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## WATER FLUORIDATION MUST BE OPPOSED

### Electoral Action Urgently Required

**In spite of the setback in West Australia, the advocates of water fluoridation have vigorously intensified their campaigning in other States — particularly Victoria — in recent weeks. There has been a spate of propaganda in the press, much of it clearly indicating the totalitarian philosophy of the leading advocates of this policy of mass medication. Fortunately, however, the opponents of water fluoridation have made some impression on the Victorian Government, which, according to a recent letter to the Victorian Anti-Fluoridation Association from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. A. G. Rylah, has no intention of taking action on the matter. But let no one who values his liberties be lulled into a sense of false security by this information.**

Now is the time for all anti-totalitarians to press their Members of Parliament to give a written assurance that they will oppose in every way the policy of the water poisoners. We have taken this matter up, as we have taken up similar issues in the past, because a very fundamental principle is involved. If this policy of compulsory mass medication is introduced and accepted, it not only violates the principle of individual sovereignty, but also makes it much easier for further violations to take place in the future. It is essential that Governments and public authorities have it made clear to them by individuals that they exist to serve the individual, not to endorse totalitarian policies put forward by various planners.

Whatever be the fundamental motive behind the worldwide campaign in favour of water fluoridation, it is significant that there is a certain uniformity about the campaign. And the evil philosophy of its principal advocates should be carefully noted. For example, let us briefly consider the featured article by Dr. Kenneth Adamson, Federal President of the Australian Dental Association, in the Melbourne "Herald" of January 19. Dr. Adamson urges his readers to "look at the plain facts". But then in a most unethical manner he deliberately suppresses some of the most important facts. If, of course, he claims that he is unaware of these facts, he is merely condemning himself as an ill-informed man—an irresponsible man. It is certain, however, that he is a totalitarian. He states: "For many years it has been recognised that oral hygiene, combined

with dietary control, helps to reduce dental decay. But until recently its prevention or control depended largely on the individual himself". The inference here is clear: the individual cannot be trusted to accept responsibility to look after his own teeth and the teeth of his children. It is therefore essential for a public authority to dose all individuals in the community with sodium fluoride. This anti-Christian philosophy could eventually lead to a policy of, say, sterilising those individuals whom the "experts" consider unsuitable for having children. Dr. Adamson may be an excellent dentist, but we suggest that he confine himself to advising his patients what he thinks will be good for them and then allowing them to choose for themselves whether or not they will take his advice. We suspect that Dr. Adamson fears that not many individuals would consume sodium fluoride if they were left to please themselves.

It is interesting that this spokesman for the water fluoridation does mention the subject of individual freedom. He no doubt felt that he could ignore the "plain facts" concerning the considerable medical opposition to fluoridation, and the large number of American communities which have rejected it after experience, but that something would have to be done to counter the arguments against destroying the individual's freedom. However, in doing so, the reader is provided with evidence of the writer's intellectual dishonesty. Dr. Adamson says that many other health laws transgress the liberties of the individual and therefore why oppose water fluoridation. One of the import-

ant facts about dental decay is that it is not contagious and to compare the prevention of teeth decay with, say, isolation of infectious diseases, is deliberately misleading. It is also remarkable logic to have the introduction of a deadly poison into water compared with health laws.

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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 CHRISTIAN CONCEPT OF FREEDOM

By James Guthrie

The ancient sun, which shone over Antony and Cleopatra, tomorrow will herald the newest of days. That we can make this statement at all, and have it readily accepted, shows a recognisable continuity of purpose behind the gigantic force, which gives life to this planet; above all it indicates an integrity behind the Grand Scheme of things, which stands out in violent contrast to the catastrophic changes of fortune, which has befallen so many human institutions.

If we accept, as we are bound to accept, the fact that there is a Mind behind this universe, we are also bound to accept the fact that this Mind is not working erratically but according to certain principles, which, to say the least, have stood the test of a very long time. Modern revelation points to the fact that the deserts produced on the surface of this fertile earth are not the acts of God, but the acts of men, and we can probably say the same about a great deal of human suffering and disease. Nevertheless much of the suffering of innocent people has appeared to men and women as pointless and unnecessary and some have bitterly asked, "Where is this Christian God?" "Where is this God of Love? This God the Father", and it is difficult sometimes to understand why a human father, far less God, the Father should permit of so much suffering.

And here we come to one of those vantage points where we catch a glimpse of the working of God's Laws in contrast to the working of man's laws. No doubt men could have been saved a lot of pain and suffering had they been made like robots in an environment in which they had no power to alter, or made like primitive beasts without the higher powers of appreciation and discrimination which tends to intensify suffering.

When man was created in God's image he was given freedom to fulfill his divine destiny or destroy himself and his environment.

That this freedom to chose is a fundamental part of the Grand Scheme is obvious enough; it is also obvious that because of this freedom some suffering will ensue, what is not so obvious, but rather repugnant to all Christian thought, is that suffering should be on such a ridiculously elaborate scale, indicating not ordinary evil-doing, but organised evil, on a gigantic scale. To blame ordinary men and women entirely for this is not only unfair, it appears to me to be cowardly, especially if we consider the case of war. We have been informed from all sides and from all levels that no people want war, yet we have war. We can say therefore that the ordinary men and women not only did not choose war, they had no power of choice. No one would suggest that the conscript armies had much choice or got much fun or glory out of war. We can say very definitely that the suffering and degradation of the victims of war were due not to freedom of choice at all, but to the complete lack of it, which is a very different story to what we have often

been asked to believe. Apart from the unimaginable sufferings in Socialist Germany and Communist Russia, the supreme tragedy of the vast experiment of anti-Christ lies in the inability of so-called Christian people to realise that this organised evil which has been responsible for the murder of millions of innocent people is an inherent part of the principles and practice of the Socialist state, wherein all decisions are made by the chosen few, the rest of the population being merely robots, that is if they wish to live. In the modern socialist state there is little difference between the military conscript and the economic conscript; the evil we met with is organised evil, centrally organised evil. Fundamentally there has never been a possibility of a food shortage on this earth unless it was central organised.

We have got to realise that the traditional strongholds of Western Civilisation are already in the hands of men, who, following the same socialist policy as Germany and Russia, are quickly reaching the same destination, not only in Europe, but in England and America. The problem is to get enough men and women to see the danger while there is still time to take action. Any so-called Christian who sees his country being turned into a vast political prison and blames every man except those directly responsible, is in the nature of things suspect, and should be exposed.

Dr. S. S. Laurie once said, "When we think of these things we realise the greatness and the difficulty of the task assigned to men .....

"To stand aside and, under the cloak of an effeminate despair, or of a self-satisfied cynicism or even of a self-indulgent seductive mysticism to affect a certain superiority to actual and inevitable conditions is the very suicide of manhood."

If we accept the Christian God the Father and the fact of organised evil, then God himself must be suffering along with us and naturally will take part in the struggle. Dr. Laurie continues: "It certainly seems to me that our faith in the ultimate issue and our ability to bear present evils are strengthened by thus fairly recognising cosmic anarchy as ever resisting the entrance of the divine Spirit, ever defeating the Good.

If it be that the great God Himself is engaged, here and now, in a very serious business, then even to be a humble private in His advancing hosts is a distinction. There will always be a certain proportion of weak combatants to be pitied and helped, of traitors to be shot, and of craven spirits who slink into the rear with the baggage under cover of an easy scepticism as to

the conduct of the campaign or a supercilious and egotistical superiority to their fellow soldiers. Not to such have the advances of humanity in the past been due; but only to those who have been faithful to ideals and pursued them to the end."\*

- Synthetica, Vol. II. Longmans, 1906.

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It is urgently necessary that we obtain the services of some supporter prepared to do the work that Mr. W. E. Prosser has done so conscientiously for the past two years. Mr. Prosser has had to leave as he is going to England this year. The Board of Directors feel that perhaps some retired reader would be prepared to take the job. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some knowledge of bookkeeping is essential. Other details, including the subject of remuneration, may be obtained by contacting Mr. John Browne, Hon. Secretary.

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# AN ADDRESS ON SOCIAL CREDIT TO TOC H

by H. R. PURCHASE

(From "The Social Crediter" (England), November 13.)

It is quite a problem to compress into twenty minutes or so what deserves as many months of exhaustive study. My attention was first drawn to Major C. H. Douglas's writings early in 1920. Since then I have read all I could about them, have studied them, have written on the subject and am still learning.

This is not being mentioned so as to frighten you off the subject; but because of the persistence of criticism, by some that it is too simple, by others that it is too complicated. You see, the fundamental idea of Social Credit IS simple, just as simple as the idea underlying the teachings of Christ. Because an idea is simple, that doesn't mean it is easy to get across; in fact, it's just the opposite.

If you try to explain Christianity to some person who knows nothing about it, you will very soon discover how difficult it is to convey what is essentially a simple idea. You will be talking past each other, you will be speaking to all intents and purposes two different languages, even if it is English; you will discover that speech can be a very inadequate instrument with which to convey your thoughts. It is necessary to stress all this not only because of the shortness of time at our disposal now; but because of the novelty—to many of you—of the point of view. It is possible to mention today only a few aspects of Social Credit, and to point out only a few of the highlights.

Social Credit, the name for the theorem and proposals associated with Major Douglas has been described, and correctly so, as Christianity in practice. Without a clear understanding of Christian doctrine, you will not understand or even agree with Social Credit. Although, as already mentioned, Christianity and Social Credit are simple in conception; they both impinge on every aspect of human life and in their applications are therefore as complicated as life itself.

Major Douglas described Social Credit as being "the policy of a philosophy, first glance this does not seem to say much. But that is mere superficial appearance.

Most of you will, I hope, agree without further argument that since about 1911 our economic system has been most unsatisfactory. It has failed to satisfy the just and reasonable demands of the citizens of this country.

An economic system operates within whatever political system it is conditioned by. Whoever controls the political system, i.e., the organisation of the individuals within the State, will arrange the economic system so as to carry out the political objectives of the controllers. These latter will devise and adjust the political system in accordance with whatever is their philosophy. That philosophy in turn is the expression of their fundamental beliefs, conscious or unconscious, their Faith, their religion.

Here we are down to bedrock. There are basically only two religions in the world, the Christian and the non-Christian,

the latter varying from an ethically near-Christian deism or polytheism to an ally anti-Christianity, or paganism. At one end of the scale love is the Law, at the other, power, force, matter. Just as among Christians there are different expressions of their religion, as evidenced in the various Churches and sects, so the non-Christian religions have different expressions, though in much greater variety; ranging from relatively innocuous nature worship through Judaism and the Hindu religion down to the revolting excesses of the cult of Mithras.

The word religion derives from the Latin verb, religio, to bind back. What is meant of course is to bind back to reality. Apart from our Trinitarian conception of God, one of the main differences between Christianity and paganism is the interpretation of what is Reality. To the pagan Reality is material. Karl Marx, a pagan, wrote that the mind is an emanation of matter. There is as much or even more evidence and reason to argue that matter is an emanation, an hallucination of the mind. But we can leave the pagans to quarrel that amongst themselves, because the Christian believes that Reality is spiritual and that matter and the mind are but the incarnations, on different levels, of the Spirit. Some near-Christians agree so far.

Some of you may be saying to yourselves: "when are we going to hear something about Social Credit?" In fact all the foregoing has been nothing but Social Credit. To understand any subject properly you must know and grasp the fundamentals on which that subject is based. Before you can appreciate the practical application of principles, you must understand what those principles are. Christian teaching is either merely another set of interesting opinions or a true statement of the laws of the Universe, of Divine Law. As a Christian I must insist that there is a Divine Law, material and psychological, that is above Kings and Governments and that any violation of that Law automatically and inevitably entails failure. As a Christian I approach the search for Truth, the Divine Law in all humility. Social Credit in contrast to the prevalent economic and political systems is based on that Law.

As to whether a scheme, a legal enact-

ment, an institution and so on is Christian or pagan, is, as a rule, easily tested by its effect on the individual. As you know, to the Christian, the individual is of paramount importance. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." To the pagan he is but a cog in a machine to be controlled by whoever turns out to be the most ruthless power maniac. In a Christian State the individual is progressively given more and more freedom to develop himself to the best advantage. Freedom and Responsibility go hand in hand. You cannot have one without the other. The degree in which a State is organised is a measure of its pagan nature. The chains used can be political and economic.

Domination is probably the key word in describing the conditions of the world today. That is achieved by centralisation. Monopoly is the aim of both what is called Capitalism and of Socialism. It should be obvious that any kind of centralisation of control is injurious and as a rule fatal to the interests of the individual. To make quite clear the principles involved in the structure of any organisation I should like to give you a homely illustration of how all society is built up. Let us picture a typical tennis club. The object, purpose and origin, i.e., the policy, of such a club is to facilitate the playing, or watching of tennis by a number of individuals. It must be stressed that there is no Act of Parliament passed to force anyone to join a tennis club—as for instance is the case with the Health Service. Anyone is at liberty to join the club or leave it, within the limits of the rules of the club, without any penalty other than the withdrawal of facilities. The policy of all members is identical.

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# ADDRESS ON SOCIAL CREDIT

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They proceed to elect a committee to be the administrators of that policy. The Committee appoints a chairman, secretary, captain, etc., each with personal responsibility, duties, powers and privileges. You will see that the administration, to function properly, must be hierarchical, and centralised. But woe betide the officers and committee if they fail to carry out the policy of the members as a whole, because the final sanction, being able to depose the committee and appoint another, is in the hands of the club members. That club is in a small way a political organisation just as the State is in a large way. I have been trying to make you see what is meant by policy, administrations, and sanctions, a trinity that must form the skeleton of every administration. Unless these principles are correctly applied, particularly in a State, disaster is inevitable.

I have pictured a club run on democratic and therefore Christian principles. I do not of course mean the sham democracy from which we suffer today. Now try and picture a tennis club run in such a way that policy is centrally controlled. It's laughable, but please try. Once in five years a chairman is elected and in between he has full powers without any possible interference. In other words the members can apply no sanctions. The chairman announces that no more tennis shall be played, but only shove-halfpenny. As the saying is, "they've had it."

Let us now consider ourselves as members of Great Britain, as the inheritors of a great and good tradition, of great wealth and of the responsibilities attaching to these. What is our policy? What is it that we and the vast majority of our fellows really want? Let us sum up a few of these things. We want Peace; externally we want to be secure from attack or from the effects of "cold" wars; internally we want to be left in peace to develop our own personalities in our own way without interference, i.e., we want freedom of action. We want a reasonable standard of living and to be assured against poverty. We want security of ownership of all we possess and a reasonable chance to augment it. We want spiritual freedom and leisure to give us the opportunity to learn the Christian Truth. There is a lot more that can be added.

What in fact do we get? Collective insecurity, bigger and better wars, a harrowing war of nerves with all politicians rushing from one health resort to another without achieving anything for our benefit. Internally, we have on our necks hordes of bureaucrats, some armed irresponsibly with judicial powers, who can and do use these to interfere in our lives. We live in an age of rush, stress and difficulty unknown to our more backward ancestors. The spectre of poverty is grinning at all of us all the time. If by our exertions we earn more than the average person, a large slice is taken from us to be spent in various frivolous and objectionable ways by persons

over whom we have no control. Exorbitant, penal taxation, direct and indirect, including inflation, takes away what is ours and largely prevents those who wish to save up for a rainy day or some years of leisure, from doing so. A lot more could also be added to this indictment. Don't listen to excuses by politicians or jargon by economists. Judge the system and the men by results. Unless you regain control over your politician, things will get worse and worse.

Social Credit is based wholly, exclusively, and securely on the Christian principles explained. We are prepared to be judged by results. That those results cannot be in doubt is shown by the hostility shown us by those in power who have gone to quite extraordinary lengths.

During the last 50 years centralisation has been growing wider and more intense. Up to about 1924 the centralisation of control of policy was secret and operated through the financial system imposed on all countries and linked together. Up to 1917 the headquarters were in London. Then they were moved to New York.

You all know how important in your lives money is. In itself it has little or no value. You accept it for your efforts, your goods and services, merely because of your belief, amounting to certainty, that in due course you can exchange the money for goods and services you desire. If you look at it in this way you will readily grasp the fact that the money system is a quick and very handy accountancy system on the one hand and on the other a means for distributing goods and services. To function properly, money should therefore circulate so as to facilitate production up to its natural physical limits and to satisfy the demands of the consumer. You know perfectly well that it does neither. This is not surprising when you consider that the money system today operates without any direct connection with the production of goods or with any consideration for consumers' demands. Instead of a system of free distribution it is operated as a means of government, as an instrument of tyranny. Money is merely a claim to wealth, not wealth itself, just like a railway ticket is a claim to a seat—or standing room—in a railway train.

The distinction is very important. Industry, both capital and labour, creates real wealth. Real credit is defined as the ability to create goods and service when and where required, in other words real credit is a correct estimate of the potential wealth a person, a body of persons, or a nation can produce. Financial credit is no more than a licence to distribute real wealth. Financial credit cannot exist without real credit. It is a violation of natural laws to make the production of wealth dependent on the creation of financial credit and to allow the latter to be manipulated as a monopoly for the benefit of the controllers of money. But that is the situation today. When a bank gives the Government an overdraft it merely issues as financial credit the real credit of the nation.

The present irrational use of money goes

## WITNESS

By Whittaker Chambers

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It was the evidence of ex-Communist secret agent, Whittaker Chambers, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which caused top Communist espionage agent in the U.S.A., Alger Hiss, to be indicted and convicted on a charge of perjury. Not only the American people but many people in other countries were startled by the disclosure that the official who advised President Roosevelt, helped draft the disastrous Yalta Agreement in 1945, and who was the first Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation, was a Communist.

Before being finally convicted, Alger Hiss, aided by some of the most influential people in America, fought back against Chambers, who was subjected to a whispering campaign described by one prominent American writer as "one of the most repellent in modern history". Chambers replies to this campaign in one of the most important autobiographies of our times. Not only does this book deal exhaustively with the Hiss-Chambers battle before the Committee on Un-American Activities and the Courts; it is a moving human document which explains how Chambers first became a Communist, his work in the secret Communist apparatus, how he met Alger Hiss and worked with him, and how eventually he came to repudiate communism.

Near the conclusion of his book, Chambers makes one of the most important observations yet made on the Hiss-Chambers case: "No feature of the Hiss case is more obvious, or more troubling as history, than the jagged fissure, which it did not so much open as reveal, between the plain men and women of the nation, and those who affected to act, think and speak for them. It was, not invariably, but in general, the 'best people' who were for Alger Hiss and who were prepared to go to almost any length to protect and defend him. It was the enlightened and the powerful, the clamorous proponents of the open-mind and the common man, who kept their minds shut in a pro-Hiss psychosis, of a kind which, in an individual patient, means the simple failure of the ability to distinguish between reality and unreality, and, in a nation, is a warning of the end."

"Witness" must be read and studied by those who want to know the truth about Alger Hiss and his part in the Communist conspiracy in the U.S.A. Every student of Communism and international affairs must have this work on his shelves. No one with an unbiassed mind can read it without realising that Hiss was undoubtedly guilty of the charges made against him.

## Confiscation of Land Opposed in West Australia

Having defeated for the time being the planners' proposal to place fluorine in public water supplies, democrats in West Australia are now attacking the confiscation of land by governments. The following circular was distributed in West Australia early in December:

Lovers of liberty and believers in the rights of the individual are agreed in their opposition to the irresponsible confiscation of land by governments. Land seizure has been legalised in at least four W.A. Acts, which have been invoked by governments of ostensibly differing beliefs. It is obvious that one cannot expect relief or reform by relying on any of the political parties or any of the organs of the State Constitution without vigorous public protest.

The land 'resumptions' of 8th October 1954, are unique in that more people than ever before have been expropriated at the one time, and in that those affected have the courage to resist and to call upon their fellow-citizens to protest. It behoves electors to remember that it may be their turn next.

Is it Christian to allow the dismantling of innocent people's homes against their will merely to enable a Planners Dream? (One such case at least is included in this seizure). Will we stand by and watch the

fruit trees uprooted and the fowl runs pulled down? Will we allow the market gardens to be bulldozed? Can all this misery, worrying of wives and fearing of breadwinners, be justified in any land of the globe? Is it justifiable in a State 624,588,800 acres in area?

Can humanists, in an atomic-bomb age, agree to increase centralisation of populations by force; should we not rather move for dispersal by inducement? It is not at all strange that the land-seizers show no regard for even the basic safety of the people—the S.H.C. houses demonstrate deadness of its ideas. I have seen a whole street of houses of the one design—houses but not homes!

If these structures were built on land voluntarily sold, it would be a matter for regret and protest: but that private property should be stolen and private interests, sacrificed to provide facilities landscape spoliation is a crime of great magnitude.

The only excuse proffered is that the State Housing Commission exists to "shelter the shelterless"; but it is no less the duty of a Christian to "love thy neighbour as thyself", and this does not mean stealing from one neighbour to give to another neighbour. If individuals do not protest, they will be responsible for the current and subsequent land-seizures, which, as we know, are all part of the plot to repress that personal initiative which is the mainspring of the Australian economy.

I make no apologies, then, in calling upon your support, and suggesting that you write letters to newspapers, urge others to protest, and assist the Resumption Protest Federation, Perth Branch, P.O. Box 6, Mount Lawley.

## WATER FLOURIDATION MUST BE OPPOSED

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We have in recent times dealt with all aspects of water fluoridation and there is no need for us to deal further with it here. But we do want to stress the urgency of freedom lovers uniting to expose and resist this example of an evil philosophy, which is undermining our Christian Civilization. Until recent times it has been generally accepted in Christian communities that the individual must retain control of his own body. Even in these days of widespread totalitarian propaganda, a doctor must obtain a patient's permission, or the permission of his relatives, before operating upon him. No doctor can legally force a patient to drink any medicine, which the patient does not want to drink. And a dentist cannot compel a patient to have his teeth extracted unless the patient agrees. Why, then, empower a Government authority to dose all members of the community, irrespective of age or the condition of health, with a chemical that is a dangerous poison?

We urge all supporters to take up the campaign for individual freedom immediately. We also suggest that here is an issue upon which Church leaders should be asked to make a public stand. Adequate literature is available for campaigning purposes. The special supplement which appeared in "The New Times" of December 17 (price 6d. per copy) and the speech by Mr. Eric Butler, "Compulsory Mass Medication Threatens Individual Rights," (price 2d. per copy).

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It said: "This man was compelled to sell his property, honestly acquired, under conditions which left him with heavy debt and robbed him of his assets. The Assembly believes this to be against the natural, moral and Divine law with which national law should be made to accord."

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FOREWORD BY ERIC D. BUTLER.

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Borin deals in detail with what happened at Dr. Hromadka's meeting in Melbourne on September 16, 1954, when the audience insisted that Mr. Borin be permitted to reply to Dr. Hromadka. The full text of Mr. Borin's reply is published in this booklet.

Mr. Eric D. Butler writes a foreword in his capacity as Director of the Victorian League of Rights, which publishes the booklet. Mr. Butler points out that "Karl Marx specifically repudiated the democratic conception of man as a sovereign being, claiming that it was founded on the illusion, the dream and postulate of Christianity, namely, man has a sovereign soul. Communism is only concerned with man as a member of 'the class', 'the mass', or 'the group'. All those who support any of the collectivist policies of the Communists are therefore assisting the Communist ideological assault upon men's minds."

This booklet should be placed in the hands of all Christian clergymen.

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## More Gibberish On Inflation

*Several months ago it was being cautiously suggested by the "experts" that perhaps the inflation problem had not been solved by the Menzies Government; that there was a danger that prices would start to rise again in the near future. But now the "experts" are in full cry, warning that unless we all work harder and become more efficient, we can expect substantial price increases during 1955. The comparatively small rise in the latest basic wage adjustment is most certainly an indication of things to come — unless, of course, there is some immediate modification of present financial rules. Regular readers of this journal will not be surprised by the threat of increased prices — present financial rules make these increased prices inevitable — but, like us, they must surely be amazed that the "experts" are still uttering the same gibberish they have been using for years. The fact that events completely falsify their theories never seems to penetrate the minds of those who gravely tell us that hard work and increased production is the antidote to inflation.*

*Mr. Lewis C. Burne, President of the Victorian Employer's Federal, is the latest to take the platform in favour of the theory that inflation can only be defeated by greater efficiency. Mr. Burne has a fire-point plan which he claims is urgently necessary if a possible rise of eight to ten per cent, increase in the price of many commodities is to be averted. Now we agree entirely with Mr. Burne's general theme that increased efficiency is desirable. But if increased efficiency prevents inflation, then why have prices continually increased over the past 50 years, when power-production and improved techniques have resulted in an enormous increase in production per man-hour worked? If our price-system was a realistic measure of increased efficiency, there should have been a steady reduction in prices ever since the industrial revolution started. But in fact the opposite has happened. The greater the industrialisation, the faster the increase in the price level. The facts demonstrate this in every part of the world, including the U.S.A. and Canada. It is true that bureaucracy and other factors help intensify inflation, but the basic cause can only be discovered by examining present financial rules and how they affect prices. Bureaucracy and Government activities are primarily the result of attempts to make the present economic system work. Without a continuous expansion of new financial credits, created by the banking system, the system would collapse. These credits, created against the community's real credit — its productive capacity — are issued into circulation mainly through various types of capital works — both public and private. In the U.S.A. it is admitted that if it were not for the rearmament programme and exports abroad, the American economy would be in chaos.*

*If Mr. Burne and his associates genuinely desire to solve the inflation problem, they must first examine financial rules, which are obviously robbing the individual, irrespective of how hard he works. Inflation is primarily a financial problem, not a production problem. The solution therefore must be financial and, until an appropriate solution is applied, prices will continue to rise.*

## Black Sunday Thank-offering

On Sunday, January 2, disastrous bush-fires created enormous damage in South Australia. This day has since been referred to as Black Sunday. One of our supporters in South Australia lives in the area worst affected by the fires, but fortunately escaped any major losses. We feel that the following "true story" sent by this supporter and the sentiment expressed will strongly appeal to all readers:

At one time, after 40 years of toil, Niemeyerism deprived me of all material assets. No help was to be had from Governments, all of which sanctioned the scourge. There was no paid employment for my brain and skill, and with health impaired I could not earn much at physical slogging — the only means of income. The callousness of religious leaders (with a few exceptions) towards the millions of whites in similar plight convinced me that my enthusiasm for the Church had been misplaced. Only Social Credit philosophy gave me any incentive to live.

War, the logical end of a "work or starve" policy in a solar power age, provided the chance to acquire purchasing power while engaged on destruction. My knowledge of finance and economics, gained from the study of Social Credit, enabled me to use the purchasing power to speed up my own rehabilitation. (Incidentally, I would recommend the study of Social Credit to every businessman or other who wants to understand the "system" and make the most of his life under it.)

With my background, naturally my sympathies go to sufferers whether the scourge be overt, as bushfire and drought, or hidden, as deflation and inflation. While deploring the method, I approve the principle of financial aid to bushfire victims and strongly feel that the victims of the other national calamities are equally deserving of compensation. This, of course, can be done satisfactorily only by the proper use of Social Credit. My thank-offering for being spared a major loss on Black Sunday, January 2, would best serve God and man in pressing the case for Social Credit; therefore I ask you to accept the enclosed balance (of £2) over subscription for that purpose.

### "CROSS OF GOLD"

"You come to us and tell us that the great cities are in favour of the gold standard; we reply that the great cities rest upon broad and fertile prairies. Burn down your cities and leave your farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country . . . You shall not press down upon labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

—William Jennings Bryan, famous American statesman.

# AN ADDRESS ON SOCIAL CREDIT

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back to the satanic urge to domination over their fellows by a minority. These men are drunk with power and yet want more and more of it. Their religion is pagan and their high priests are almost without exception Zionists.

It is just as well for your minds to be clear on certain questions. Does industry produce goods for consumption or does it exist to provide full employment, meaning abolition of leisure? Has it ever occurred to you that the scientist and industrialist have long ago lifted the curse of Adam from our shoulders, and that they are busy all the time finding means of producing more for less human energy? Yet every politician's aim is to make employment and more employment. Cannot you see that here the body politic suffers from a split mind, a disease? Have you never asked yourselves why we are always being exhorted to produce more for export and for armaments that are no good to anybody? The answer is quite simply that those in power are at their wit's ends to find work for people for whom there is in fact no necessary work. Some of you will remember the 1930's, when our productive capacity, despite organised destruction then called rationalisation, was so great that only a fraction of the working population was needed to produce all necessities and luxuries. The problem was one of distribution and nothing else. Because of the glut of wealth, a large part of the population was sunk in poverty and humiliation. Isn't that a violation of Divine Law? It is done because the financial system is so arranged that you cannot get access to what has already been produced without working to produce what the Money Power dictates you shall produce, under conditions laid down by them.

Although the real nature of the problem was even more quite obvious, the 'Authorities' misrepresented it as an unemployment problem. There could be only one solution to the problem, the free distribution of part of the glut; but that was carefully hidden from the public eye because it is only through the creation of artificial scarcities that the people can continue to be dominated.

The master control over the life of any country and over the lives of its citizens is where money is created. The banks are manufactories of financial credit just as a baker is a manufacturer of bread. But bread is something directly useful, you eat it, you consume it. Financial credit is merely a licence to acquire something useful. Although the money created by the banking system obtains its value from the wealth of the nation and not from any action by the banks, it is created as a debt to the banks. The result is that the harder a nation works creating wealth, the deeper does it get into debt. Our national debt is M£27,000, and is growing. What our industrial and private debts total no one will estimate or disclose. In this and in other ways our financial system is fraudulent. If you want an instance of how control is centralised read "The Federal Reserve," by Mullins.

Centralisation of the Money Power would

probably have sufficed to enslave the world so long as it could be kept a secret. Once Major Douglas however had disclosed the nature of the control and its objective, open political repression had to be called in. What we have suffered here in this way is known to all of you. You can read in your papers every day of the efforts to centralise the world still more; United Europe Federal Union, One World. Mr. Foster Dulles only the other day admitted in his rage against the French people that the supranational aspect of E.D.C. is essential. It is essential for the success of the plotters who aim to dominate the world.

So far this has been mainly a criticism of the pagan principles underlying our political and economic systems; but a diagnosis of the disease must precede any effective prescription. The nature of our criticism should show the direction of our policy. We say that what is physically possible is financially possible; that the individual must be given progressively the maximum freedom; that control of policy must be in the hands of the individuals comprising the nation; that power must be matched by responsibility; that the financial system must reflect the facts and cease to be the arbiter of both production and consumption. The idea of the British Empire was that of a decentralised Commonwealth of peoples who respected each other's special aspirations. Under One World, Christians will be outvoted 5 to 1. We condemn this and all other centralisation of policy. We encourage private enterprise and are against all monopoly, particularly State Monopoly. We have shown how money can be created without being a burden of debt. We have shown how the individuals as a whole in any nation can be assured of possessing sufficient purchasing power with a maximum of leisure to buy their own product. Social Credit would ensure that every man, woman and child had access to the necessities of life, free from today's perpetual money worries, access to the abundance God has put at our disposal. For the first time in history, most people, and not merely the few, would have the opportunity of education, the development of their gifts and talents in their own way, for that, and that only, is true education.

The technical adjustments you must leave to the technician, so long as you retain firm control over him. Those who want to study the technicalities of Social Credit can do so. We have no secrets. It is desirable to have a feeling for, better still, knowledge of mathematics at some places, but Social Credit can be understood without such knowledge. What is important is an understanding of the principles.

"And lead us not into temptation." Apathy and moral cowardice are perhaps the greatest of all temptations today. They are widespread and, alas, are found even in the Church, where they are least excusable.

"Deliver us from evil." It was Burke who said that it was only necessary for good men to do nothing, for evil men to win the day. For over a third of a century we Social Crediters have fought evil practically single-handed. There is now evidence of a general awakening among

good men. The question is, will the plans of the evil men mature and enslave the world before the good men can organise and confound their evil politics. It is up to you!

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## Don't Miss This Garden Party and Barbecue

Saturday, February 5

We urge all supporters to be present with their families and friends for the garden party and barbecue at Mr. W. J. Carruthers' property on Saturday, February 5. Note the following points: Mr. Carruthers' property is on the corner of Canterbury and Marlborough Rd., Ringwood. Marlborough Rd. is the first road on the right after passing Wantirna Rd. as you travel away from Melbourne along Canterbury Rd. Those coming by train should go to Ringwood Station and then ring 417. They will be met by car.

There is plenty of scope for children to play and swings, slides, etc. have been arranged for the young people. Ice creams and other appropriate refreshments also available.

Those attending may arrive from 3 p.m. onwards and stay until midnight if they like. Afternoon tea will be available. The highlight of the event will be the barbecue by moonlight. One pig and one lamb have been donated for this. There will be adequate refreshments and plenty of entertainment.

Entrance charge (adults only) 5/-. All profits made on the event will go to help our work. So have an enjoyable time with your family and help swell the fighting funds.

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# NATURE'S ANTIBIOTICS

B. P. Tokine

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Once again, nature has "scooped" industrial chemistry. This time, it's in the field of antibiotics. Research has shown that plants manufacture substances, which are deadly to their own enemies as well as to disease germs harmful to mankind.

Here's an example: If you placed the leaves of certain trees, such as eucalyptus, in a container together with flies and mosquitoes, these insects would be killed within a short time. The fatal agent is a chemical substance released from the leaves.

Twenty-five years ago, Russian scientists discovered this killing power, which certain volatile substances of vegetable origin possessed. They called these substances "Phytoncides"—(Greek: phyton — plant; caedere—kill). Today we call them antibiotics.

These destructive properties act on bacteria, moulds and other micro- and macro-organisms. For instance, put two branches of yellow acacia in two separate receptacles filled with water and put each under a glass bell. Under one of these bells (jars), place a ripe apple. After three to four days, it will be found that the acacia branch placed with the apple will fade and lose all its leaves, while the "check" branch under the other bell will remain green. The conclusion is that the apple releases its own form of antibiotics or phytoncides, which kill the acacia.

The effect of antibiotics on bacteria is quite easy to follow. When crushed onion or garlic is placed near a Petri dish where some microorganisms dangerous for man, as cholera, typhoid or dysentery, are being grown, the bacteria will be quickly killed. (It should be noted that crushed onion retains its bactericidal properties for thirty minutes, whereas crushed garlic remains active from five to seven days.)

The quantity of antibiotics released varies according to the plant, season, climate, time of day and nature of soil. There are many other influencing factors and the characteristics of antibiotics vary with the plant; some are volatile, others are in the juices contained in the plant tissue. The presence of antibiotics explains the absence of bacteria in a young conifer forest. This has been shown experimentally.

Ten years ago one might have doubted whether antibiotics were widely diffused in nature. Today it can be affirmed with certainty that all plant organisms — whether

bacteria, birch, mushroom, mold or pine tree — emit antibiotics which are diffused in the air, in the soil and in waters. Antibiotics of certain inferior organisms — bacteria and molds — are already largely used in medicine. For instance, penicillin is derived from the mold penicillium, streptomycin from "actinomycetes".

Russian scientists have contributed to these discoveries of inferior plant antibiotics and Bulgarian scientists have recently proved that volatile mold antibiotics can, at a distance, kill other bacteria or molds.

Why is nature so generous in providing inferior organisms, as bacteria, along with these long-range weapons?

Above all, what are antibiotics?

It is not easy to answer these questions precisely. The same problems arise in connection with plant vitamins; we quite realise their importance for both man and beast, but science has not yet been able completely to explain their use for plants. It appears that antibiotics are necessary for plants in order to protect them from bacteria, molds, insects and other enemies; this is confirmed by a multitude of facts. Antibiotics insure some kind of immunity for plants.

Animals, in the course of their evolution, develop their own defence mechanism, which is quite different. Plant resistance against maladies is explained by their biochemical qualities and principally by the antibiotics.

It is quite evident that antibiotics do not kill all bacteria or all molds. Certain microorganisms and insects become adapted to certain plants whose antibiotics do not affect them. For instance, the wild cherry tree, very rich in antibiotics, is the host of about 60 different types of parasites, and certain aphids seem to live — without any defence and quite disarmed — happily in this antibiotic saturated atmosphere. This is all the more amazing because antibiotics taken from the leaves of this tree can kill a rat or a mouse in a few minutes!

Even a plant with highly developed antibiotic qualities such as garlic is not free from parasites: molds and a certain recently discovered bacteria. It is curious to note that these bacteria are not adapted to

other antibiotics and are rapidly killed by onion as well as by conifer antibiotics.

These facts and many others captured the attention of scientists and technicians particularly interested in food plants, such as horseradish, onion, radish, garlic and mustard — all of which are rich in antibiotics.

In order to explain the great possibilities offered by antibiotics for practical application we quote the example of a young Leningrad scientist, Jean Gritzenko, who developed a remedy for use against a bee-malady.

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# NATURE'S ANTI-BIOTICS

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It is a contagious malady, carried from Europe — as far as can be judged by the name given it by Soviet beekeepers; "European Rot" which causes heavy losses. Its pathogen is a recently discovered bacteria called PLUTON (*Bacillus alvei*), which attacks only three or four day old larvae. Larvae at this age start feeding on pollen and honey, which contain this germ. Adult bees introduce the germ. Wherever there is an outbreak of this malady nearly all larvae perish. When the few survivors become adult they, in their turn, contaminate the young larvae through feeding them. The disease thus continues. To fight it, Gritzenko decided to use antibiotics. This was not easy, as the bacteria pluton, which is a bee parasite, is well adapted to flower antibiotics and those of the green plant parts. However, the bacteria proved defenceless against root antibiotics. The scientist chose *sanguisorba* (burnet) as it was the antibiotic, which acted best; it grows in Europe and Siberia. By a special process he prepared an aqueous extract to which he added sugar. Bees readily accepted this sugared remedy, and it completely destroyed the bacteria, thus the sick bees became healthy again.

Phytoncides, or crude antibiotics, are also used in medicine, as evident from preparations made with apples, black currants and their leaves, cornel-tree fruit or with oak acorns that can rapidly destroy dysentery microbes.

Physicians are especially interested in phytoncide preparations made from "Antonovski" apples, as they are effective even in cases where dysentery resists sulphathiazol and other strong medicaments. Germs become immunised against this product (Sulphathiazol), but they do not resist plant antibiotics.

In horticulture the Russian biologist, T. A. Tovstoles, shows that certain antibiotics kill the hemiptera, which produces a sort of spiders' web and is a parasite, which attacks more than a hundred different plants, industrial and decorative.

An aqueous onionskin extract (two-thirds of an ounce of onion for two pints of water) used for three sprayings at five-day intervals will almost completely kill it.

There are antibiotics, which act as insect repellents, driving off without killing them. Some of them keep away a number of acaroids (ticks), which play an important part in human life. Numerous maladies result from germ infection caused by ticks Typhus and certain forms of encephalitis are diffused in this way. One researcher found that in oak forests the tick population varies; that when the soil was covered with ordinary grass, graminea and sedge, he counted 180 ticks in a band of ordinary grass — graminea and sedge, whereas in a similar forest where the soil was mostly covered with sage and pyrethrum, there were practically no ticks. Lavender plantations also were free from these insects, whereas in the neighbouring brushland, surrounding the yoke-elm, dwarf oak and other shrubs, there were large quantities of ticks.

Considering these facts, it was reasoned that the tick quantity depends on the anti-

biotics of various plants. In order to verify this hypothesis, he placed ticks in jars together with leaves freshly gathered from lime trees, cereals and carex, where the acarids would not be disturbed. On the contrary, however, they died rapidly in jars containing leaves of lavender, pyrethrum and sage. That is why these plants repel ticks.

Another researcher has pursued interesting studies concerning antibiotics and their application for food industries. First, the antibiotic content of plants used in the preserving industry was determined: tomatoes, carrots, horseradish, parsley, onion, pepper and fennel; then, whether their bactericidal capacity would resist cooking. It was found that, in this respect, antibiotics from different plants do not behave in a uniform manner. For instance, eggplant and fennel antibiotics do not lose their bactericidal properties through high temperature.

It has also been proved that as a result of antibiotics, the number of microbes is considerably reduced even before other means to preserve sterilisation are applied. In the industrial field this discovery has led researchers to modify the preparation of various preserves, eluding pimentos, eggplant and cucumbers.

Another researcher treated apples, freshly gathered as well as fallen ones, with an aqueous extract of onionskin and crushed onion. The liquid was sprayed on the fruit when being packed in boxes. After two to three weeks, the onion odour had completely disappeared but the number of damaged apples was one and a half times to twice less than non-treated lots.

In spite of the good prospects resulting from these experiments, the use of crude antibiotics in medicine will not rapidly become general; there are a considerable number of difficult problems to be faced and solved before antibiotics of a given plant can be transformed in to a remedy.

It is particularly necessary to study the effect of this product on the tissues and on the nervous system. It has often been found in the fight against contagious disease, that the best results are not obtained through products which mostly effect the microbe outside the organisms (in test tubes) but rather by those which help the living tissues and increase the resistance of the organism.

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## More Truth Than Jest

While some of us are wisely looking to natural fertilizing methods, there remain those bent on advocating the "advantages" of chemicals. A modern agronomist was giving a talk on the great advancements science has made in agriculture. "The time is coming," he proclaimed, "when you'll be able to carry all the fertilizer necessary for an acre of ground in one vest pocket." "Yeah," an old farmer in the front row interrupted, "and when you can do that you'll be able to carry all the crop in the other pocket!"

—"Organic Gardening and Farming."

## The Iron Curtain Over America

By Colonel John Beaty.

This book is a "must" for every student of international affairs. It is one of the most important books published since World War II, but, like similar books which have been appearing in America over the past few years, it has received no mention whatever in Australia by leftist book reviewers for the "Capitalist" press.

The author of "The Iron Curtain Over America" is not only an outstanding American scholar; his work with the American Military Intelligence Service during the last war enabled him to learn at first hand of the manner in which the Zionist-Communist conspiracy was being furthered under cover of war.

Colonel Beaty deals objectively with the history of the Jews, with particular reference to the fact that the ancestors of most Jews of today were Khazars, originally a people from Central Asia, and had never seen the Holy Land. He writes most penetratingly on the Jewish invasion of the U.S.A. and the subsequent Jewish impact on America's foreign and internal

After outlining the treacherous, pro-Communist activities of Jews in the U.S.A., Colonel Beaty asks — and answers — the question: "Does the high ratio of appointed persons of Eastern European or contacts in United States strategic positions reflect the will of the U.S. people? If not, what controlling will does it reflect?"

"The Iron Curtain Over America" proves conclusively that not only was the second world war organised, but that it was deliberately prolonged, and only concluded when the controllers of the Zionist-Communist conspiracy had achieved their major objectives. Detailed evidence is provided of the manner in which the truth about this conspiracy has been kept from the American people.

Colonel Beaty's conclusion is that America, and other Western nations, can only survive by first defeating "the enemy within." He points out that this first step is essential before a more realistic foreign policy can be implemented, one which would obtain the friendship of all anti-Communist nations and which would seek to widen the gulf which already exists between the Moscow gangsters and their unhappy victims.

It is not surprising that Zionist organisations in the U.S.A. have been campaigning vigorously against Colonel Beaty's exposure and that pressure has been applied to the press to prevent any reference to the book. Even Church "leaders" have been used to smear Beaty. But his book continues to contribute to the general awakening in the U.S.A., an awakening that Australians unfortunately know little about.

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# POWER FROM WASTES

By H. Martin-Leake, Sc.D.

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At a recent international gathering of Sanitary Engineers in London, the Minister for Housing and Local Government made a curious appeal to engineers from foreign countries for aid in solving the problem of rural sanitation. This apparent, but surely unintentional slight on their British compeers raises the question: why have they, who are not inferior in technical ability and enterprise, not solved the problem? The answer appears to be that it has never been set before them squarely, due to the departmentalism of our Government structure. Sanitation is only one of the many rural problems awaiting solution if the drift from the land is to be checked; there is that of the provision of basic rural amenities, water, light and heat in the homesteads, of power for village industries and for farm equipment, of housing, and of increased agricultural production to pay for these amenities. These are but different aspects of a single problem, to be solved only when their inter-relations are taken into account.

The problem of urban sanitation, as the Minister said, has been solved successfully; the solution of the rural problem, consequently, has been sought in an extension of those methods to rural conditions. Hence the vast and extravagant schemes, such as that for Stevenage and Harlow, designed only for sewage disposal. Again, we have our power stations; hence the miles of transmission lines with the added loads on those stations and on coal supplies. We have a vast agricultural service seeking increased production through fertilisers, and so on, and through mechanisation to overcome labour shortage, but overlooking the large supplies of organic matter in farm, village and township wastes lying ready to hand. These divergent approaches must be unified if not merely the rural problem, but the national one of full home production are to be solved.

History repeats itself. More than once, as the record of the aniline dye industry witnesses, has an idea originated in this country and its development been left to others. Early in the thirties Lord Iveagh showed how gas could be produced on farms by anaerobic digestion of wastes when he installed a plant, still working, at Pyrford, Surrey. That lesson remained unlearned till the war, when, to meet the shortage of oil, particularly in France, small plants were set up in that country and methane gas used to drive tractors, the first plant being installed in Algeria. That development has survived the war; by 1951 there were some 600 installations at work, and the present number is some 1,000—a clear indication of economic soundness. But it has remained for Germany to realise the larger potentialities of a farm-based plant. At Allerhop, Herr Schmidt and Dr. Eggersgluss have installed a larger plant, providing all power for a farm carrying some 150 head of cattle, compressing the gas for use with tractors. Further plants have been installed, or are in course of erection, both in Germany and in other Continental countries.

These developments, however, merely touch the fringe of the matter. From the

nature of the stimulus, attention has concentrated on the farm as the unit with special emphasis on fuel for mobile machinery and, consequently, with farm wastes as the raw material. The magnitude of these wastes, at present almost unused, has been calculated by G. Rosenberg, on the basis of the stock population of this country, as sufficient to run 750,000 tractors working 1,000 hours per annum, whereas our present tractor population is only some 260,000. If, to these wastes, be added those of the villages, hamlets and townships, the power potentially available but now neglected, will be seen to be enormous. It may well be asked whether it is not sufficient to supply all rural needs.

Such a conception should make the village or township, and not the farm, the unit; each with its own sewage or, where water is not available, night-soil and waste collecting system leading to a gas generating site. Technical considerations would determine the best economic use of the gas, whether direct or to generate electricity to meet communal and farm needs. Only if the supply exceeded such demand, would it be compressed for use with mobile machinery.

The benefits to agriculture, too, have to be considered. The plant, beside gas, yields a residue rich in plant nutrients and a bulk of organic matter for which our soils are crying aloud. Moreover, they are produced on the spot, with the minimum cost in lead when carted to the land. A measure of the agricultural value of these residues, whether directly applied or after composting with further wastes, is given by the Allerhop experience, which indicates that, as the result of saving in labour and cost of fertilisers and from increased crops, the gas is a free by-product.

In this country the problem has yet to be considered as one inter-related whole, but certain aspects have received independent study. At Mogden gas is used to drive mechanical equipment on the works, and the digested sludge is dried and pulverised to find a ready market. At Leatherhead, where gas is not recovered, the sludge is composted with sorted wastes. Southwark, having no sewerage for disposal, pulverises its sorted wastes and rails them for agricultural use. At Croydon the borough fleet

## 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 pre-occupation 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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of lorries has been run on the gas recovered, though more recently it has been found more profitable to pass it to the gas-works. The above are examples drawn from large, water-borne systems. The outstanding example of disposal of collected night-soil and refuse is at Dumfries, where, however, compost only and no gas is produced; and there are a number of private schemes working on the same principle. More important, perhaps, than any of these is the "A-G" process of Messrs. British Organic Products Ltd. (see *Water and Sanitary Engineer*, October, 1951), now being installed in Jersey to deal with a scattered population of some 50,000 persons. The stimulus here was not merely the pollution of the St. Helier beaches, but the demand for organic matter to restore and maintain the fertility of the land under the intensive dual-cropping system characteristic of the island.

It is not possible in this brief article to give technical—the volume of gas procurable and its high calorific value—or financial data; exchange rates and relative cost of labour and materials make strict comparison impossible. But in the above and in Continental experience, there is ample evidence to justify the belief that unit schemes based on villages and townships, or even on farms, will prove their economic value. The value of the residues have yet to find their true level in this country, for there is a certain prejudice to be overcome, arising from the use of intractable, and often malodorous, lagoon sludge. The economics of the single unit, however, is not the dominant consideration. There are the communal benefits, reaped by the country as a whole; the enormous savings on the vast sewage works, divorcing sewage from the valuable refuse, conveying it through long sewers to disposal centres, whence, if at all used, the residues must be carted long distances to the fields, on the costly transmission lines, the load on power stations and on coal supplies. Lastly, there is the advantage in war of the decentralisation of power production.

At the moment there are several enquiries

## Advances in Biological Insect Control

There's a promising note in a report from the Agricultural Research Service in Washington, which stresses its increasing search for diseases that will destroy insects. Specialists say they are hopeful this newer field of research will provide the answer to the growing problem of insect resistance and toxic residues stemming from increased use of chemicals. They pointed out that most insect diseases are harmless to man, animals and plants. In addition, they have found that these insect diseases generally kill a single species without harming others, while many insecticides kill both pests and beneficial insects.

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ies in progress on different facets of the problem. There is the Advisory Panel on Waste Materials, there is a Natural Resources Technical Committee, and there is a Fuel Economy Committee; but there is no defined body in a position to review the problem as a whole. Particularly is there no representation of the agricultural interest. On the agricultural side the approach has been either the engineering aspect of a farm plant with emphasis on providing power for tractors, or that of Professor Stoughton at Reading on the value of sewage sludge in composting.

What is urgently required is a combined, serious study of the problem as a whole. For such a study two preliminaries are necessary:—

1. The installation of a pilot plant, preferably a village or township plant, to secure data under the conditions prevailing in this country;

2. The postponement of the numerous expensive schemes of sanitation and rural electrification pending the investigation. Once these are put in hand, they cannot be reversed, and agriculture will be deprived of one of its major sources of fertility indefinitely. It is, perhaps, fortunate that most of these grandiose schemes are held up on financial grounds, and a breathing space is, thus, afforded for reconsideration. Given the opportunity, our Sanitary Engineers will rise to the occasion.

## The Stability of Nature

The stability of Nature is secured not only by means of a very even balancing of her Wheel, by a perfect timing, so to say, of her mechanisms, but also rests on a basis of enormous reserves. Nature is never a hand-to-mouth practitioner. She is often called lavish and wasteful, and at first sight one can be bewildered and astonished at the apparent waste, and extravagance, which accompany the carrying on of vegetable and animal existence. Yet a more exact examination shows her working with an assured background of accumulated reserves, which are stupendous and also so essential. The least depletion in these reserves induces vast changes and not until she has built them up again does she resume the particular process on which she was engaged. A realisation of this principle of reserves is thus a further necessary item in a wide view of natural law. Anyone who has recovered from a serious illness, during which the human body lived partly on its own reserves, will realise how Nature afterwards deals with such situations. During the period of convalescence the patient appears to make little progress till suddenly he resumes his old-time activities. During this waiting period the reserves used up during illness are being replenished.

—"The Soil and Health"—Sir Albert Howard.

## THE COMPOST MYSTERY

**No one really knows ALL the secrets of Nature's wondrous action in the soil**

Ask any soil scientist to describe to you what goes on in a square foot of soil and he will admit that he can't. No one really knows all that goes on in the soil—what exactly the bacteria, the fungi, the worms and the other soil organisms do—and probably no one ever will know.

The same is true for compost. Compost is basically the concentrated richness of soil, so it can be even more mysterious. If anyone tells you he knows what goes on in a compost heap, he is not telling the truth.

So you can see that you, the average gardener or farmer, are not at a disadvantage when facing up to a soil scientist, for he doesn't know all the answers either. Take the case of a well-known American writer, E. B. White. He wrote that when he first became interested in farming he was enthusiastic about natural methods. Later, he reported, when he realized that he didn't have any scientific training, he adopted orthodox views because he didn't know enough about the soil to go out on a limb in favor of what many people considered to be wild theories.

I feel that the average person shouldn't feel ashamed to work toward becoming an amateur soil expert. The raw materials for your study are all around you, and if you are an active gardener or farmer you can build up a fund of practical knowledge that may put schoolbook experts to shame.

Take the idea of chelation (keelation) for example. It is a vitally important process that has always gone on in the soil, and in compost heaps, yet soil scientists have just become aware of it. Chelators are substances produced by humus that help make available plant food in the soil. A soil without organic matter has no chelators, so minerals remain locked up in the soil.

Chelating compounds provide plants with needed trace elements. For example, lichens have their own "built-in" chelators, which allow them to live in barren spots. The chelators in the lichens dissolve rocks and provide vital trace metals.

This same action also can make natural rock powers more effective. An experiment has shown that it is the chelating action of manure that explains the greater availability of phosphate fertilizers when added to farm manures.

Perhaps this newly-discovered ability of organic matter to feed plants will help clear up the compost mystery—the mystery of why compost and other types of humus are so effective in feeding the soil and plants.

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# THE POISONED BREAD OF SAINT ESPRIT

According to a report in a southern French newspaper the mystery of the bread poisonings at Pont Saint Esprit, France, has been solved. Monsieur Dumazert, Professor of Chemistry at Marseilles, is responsible for the discovery of the cause of the terrible happenings just over three years ago when, in this small town on the banks of the Rhone, five people died and some two hundred went raving mad all in a day.

It was quickly discovered that these unfortunate people had eaten poisoned bread, but it has taken nearly three years to find out what form of poison it was that caused sudden death, raving lunacy and hallucinations. It is now known that these mass poisonings were brought about by a mercurial product used for the dressing of grain against fungus growth.

It had already been established in 1952 that the samples of the "bedeviled bread" taken at the time of the poisonings did not moulder or become mildewed. A fungicide was suspected of being the cause of the poisonings. The affair made international news.

A Swede who had read about it wrote to the French Minister of Health suggesting that the catastrophe might be caused by a certain Product "P" which was manufactured in Sweden and exported to France among other countries. He described Product "P" as a very powerful fungicide for grain.

This led to the discovery that Product "P" had been withdrawn from the manufacturer's export list as soon as the news of the poisonings had been made known. There were, however, no signs of mercury to be found in either the bread samples or in the course of the examinations of the victims.

Prof. Dumazert continued his investigations and at last, after nearly two years, found minute traces of mercury. He further discovered that when a sack of flour was put into a container of Product "P", which is an oily liquid coloured with a red substance, the sack fibres acted as a filter and absorbed only the colour while the poisonous fungicide passed into the flour leaving it unstained. This absolved the unfortunate baker Briand, who was widely accused of criminal negligence. Mice and rats fed upon such impregnated flour showed all the symptoms of those persons who suffered from the poisonings at Pont Saint Esprit in 1951.

Two lines of investigation of different nature have been conducted in France in relation to this affair; the scientific investigations of Prof. Dumazert and his colleagues, and those of the police and the civil authorities.

When Prof. Dumazert had concluded his research and knew the answer to the question "What caused the poisonings?" he sent an important report to Paris. There remained only the answer to the question "Who was responsible for the poisonings?" for the case to be cleared up.

It appears, however, that this last is the more difficult of the two questions to answer, for following the receipt of Dumazert's report by the Department of Health, a verdict of "No Case" was filed at Nimes en Provence; that is to say that the Law was officially declared to be incapable of defining the causes of the poisonings and of bringing those responsible for them to book. According to my cutting from the French press the word "imposed" has been used in connection with this verdict.

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