know what chemists mean by a catalyst, i.e., some substance present among reacting elements or compounds, which itself may be present in exceedingly small amount, but which, in some way, by its very presence, determines action and reaction which otherwise would not occur. The nature of the more abundant reacting substances does not seem to be affected in the slightest degree; but by this catalytic link, which itself remains unchanged, these are brought to behave in a way in which they would not otherwise behave. So this WIDELY DISTRIBUTED NON-CLEAR-CUT OPINION, which displays itself in tragic ineffectiveness at the present time, can be made effective by the presence everywhere of a sufficiency of CLEAR-CUT OPINION. The establishment of such a condition is particularly the objective set before the supporters of the Social Credit Secretariat. All the efforts of the Secretariat are turned for the moment upon developing QUALITY OF ACTION of this kind at its highest possible intensity."

Quality of action is only possible by competent Social Crediters. Will all those readers desirous of playing an effective role in furthering Social Credit please contact us immediately.

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The author is the best known exponent of the theory of natural childbirth, and his methods have earned the widest and most authoritative support in the medical and nursing profession, as well as the confidence and gratitude of many mothers, since he first began to practise and write on the subject over 20 years ago.

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Number of Farm Holdings Decrease

In spite of post-war soldier settlement schemes, the average size of farm holdings in Australia continue to increase while the number of farmers decreases. From 1938-39 to 1952-53 the number of farm holdings fell by three percent to 245,000, while the average area per holding increased by eight percent to 3,833 acres.

These figures prove that present financial policies are resulting in growing centralisation in farming similar to the centralisation in secondary industries. This centralisation is most undesirable but cannot be checked until centralised control of credit power is broken.

The Passing of Parliament

By Prof. G. W. Keeton

More than twenty years ago the then Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Hewart, warned the British peoples in his great classic, "The New Despotism", that there was a subtle plan to undermine Parliament and to destroy the traditional rights of the individual by a policy of "bureaucratic lawlessness". Since Lord Hewart made his grave warning, the threat of a Dictatorship of the Bureaucracy has steadily increased. It is still growing and must be challenged and defeated if the free society is to survive.

In "The Passing of Parliament", the eminent English constitutional authority, Professor Keeton, develops and underlines the late Lord Hewart's theme. In clear, forceful language, the author shows how the bureaucratic dictatorship has grown. And in consequence the jurisdiction of the ordinary Courts have been curtailed to the stage where they can no longer provide the individual with adequate protection against the bureaucrats and their regulations. Professor Keeton poses the question, which every freedom-loving individual must honestly face: "We are all aware which way the tide is running. How far do we wish it to run? Do we wish it to batter down the few remaining barriers between the executive and the citizen? Are we really satisfied that official policy is necessarily a satisfactory substitute for private right?"

Professor Keeton leaves no doubt that modern Parliament are for all practical purposes facades behind which real power is wielded by powerful individuals who never face the electors. As he writes in his frightening chapter, "The Road to Moscow", "Today, in Great Britain we live on the edge of dictatorship. Transition would be easy, swift, and it could be accomplished with complete legality. Already, so many steps have been taken in this direction, due to the completeness of power possessed by the Government of the day, and the absence of any real check such as the terms of a written constitution or the existence of an effective second chamber, that those still to be taken are small in comparison." All of which applies equally to what is happening in Australia.

"The Passing of Parliament" should be in the hands of all those who desire to play an active role in resisting those striving to create the complete Monopoly State.

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IS MAN A SOIL BUILDER OR A PARASITE

By H. E. LOBSTEIN in "The Farmer"

Edward Hyam's book, "Soil and Civilization" (Thames and Hudson, 21/-), can be divided into two main sections; one, which deals with man as a disease of soils, and the other which shows man as a soil maker. There *were* apparently only two civilisations, which at one time achieved sufficient harmony with the land upon which they lived to maintain and even build its fertility. The Andean (Inca) and the Celts of the European Atlantic seaboard. Both seem to support the claims of the Henry Georgists, as they both practised some kind of land ownership by the community.

We, today, who have no longer the beliefs and taboos of the primitive communities, beliefs which in these cases helped to protect forests and soils, will have to learn to substitute creative ecology, and to listen to our poets and artists, and re-establish a balance between the claims of true observation made by agricultural industrialists and philosophers alike. The true scientist is not only a technician however refined and advanced his technology may be, even though he often calls himself a scientist, but a philosopher as well, a dreamer, a visionary.

Creative ecology, as Hyams calls this new approach to our soil problems, in his last chapter, will have to combine not only all other branches of science, but the arts as well, and make them its servant rather than its master, if man is to live nobly and at peace, and if the limits of subsistence are to be extended, limits which many Malthusians claim we are about to reach.

First we must understand the nature of our soils. It is becoming increasingly clear that the soil is a living body and subject to the same laws as any other living organism. A living organism continuously adapts itself, and its parts to one another in such a way that during its life, structure and activities are maintained in a manner, which is characteristic of it, and are transmitted from generation to generation. Both the internal and the external environment of the organism are part of its life. The late Professor J. S. Haldane, in his book, *The Philosophical Basis of Biology*, shows that chemical and physical explanation are not possible of this adaptation and maintenance of structure, and goes further to say that biology being a wider science, its laws may be used to interpret those of physics and chemistry, but never vice versa.

Before Einstein, physics was content to predict phenomena of appearances. But since Einstein, who successfully made use of biological principles, and the philosophi-

cal advances since then, Haldane seems to have been proved right. Chemistry still has to learn this fundamental truth, however. And with its discovery, particularly by the agricultural chemist, will learn to work with nature and not against her.

Hyams' *Soil and Civilisation* starts with a definition of the principles of living soil community. The soil's inhabitants are part of the soil, and essential to its being alive. Plants, trees, are part of the soil, as without them the soil dies: blows or washes away. Soils are adaptable. European Atlantic soils, for instance, have had a chance to adapt themselves to live with man over many thousands of years, and adapt themselves to the slow development of his tools. The primitive tools had little chance to do a great deal of damage, and the slowness of their development, coupled with an extensive afforestation, gave the soil its chance. Gradually the structure changed until the soil can now stand being worked by modern tools, and yet maintain its resistance to erosion. This fact is recognised by foremost soil specialists and demonstrated by yields. On the other hand, soils, which were still in their original virgin state when man arrived, with comparatively modern tools, had no chance of adjustment. This seems a remarkable theory, and Mr. Hyams gives many data and many instances to illustrate this contention. The soil history of Oklahoma is given as an example of how man's lack of understanding of this problem has resulted in a situation described in the *Grapes of Wrath*.

Excavations in the Indus river valley point to an advanced civilisation there 2,500 years before Christ. Simply by cutting down the trees and forests to bake bricks for their houses and palaces. They altered the climate to an extent that destroyed their soil and finally themselves. Simple? Perhaps too simple, and yet one cannot help but feel it to ring true. We have our floods, beginning symptoms of the same disease, but do we learn? The local people and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service know the reasons and want to start building their

soil at the source of the rivers, as trees there will hold water, and the President knows it and favours the idea, or at least says so, but the Senate and the army are against it, and so too little gets done. And next year we will have another avoidable flood.

The lesson we learn from the rise and decay of many of the civilisations under scrutiny is an extraordinary parallel between them: the mental attitude which gradually changes as the people develop from a primitive soil community into an exploitative one. Hyams uses the word parasitic.

In many instances this change is caused

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SIR ALBERT HOWARD-A REAPPRAISAL

By Thomas Powell in "Organic Gardening and Farming"

Every so often, history tells us, a man appears on the world scene who is far ahead of his time. Blessed with the right opportunities—and the genius for taking full advantage of them—such a man can forge magnificent advances in the well being of mankind.

Sir Albert Howard was, more so than any other man in history, in tune with Nature. For this we may be everlastingly grateful. In the words of Lady Eve Balfour, "Always Sir Albert looked to Nature for guidance, appealed to her for a verdict, cited her as the authority."

It is perhaps hard for us to appreciate just how novel his ideas were. In his early days, all emphasis was being turned to chemical fertilizers, insecticides, the search for pathogenic organisms and the like. But Sir Albert directed his tireless energy toward the evolving and testing of an entirely new concept of soil, plant and animal health. More, his approach was all embracing: he believed in following a crop from its seed through all the complexities of growth, harvesting and preparation for the table.

This led him into a number of odd by-ways—the invention of new packing cases, the drying of vegetables for the British Army, the tracing of his wheats from seed to milling to the baked loaf.

This thoroughness typified his whole outlook. He corresponded unceasingly with men in all related professions, never hesitating to compliment good work or censure a wrong conclusion. Colleagues near and far came to have huge respect for the stocky little man whose kindly face hid an intense, lightning-quick mind.

Sir Albert was never a man to do anything by halves. Thus when the Howards tackled their first problem in India, the inferiority and poor yields of the Indian wheats, they made a complete study of the crop such as had never been made before of any crop. Sir Albert's widow says: "In the course of it they acquired their first fundamental conception of the agricultural needs of the East. It introduced them to problems of drainage, irrigation, and manuring, which had to be solved if progress was to be made. It proved to them that little was known of Indian agriculture, that what had been said was often wrong, and that plant breeding for Indian crops would have to start at the beginning with the huge task of sorting out a great confusion of varieties before any attempt at improvement could be made. It tempted them, very rightly, to merchandise their harvest and to seek a verdict in the severe competition of a Western world market; to go further and test final quality in the form of the baked loaf on the breakfast table."

Thus as with every other crop he worked with, Sir Albert investigated a multitude of varied factors: adaptability to different soils and climates (he found an enormous range of climates in India, some wheats ripening in February, others in July), resistance to disease, tools used by the farmer, storage and processing of the crop, quality of the final consumer product.

Despite the low yields, Sir Albert found many commendable practices, particularly in the field of fertility maintenance. Rota-

tions were widely used, wheat being grown with barley, peas, mustard, rape and linseed, and with some leguminous weeds which had enabled Punjab farmers to grow wheat continuously for centuries with no manure.

Some 12 years were spent in the breeding of wheats, during which time the very significant problem of plant disease arose. Indian wheats, even the new varieties the Howards developed, were very susceptible to rusts. Sir Albert soon saw that poor tilth, water logging, packing and surface crusting went along with the disease, and he embarked on a long and fruitful study of soil aeration. To better control the terrific monsoon rains, he developed a system of contouring and terracing for the fields, but the real answer, he found, lay in using native deep-rooted plants to let air into the soil.

This led him to his first conclusions on soil fertilization. Sufficient air in the soil, he discovered, let its myriad organisms work to release plant foods like the nitrogen supplied by the green manures. Therefore the purchase of nitrates and phosphates was unnecessary, natural forces doing the job much better.

This was his first clue to the value of the soil's microbial life. Thereafter in all his work, with tobacco, fruits, fodder crops, vegetables and the rest, he followed up his theory that organic matter, the prime raw material with which these organisms worked, was the most important factor in crop success. A soil well supplied with organic matter, it became apparent over many years' experiments, grew bigger yields of healthier crops; these crops in turn were more attractive to animals and gave them outstanding health.

This, of course, is only the broadest outline of the evolution of Sir Albert's system. Hundreds of acute observations, backed up by thousands of field trials, went into this work. Only the most open-minded investigator, one who was willing at all times to regard Nature as an infallible teacher, could have accomplished it. In this lies Sir Albert's greatness.

Following his return to England, he devoted the remainder of his life to perfecting and publicizing his ideas of good agriculture. All his life's work had shown him irrefutably that the only real basis of fertility was the return of all wastes to the soil; more, that plant, animal and human health were directly dependent on this waste return.

His writings were many and profound. "An Agricultural Testament" stands as his monument to posterity, the guiding work to the growing number of men in all walks of life who now carry the torch. As the organic movement grows, we find courage to stand up against our detractors in the very rightness of Sir Albert Howard's teachings.

He spent his remaining 16 years in fight-

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Life from the Soil

By Col. H. F. White and
Sir C. Stanton Hicks

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This is the first Australian book on organic farming and associated subjects. Written by two distinguished Australians, Col. H. F. White, well-known New England grazier, and Sir Stanton Hicks, Professor of Human Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Adelaide, this book should be on the shelves of all Australian farmers and gardeners. In fact it should be read by all responsible Australians, because it deals with matters, which affect all individuals.

The book is in two sections: The first by Col. White deals with his own experiences as a practical farmer; the second by Sir Stanton Hicks is a comprehensive survey of all aspects of man's relationship to his environment. Col. White relates how, after finding that he was failing to maintain improved pastures in spite of increasing annual applications of superphosphate, he was introduced to the organic idea. He immediately switched to a system of ley farming and noticed an almost immediate improvement in his soil structure, his pastures and the health of his stock. Col. White's practical experience with organic farming methods under Australian conditions should be studied by every genuinely progressive farmer.

Sir Stanton Hicks is a recognised world authority on nutrition, and when he warns that there is a direct relationship between the increasing incidence of degenerative diseases and man's exploitive farming methods, every sensible person should take heed. As Sir Stanton points out, the subject of the quality of food concerns every individual, not only farmers.

In his chapter on Ecology, the author makes the penetrating observation that the "excessive uprooting of man from his true relation to his natural environment, focuses his attention to an increasing extent on a highly artificial feature of his ecology, namely sociology. This preoccupation finds expression in a much abused term, "standard of living", and since government is based upon numbers, urbanisation which follows industrialisation, concentrates political attention upon the towns."

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RUSSIAN COMFREY

LAWRENCE D. HILLS, F.R.H.S., in "Rural Economy" (England),
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Russian Comfrey (*Symphytum peregrinum*) is a fodder crop, which produces five times as much protein as an 18-ton yield of lucerne and two and a half times as much carbohydrate off every acre. It is in cut from April to November. It takes three years to establish, but is a perennial lasting up to twenty years. It sets no seed, being an almost sterile hybrid of our native Comfrey (*S. officiate*) and the Prickly Comfrey (*S. asperrimum*), and is therefore grown from rooted offsets by division, planted 3 ft. apart each way, 4840 to the acre.

The crop's main uses are as green fodder for pigs, poultry, and racing or riding horses, because of its high ratio of protein to fibre (3.4 percent to 1.5 percent fresh weight, as compared with lucerne in early flower, 4.1 percent to 7.2 percent), and contains allantoin, an internal healer which prevents and cures scour. Six pounds a day for four days will cure an adult sow; calves and goats (which also eat it) take less. The most profitable use is at present for pigs, either on the Lehmann system (*ad lib* bulk feeding and reduced meal ration), since there is no scour and no swill-boiling risk, or for breeders. An Essex store-pig raiser feeds it to his sows, the piglets eating it as a supplement to the milk. Because of its low fibre, it gives the early live weight gain from vegetable protein with no danger of digestive trouble, and enables larger litters to be reared (seventeen or eighteen) without milk starvation.

Mr. E. V. Stevenson of Hunsley House Stud, Little Weighton, near Hull feeds this crop to £100,000 worth of mares and foals

each season as a "health food." This year he has tried 40 lb. a day and only 4 lb. of oats, saving 17/6 a week on the normal diet of a 4-year-old gelding used trainer's hack. The horse not only improved in condition but worked hard on the diet, including two days a week with Holder-ness Hunt in October and November. This cash saving for eight months of the year is of real importance to riding stables and hunter owners.

To produce the 100 tons an acre that Britain needs from fewer acres, the crop must be kept clean; with grass it is starved. It must not be cut fewer than five times a year, and have ample nitrogen; poultry manure or sludge is ideal.

Because official research has been done so far on other species of comfrey, grown by other methods, yielding less than the weights obtained from *S. peregrinum*, the Ministry of Agriculture shows little interest in the crop. But unofficial experiments by enthusiastic farmers and smallholders are making progress. This summer the problem of thick stems and midribs is nearing solution; hay has been made with up to 22.15 percent protein to 11.4 percent fibre. A hay as good as dried grass, but with half the fibre and fit to hammermill to pig and poultry meal, is better news than are antibiotics for smallholders.

(Mr. Lawrence D. Hills is a well-known authority on Alpines and other horticultural subjects. *Fabers* recently published his book, "RUSSIAN COMFREY", and we are prepared to accept Australian orders. —Ed. N.T.)

Winter Time Is Reading Time

Most people read much more during the long winter evenings than they do during the rest of the year. Wintertime enables people to catch up on their reading, particularly serious reading. We suggest that all "New Times" readers take the opportunity which wintertime presents, to widen their knowledge and understanding of the vast field which "The New Times" covers. A wide selection of books on politics, economics, international affairs, organic farming, gardening and associated subjects, is available.

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Dairymen's Conference Discusses Milk Pasteurisation

Compulsory milk pasteurisation was vigorously attacked by a number of delegates at the recent Victorian Dairymen's Conference in Melbourne. Speakers not only dealt with some of the medical arguments against milk pasteurisation; they pointed out how it was creating milk monopolies which could "stand over" suppliers. A sub-editorial in the Melbourne "Argus" commented upon the dairymen's criticism of milk pasteurisation and suggested that there should be a thorough investigation into the subject before pasteurisation was extended further in Victoria.

Professor Gray of the Melbourne University, one of the leading protagonists for compulsory milk pasteurisation, lost no time in rushing into print and making his usual extravagant and untruthful claims. He has been challenged in the past on his assertion that there is no medical opposition to pasteurisation, but he repeats this untruth. The fact is, of course, that eminent authorities like Sir Stanton Hicks do not agree with Professor Gray. Those who desire pasteurised milk should, of course, be free to obtain it. But those who do not desire to drink pasteurised milk or have

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ing the growing evil of specialized agricultural science, the school devoted to "learning more and more about less and less." He found his greatest champions all over the world, just as he had in India, among the farmers and gardeners. The effect of his teachings on some was immediate and revolutionary; on others, gradual but nonetheless complete.

Sir Albert was throughout his life a research worker. Thus it was only natural that he should give much thought to what constituted good research. He believed an agricultural researcher should be well versed in general science, ecology, botany, anatomy, morphology, physiology, pathology, and genetics. "In crop problems," he said, "It is not the plant alone that has to be studied but *the plant in relation to its environment*." His practical experience, too, should have an all-inclusive outlook: "The art of agriculture, which is nothing more than the crystallized experience of generations of tillers of the soil, must be simultaneously looked at from the point of view of the cultivator and the student of science. In ancient systems of agriculture, it must never be forgotten that the cultivator is generally sound in his procedure."

The current disregard of this outlook is perhaps the last frontier for organics to conquer. For while practical farmers and gardeners rally to the unity of the organic system, all too many of our research workers still abide by the principle of fragmentation. Thus their results are bound to follow the erroneous channels that lead to a perpetuation of the chemical fertilizer-insecticide attitude.

Sir Albert Howard had his eyes set on a far horizon. His entire life was a gift of genius to the world, a gift that is only beginning to be appreciated. The past decade has shown his science to be capable of meeting all tests here in America. Now the living concept of the soil which he predicated will go triumphantly onward to enrich mankind and everyone interested in his work will be well rewarded by reading Lady Balfour's book, "Sir Albert Howard in India."

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—Dr. W. Coda Martin.

their children drink it, should also be free to have milk of their own choosing.

Mrs. L. Quinlan and other Ballarat (Vic.) mothers are fighting compulsory milk pasteurisation primarily on the basis of the right of the individual to make his own choice concerning what he shall drink. This campaign is still continuing and we expect to make some important announcements concerning it before long.

CREDIT AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

The figures for the recent census show London to be inhabited by increasing numbers, and proportions of the Scots, Irish and Welsh from within the British Isles as well as by foreigners. The fact is taken as evidence for a "drift from the rural areas." This drift is of great concern to the planners, being something they cannot plan away without doing away with planning itself. It shows that the real credit of farm work ("a correct estimate or belief of the individual that something *desired* will be delivered") is steadily decreasing as a result of the divergence between the land, the farmer and the bureaucrat. Farming-tends no longer to be envisaged as a creative way of living, preserving the balance between the earth and the plants and animals that live on it, but merely as an industry producing fodder from soil on a conveyor belt system. Farming envisaged as an industry, as Members of Parliament are prone to see it, and who legislate accordingly, receives the same treatment as an industry, being regarded as a necessary but rather boring occupation to fill some hours of the day and the pay packet. But if it were seen traditionally in terms of the way of living less comfortable features (such as the spread-over hours) would be recognised as being a necessary part of the whole. The two views are incompatible. A job in industry is a function; but a function is only one part of life. The student who wants to be an inspector and the farmer with his ambition to retire to a suburban establishment with all modern conveniences, both in their ways point towards functionalism on the land. The one wants to be a functional expert, the other to use, or possibly abuse, the fertility of the land as a stepping-stone to something different in kind.

The Council for Wales and Monmouth, in its memorandum on policy in rural Wales, suggests that, to counter the drift from the country, the Government should invest £60 millions over 12 years in land, housing, water supply and other basic amenities, the money to be administered by a Government-sponsored Corporation which would be given appropriate powers.

The Government White Paper commenting on this report points out that proportionately more than the £5 millions annually proposed is already down to be invested in housing and basic services in these districts; and that what is wanted is not to maintain the existing moribund economy but to improve economic prospects as a whole. To do this they will increase the rate of investment in forestry in Wales, and introduce and encourage more industries ancillary to forestry and agriculture.

These hopes roll earnestly from the lips of Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, and people are left wondering whether to be more relieved that he has nipped in the bud the emergence of a direct dictatorship on the model of the Tennessee Valley Authority, or apprehensive at the effect of the measures he proposes. These will certainly lead to more centralisation of policy and energy in a dispersed pattern of functional autocracies; but the scheme for the corporation would involve the direct impact of dictatorial and irresponsible power associated with T.V.A. schemes. It is difficult to know which is more disintegrating.

The land is starving for energy and intelligence. Energy is now stripped from it by taxation (making imperative the production of the most for money profit rather than the best) and some is then given back in subsidies and in grants conditional on the acceptance of a prescribed policy. This condition eludes the grasp of any independent intelligence. Again, while power-driven tools do augment the energy used on the land, they do not contribute intelligence. Operative intelligence is fast becoming the prerogative, if not the monopoly, of the bureaucracy. So that, while the farmers' conditions are easier the drift from the countryside continues and land is steadily going out of cultivation. Central control of financial credit can make the conveyor-belt system of turning soil into food relatively paying, but cannot make it interesting. Only the reuniting of credit-power with judgment-power and responsibility can restore the potentiality of achievement and thus some sense of self-reliant adventure. That this is still latent we can see by the adventurous enterprise of the Commando types and courageous clerks who, tired of town life, move out into the wilds and islands abandoned by the native crofters in their tropism towards amenities. If only we could endow their efforts with the freedom and security of a social dividend, and the incentive of a Just Price, what a reservoir of energy would be tapped.

—E.S.D. in "The Social Crediter," December 26, 1953.

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—Professor Waksman in "Humus".

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"New Times," June 4, 1954—Page 11.

Humans Can Die from D.D.T. Spray

Bees are not the only things that suffer accidentally from the careless use of modern insecticides.

Some human beings have died from the ill effects of DDT.

Studies show that streams can become toxic to fish by the over-use of toxaphene on neighbouring lands.

Dr. Biskind, in a recent edition of the American Journal of Digestive Diseases, declares that many gastro-intestinal disorders, liver troubles, muscular weaknesses are due to the contamination of foods by excessive spraying.

He says that mankind is heading straight for trouble: the widespread use of DDT he refers to as "the most intensive campaign of mass poisoning in known human history.

This arresting statement is a little too strong. It serves, however, as a useful warning. For all insecticides, by their very nature, are poisonous chemicals, and can be harmful in some degree to most living creatures.

We must never forget that all living things from insects upwards are made basically of the same stuff.

They are living cells crowded with protoplasm with central nervous systems that can be easily thrown out of gear.

Generally speaking, chemicals that poison one will poison another. There is some selectivity, but otherwise it is a matter of degree, big creatures coming off best.

There is a never-ending search for chemicals that are deadly to little things like insects, but practically harmless to man.

The same applies to bactericides and disinfectants: for bacteria, too, are blobs of protoplasm. Only in the past 15 years or so has man had any real success in developing chemicals that will kill the bugs within him without killing himself.

We speak glibly of the wonderful antibiotics—penicillin, streptomycin, and the like—overlooking the fact that most of the

antibiotics (300 are known altogether) are poisonous to man; some are worse than cyanide.

Coming back to insecticides, DDT, one of the best known of all, kills mosquitoes and flies by getting through their feet and skin, and ultimately paralysing their central nervous systems. They kick about and die.

Against human beings, however, DDT in powder form is practically harmless. But the liquid preparation (DDT dissolved in some organic solvent) gets through the human skin, and unless one is careful, it can cause muscular fatigue, tremors and other troubles.

While if one happens to drink any it quickly causes convulsions and death.

Much the same applies to the other modern insecticides, like toxaphene, methoxychlor, aldrin, heptachlor, and a dozen others.

Gammexane (the trade name for gamma benzene hexachloride) is no more toxic to man than DDT, but it is 10 times more effective against lice and mosquitoes.

The modern organic phosphorus compounds are exceptional. OMPA, parathion, and the like, are good insecticides, but definitely harmful to man, and should be used only with the greatest precautions, protective clothing, and so forth.

The points to be noted are: (1) Domestic sprays as ordinarily used are practically harmless. (2) Garden sprays should be used strictly according to instructions. (3) Commercial spraying should ensure that fruit and market produce are free from contamination.

Note. —Insecticides have proved of tremendous value in medical entomology. Dysentery, dengue and malaria have been brought largely under control, and the incidence of disease and death greatly reduced.

—Melbourne "Herald," 12/12/53.

SOIL BUILDER OR PARASITE

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by the soil or climatic conditions themselves, in others they are brought about by wars beyond the capacity of the soil to sustain them. We ourselves, have gloried in the reasoned approach of the Greeks, and have, ever since, laid great stress upon the logical "scientific" justification of our actions. This reasoning has brought us tremendous wealth, has had an undisputed material success. But signs of weakness are showing. And it is believed by some that most of our real efforts lately have been to check the ravages of these signs of failure. We have conquered many contagious diseases and yet some are making perceptible inroads in our crops and livestock, not to speak of man himself.

Perhaps we are paying too much attention to the external enemy, the attacking virus, fungus or bacteria, etc., and not enough to the internal enemy, the lack of stamina of our soils, plants and man. It would certainly appear to be so when studies are made of the distribution of available research funds, and it is found that the largest part, by far, is seen to go to industrial research on the extended use of some new and more potent chemical poison, and only a small part provided to investigate the quality of our produce, and for the creative ecological approach to our problems.

The Soil-Fertility Chain

Of all the operations in a successful agriculture, maintaining an unbroken fertility in farmlands is decidedly the most important. But the farmer's soil-maintenance problems are quite different from those of Nature. Whereas Nature in her virgin fields produces and then turns her production back into the soil almost entirely, the farmer produces and harvests, and thus is forced to weaken the soil-fertility chain—unless he carries on permanently constructive soil-maintenance operations at the same time. Most of our food-producing lands have sunk below their primitive strength because farmers have failed to play fair with Nature. Even where primary production has held up fairly well, quality of produce, compared with what came from our lands several decades ago, is much lower than what producers and consumers realise. The soil-fertility chain has vital links missing!

—Joseph A. Cocannouer in "Guardians Of The Soil."

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