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WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF HYDROGEN BOMB EXPLOSIONS?

Radio Talk by Eric D. Butler over 3NE Wangaratta

I recently spoke about the use of fear in the cold war. Tonight I desire to examine this matter a little more closely, with particular reference to the growing volume of frightening stories which suggest that if atomic and hydrogen bomb tests continue it is probable that in the future our children's children will be a race of deformed monsters.

Although I do not subscribe to the view that the directors of the Communist conspiracy are relying primarily upon military might to win the whole world for Communism, I firmly believe that it would be treasonable folly not to arm ourselves adequately to deal with all possible military threats. Maximum military preparedness will not of itself be sufficient to defeat the Communist conspiracy, but it is essential that we retain what freedom we still possess in order that we may take positive steps towards undermining the whole Communist Empire. Unfortunately, however, instead of propaganda being used to help undermine the Communist Empire, we find it being skilfully used to destroy the morale of the peoples in all non-Communist countries. I have not been able to discover any evidence suggesting that the Russian people are being told of all the terrible things, which it is alleged, will happen if atomic and hydrogen bomb tests continue. But I have been able to discover plenty of evidence proving beyond doubt that the Communists in this and other non-Communist countries are feverishly engaged in spreading terrifying stories about the alleged effects of "fall out" from atomic and hydrogen bomb tests. Organisations bearing innocent sounding titles are bringing people together allegedly to learn all the facts about the effects of nuclear weapons. Much of the material being issued by these organisations looks most impressive—and frightening—until an objective investigation is made. It is elementary that it suits the Communists if they can, by creating widespread fear, help stampede public opinion against any Government taking steps to equip itself with the latest nuclear weapons necessary for military defence. Now, before proceeding any further, I want to make it clear that there are many sincere people who are certainly not

Communists but who are disturbed about the development of nuclear weapons. It appears possible that those directly engaged in the development of atomic energy may be endangering their health. I am not competent at present to express an opinion on this matter. But while retaining an open mind on the subject, I have not been able to find any verification for the obviously exaggerated stories, which are at present worrying many people. The question, which worries most people, is whether the continuation of atomic tests, or an atomic world war, would result in a race of idiots and deformed people. In a recent talk on the B.B.C. in England a Doctor Rotblatt attempted to terrify his listeners with a picture of the possible genetic effects of radioactivity. This doctor was, however, not qualified to speak upon this subject, as he was not an authority on genetics. Many of those expressing similar views as Dr. Rotblatt are termed atomic scientists by the propagandists, but in fact they are nothing of the kind. Mr. Medford Evans, prominently associated with the American Atomic Energy Commission for eight years has recently dealt with this matter. He points out how the Federation of American Scientists, from which much of the worldwide propaganda concerning the atomic and hydrogen bomb stems, is really a political organisation. Members do not have to be scientists. Mr. Evans is not a scientist, but he was asked to become a member.

Several of those associated with this organisation, men like Robert Oppenheimer, have been publicly listed in the U.S.A. as security risks. Many of them are associated with Leftist political activities. It is essential that when we read some of these dreadful stories about the alleged effects of atomic and hydrogen explosions, we ask whether the views put forward are those

of an objective scientist or those of a political propagandist. If atomic explosions do affect hereditary factors, there can be no argument that the most likely places

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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 to the community's indebtedness and the sound business practice of gradually reducing existing debt. 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

TO THE POINT

The "Full Employment" Mania

"The idleness which is a general charge against the Maoris is sometimes defined: 'They'll work all right, they'll work hard, so long as they're interested in what they are doing. But when they lose interest they'll quit.'—Now this may be a criticism of industrial civilisation rather than of the Maoris; . . ."—Eric Linklater in "A Year of Space".

"In this age of excessive activity—is not activism a major malady of society today? —"—The Bishop of Sheffield speaking on the topic "Our Work" at the Anglican Congress (England) in 1954.

A "Planned Fright Campaign"

The Western world is now so closely "integrated" for propaganda purposes that the same campaigns are invariably conducted in every country dominated by international finance. While Dr. Rotblatt was making British flesh creep with the genetic possibilities of nuclear explosions, Governor E. Johnson, of Colorado, was accusing American scientists of waging a nation-wide drive against the development and testing of atomic bombs by the use of precisely the same arguments. Naming two "publicity-seeking professors", Dr. Ray R. Lanier and Dr. Theodore Puck, the Governor said that they were beginning a "carefully planned fright campaign". It is a quaint coincidence that so often the subject matter of professional publicity seeking should be in accord with the Communist line.

Governor Johnson spoke sound sense when he said:

"We must not permit the defences of this country to be weakened by wild and probably baseless speculation about the genetics of future generations. Unless American scientists remain way out in front of Russian atomic scientists, there will be no future generation of Americans."

That attitude should also be our attitude, except that British—and by British I mean British—scientists should outstrip not only Russian atomic scientists, but American atomic scientists as well. Give the cosmopolitans control, and the future will be full of Yalta-type betrayals in the atomic field such as we have already suffered in the diplomatic field.

—"Candour" (England), April 1.

The Social Credit Secretariat

Dr. B. W. Monahan, of Canberra, has recently been nominated as Chairman of the Social Credit Secretariat. "The Social Crediter" is now being edited and published in Australia. We congratulate Dr. Monahan on his appointment, confident in the knowledge that he will ensure that there is no perversion of the ideas, which the late Major Douglas gave to the world.

The "Age of Reason"

By far the greater part of experience belongs to the irrational—that is, it is in no way subject to reasoning. Reason, in fact, operates only on concepts. You can think thoughts, and nothing else. And the small part of thinking that is done in accordance with mechanical rules—i.e., is "logical"—comprises "reason". That is to say, as Douglas pointed out, reason is only a tool; and a dangerous tool at that—Circumspice.

This is said to be the Age of Reason; but it is not more so than any other age of concern to us. Reason, as a tool, has been made more and more efficient, externalised, and power-operated. The electronic computer does what the brain does—if both are fed the same information, and apply the same operations (in the logical sense) they furnish the same "answer".

What really distinguishes this Age is the application of solar power, and the accumulation of exact knowledge of matter and its properties. This does not imply any increase in the magnitude of the faculty of reason, nor is it likely that there has been an increase; all that has happened is that "reason" has got out of hand—out of proportion to the irrational. Consciousness is too much dominated by "reason", and in consequence the unconscious is too much dominated by the irrational.

Thus to modern man mechanics is virtually self-evident; small children know all about motorcars and aeroplanes. But never have grown men known so little of anything, which means, practically, everything indeed, the Age of Ignorance.

—"The Social Crediter", April 2, 1955.

Secret Stalin Order on World Revolution

A revealing document on Soviet Russia's ultimate aim was brought to light in an editorial in the "Deutsche Tagespost", a Catholic daily published at Regensburg, Germany.

According to Ferdinand Roemer, one of the paper's editors, it is a secret order issued by the late Soviet dictator, Joseph Stalin, to his army general staff on February 16, 1943. The order read as follows:

"The bourgeois Governments of the Western democracies with whom we have entered into an alliance may believe that we consider it as our sole task to throw the Fascists out of our land.

"We Bolsheviks, and with us the Bolsheviks of the whole world, know that our real task will begin only after the second phase of this war is ended. Then will begin for us the third phase, which for us is the last and decisive one of the war, the phase of the destruction of world capitalism . . .

"Our sole goal is, and remains, the world revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat. We have engaged in alliance because this was necessary to reach the third phase, but our ways part where our present allies will stand in our way in the achievement of our ultimate aim."

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 policies.

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 reject 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 which Australians unfortunately know little about.

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THE WORLDLY AND THE OTHER-WORLDLY

We specially recommend the following article, from "Voice," journal of the Christian Campaign for Freedom, to the study of those who are concerned about the relationship of the Churches to the political and other policies, which affect all individuals so seriously today:

There is a saying, "Man's extremity God's opportunity." These four words perhaps crystallise the sole hope that man may, not be extricated, but may extricate himself from his present terrible dilemma. Western man is confronted in less and less veiled tones with the choice of annihilation by war or submission under World Government, a submission which cannot fail to result in the most ruthless tyranny; because power, having centred in itself all sanctions would be absolute.

In what way, then, is such an extremity God's opportunity? And, why, if it is God's opportunity, must man extricate himself? The answer to the first question is that it is in extremity that pride and stubborn prejudice give way to humility; and the answer to the second is that when God created man He gave him the capacity to know the Earth which He also created, and man can only know it by humble attention to its laws: the way God meant things to work and the way He made them to work. Only the witless and the indifferent (God-forsaken) can fail to observe that what we are witnessing is the apotheosis of power. It is evident in the awe-someness of nuclear weapons, the soul-lessness of mass production and technology in its effect on the worker, and the de-personalised docility of the uniform State-dominated peoples.

Our Church leaders affect to distinguish between God's truth and truth, between God's power and power, between God's purpose and individual purpose. The distinctions are false. All truth, all power and all-purpose is God's. He created them, and gave to each of us the power of choice to use or misuse them. In this world it is only knowledge of, a belief in and a determination to abide by the Word of God, which can prevent us from misusing the power He has given us. There are three factors: to know, to believe in and to be determined. When people know, believe in and are determined to obey Authority (the Word), we shall have the apotheosis of Authority. The question is, how is this to be brought about?

The first thing to be clear about is that what is convulsing the world, is power. Every form of evil in the world is a misuse of power, whether it is self-inflicted, whether it is person to person, or by far the gravest misuse of power that there is in the modern world — person-to-group power, the collectivisation of people in such a way that their collective power is dominated and misused by a few persons who through an error in social structure are enabled to control the group. The second thing to be clear about is that God who created the world gave to that world a law, which is part of His Word, and obedience to which in society prevents the misuse of group or collective power. It is this law to which we are continually referring in this paper. Its primary demand on social

structure is unpenalised freedom of association, because it is precisely the individual person's power to contract out of an association which ensures that its purpose and activities conform to the wishes of those associating. This law must be known.

The law of unpenalised freedom of association is God's law in society. It is not enough that it should be known; to be effective in society it has to be believed in. The word belief in its original connotation was something which one holds dear. A large section of our British society before the First World War, and to a lesser extent between the wars, had unquestioned belief in freedom of association, because they found that it provided them with a wide range of choices, quality and leisure. A larger section of the population were prevented from experiencing it by poverty, they were denied the financial means, despite the obvious existence of a large actual and potential physical surplus of commodities and services to which they could have had access if they had been provided with the means. The political history of this country during this century has been largely the political manipulation of the mass of have-nots to support policies, which have destroyed unpenalised freedom of association. Justice to the have-nots could have been rendered without destroying freedom of association. Many pointed the way, but the Church was silent. The Archbishop of York, as we reported last week, has confessed that the Church sinned grievously by her silence. Now that faith in the law of God in society has to be restored. It can only be restored by the Church asserting boldly Authority on justice in society and honestly in the administration of the financial system, and by calling upon the public to use its political power only in accordance with Authority.

It is one thing to know and believe, but quite another to act and get other people to act in conformity with what they know and believe in. Essentially this is a question of whether Christianity is concerned with this world, another world ("other-worldly"), or with both this world and another world. We hear much today of materialists and materialism; and indeed we see the results of materialistic philosophy in the misuse of power and the degradation of human life and values. The worldly (the materialists) are always blamed for this; but is it not a fact that the otherworldly are every wit as much to blame? Where one denies the sovereignty of God's kingdom, of God's laws in this world, because he disbelieves in God; the other evades his responsibility for obeying God's laws in this world, abandoning it to Caesar and the Devil, because he believes that the other world is all that matters, and that an abstractionist, formal devotion and worship of God is all that is required of him in this world.

If there is any validity whatever to conceptions of "right" and "wrong" in the world it can only be:

(1) Because inherent in all creation there is a law which determines the correct way in which everything should work.

(2) Because those persons who do correctly in accordance with the law in creation will eventually be graced by the Creator; and those who fail to do correctly will be punished.

If there is no reward and punishment in another world, or if there is no "other world", then the rewards and punishment of this world are all that need concern anyone; and there are as living witnesses in their old age plenty of able, unprincipled ruthless men, and millions of docile, no so-able compromisers-with-truth (including bishops) who can assert with conviction from their own experience that it pays not to practice Christianity. In other words that the "other fellow" can take the punishment for any laws of creation which "I" break, through the misuse of "my" political power or through the evasion of "my" responsibility to speak out or do because "I" wanted to keep on good terms with Caesar.

On the contrary, we live in God's world even if it is a broken world, not Caesar's world; and the very fact that Caesar, Caesar's friends and those who bow the knee to Caesar, while acknowledging that there is truth and principle by paying tribute to it, yet find that at the cost the meek this world pays them rewards for being untruthful and unprincipled, is evidence that there must be another world which will redeem these wrongs.

And, on the contrary the validity of the Incarnation is that Christ came to redeem this world; and the faithfulness of those who would follow Christ is in the measure of their practical obedience in making the social order conform to the laws of God kingdom, not Caesar's.

Beware, false priests, you who make Christ merely a graven image to be worshipped. God is not mocked.

"For unto whomsoever much is given of him shall much be required . . ."

"I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence till thou hast paid the very last mite."

On Planning the Earth

BY Dr. GEOFFREY DOBBS

This brilliant work not only exposes completely the falsity of the propaganda issued by the advocates of the Tennessee Val-Authority and similar large-scale land planning and hydroelectric schemes, but reveals them as part of a worldwide conspiracy designed to drive the individual down the scale of human existence. Foreword by Major C. H. Douglas.

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CHRISTIANITY AND RACIAL DIVERSITY

By AIDAN MACKEY in "Candour" (England)

There has been in our national Press recently a tremendous amount of ballyhoo about the morality of the South African policy of *apartheid*, chiefly aroused by topical interest in the large-scale movement of native families from the slums of Sophiatown to a new township. It has been widely implied that *apartheid* is, of its nature, directly opposed to Christianity and that support for it can come only from despisers of the Black population. The idea that a Christian must oppose racial segregation has been encouraged by the activities of a few much-publicised clergymen who appear to be more well-intentioned than well-informed, and it is, therefore, important that people should be shown that there is no justification for the belief that Christian justice demands the integration of races with its inevitably resulting loss of national identity by the smaller groups. The newspapers now trembling in outraged sensitivity at the "unchristian" attitude of the Government of South Africa have carefully avoided revealing the fact that many responsible representatives of Christian Churches have placed their considered judgment on record.

"Apartheid" is in fact the most practical solution to a problem, which must exist wherever White and Black races co-exist in the same territory, not least in those areas where the European is heavily outnumbered. The problem arises from the natural and legitimate determination of the White man - - and of the best elements among the Blacks — to preserve identity as a distinctive entity exercising political-self-determination, and from the right of the native to his own self-expression and opportunity for political development. "Apartheid" is the belief that that problem can only be satisfactorily resolved by a policy of separate development.

It is quite obvious that there will always be a possibility of injustices arising incidentally out of the administration of the policy. Such injustices should be remedied and machinery for obtaining redress of grievances does exist in South Africa. But the existence of such injustices does not invalidate the lawfulness of "apartheid" as a solution to a problem so grave that it can hardly be appreciated in Britain or even in the United States, where the White population greatly outnumbers the Black. That no injustice is inherent in the idea of separate development is shown in the following authoritative statements by Christian leaders on the spot.

The Anglican Bishop B. W. Peacey, until recently Bishop of Constantia, Cape Province, has spent the greater part of his life, including his childhood, in South Africa. Having for many years practised as a missionary among the coloured peoples of the Cape Province and among the Bantu peoples in other parts of the Union, he knows the problem thoroughly from the inside and has recently published a book-

let explaining his attitude as a Christian minister. In his booklet, "When He separated the children of Men. . . ." Bishop Peacey has this to say, "If the two cultures" (Bantu and European) "are different, it seems right that the members of those cultures should be treated differently. Not only right, but a matter of practical common sense. For this difference in treatment we use the word 'differentiation'. It is that principle of differentiation that should be the basic 3680 BARR Times as usual. — .. — .. principle of our race relations." Differentiation is, of course, a form of discrimination, but, as Bishop Peacey points out, there is a very real difference between "discrimination between" and "discrimination against".

Then the question is posed and answered: "Is differentiation in accordance with the mind of Christ? The answer is obvious: differentiation takes into account the distinction between cultures. It is therefore closer to the mind of God than a treatment which minimises those differences." The ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is not denied by differentiation, rather does it become more possible among the tensions of this life in a society which recognises the individuality of man and the uniqueness of cultures. In the relationships between races as in the relationship between sexes, the acknowledgment of different outlooks and temperaments makes possible a unity in diversity. "It is not", writes Bishop Peacey, "only the White culture that we have to consider; the attempt must be made, with every consideration of justice, to give to Bantu culture its opportunity to develop so as to meet the new situation. Neither one of these cultures is static; develop they must, and in justice to both one can see no reason why either should lose the many

splendid characteristics which they possess."

What a world of difference there is between that carefully considered judgment and the irresponsible distortions of our Press! Another balanced pronouncement is to be found in the "Statement on Race Relations" issued by the Catholic Hierarchy of the Union of South Africa and the Protectorates. Here are some extracts from it: "This racial problem admits of no easy solution, and for that reason it can only be regretted that it is so frequently made the plaything of party politics without reward for the real welfare of citizens." Although that was written in 1952, it would be difficult to find a more apt description of the current Left-inspired agitations against "apartheid". Here again, as in the statement by Bishop Peacey, can be seen a realisation of the tremendous differences between the peoples of South Africa. "The South African people originate from various branches of the human family that differ greatly from one another in culture and in social institutions . . . the great majority of non-Europeans, and particularly the Africans, have not yet reached a stage of development that would justify their integration into a homogeneous society with the European. A sudden and violent attempt to force them into the mould of European manners and customs would be disastrous."

The statement goes on to declare that there are certain fundamental rights arising from the nature of man, and which include for all men the right to life and sustenance, the integrity, use and normal development of faculties, and to association with one's fellow-men. This however, is qualified by acknowledgment of the requirements of society and order: "It is evident, too, that membership of society imposes limitations on the exercise of an individual's rights, for in association with others he must accept those controls which are necessary for the good order of society" and that although "justice demands that non-Europeans be permitted to evolve gradually towards full participation in the political, cultural and economic life of the country, this evolution cannot come about without earnest endeavours on the part of non-Europeans to prepare themselves for the duties connected with the rights which they hope to enjoy." Then, knowing full well the thorniness of the question, the Catholic Hierarchy and their statement: "What has been said remains in the realm of principle; it is for men versed and specialised in different branches of study and technique to apply these principles to difficult and complicated situations."

Considerably more weight should, I think, be attached to those pronouncements than to the rather unsavoury activities of the Rev. Trevor Huddleston, who has recently been rebuked by the Nonconformist "Christian World" for his political stunt of using prayer as a weapon of agitation. The Christian must value each man for his own sake and as he has been made; the idea of a racial melting-pot which would inevitably result from assimilation and which destroy the uniqueness and integrity of all types must be repugnant to all except the degenerate, the cosmopolitan and the One-Worlder.

A BRITISH PATRIOT MEETS DR. OTTO STRASSER

By A. K. Chesterton in "Candour", March 25

Dr. Otto Strasser, returning from Canada after many years of enforced exile, to re-join his family in Switzerland as a prelude to resuming his place in Germany's political life, planned to stay overnight in London for the purpose of discussing with me the fight against International Finance and International Communism in which we are both engaged. The Home Office stopped that by clapping him in a prison-cell at the airport and putting him on the next plane to Zurich. In consequence, we arranged to meet last week in Dublin.

What had Strasser done to warrant this insulting treatment at the hands of the British nation? In 1940 our Government paid his passage to the West Indies and thence to Canada, treating him with high consideration and respect. It is my personal principle that in time of war a man's duty is to his own country, but if a brother of mine had been murdered by governmental decree and a price of a million marks, or their equivalent in pounds, had been placed upon my own head, I would certainly regard myself as being at war with that regime. Thus Strasser's attitude was understandable, and was in fact well understood by the British Government at the time. What happened to transform his goodwill towards him into ill will? It is an amazing story. In 1942 a high Communist functionary approached him with the proposal that he should leave Canada and go to the Soviet Union to work against Hitler under the auspices of Moscow. Abominating the Soviet tyranny, Otto Strasser flatly declined the offer. At once his entire status changed. The United States, Canadian and British Governments, extraordinary as it may seem to those unversed in the ways of secret international politics, dropped him as though he were a thing unclean and condemned him to live the life of a pariah in Canada not only until the end of the war, but for ten long years afterwards. Why? There were two reasons. One was that he had offended the Communist power-masters, the other that he knew with exactitude the link between them and the International Money Power in New York. The further evidence, which his experience affords of the extent to which all Governments, including our own, are subservient to International Finance, is most disquieting.

There travelled with Dr. Strasser on the plane to Dublin a mysterious person who, immediately on arrival, telephoned the Dublin newspapers. As Strasser did not know my wishes in the matter, he declined to tell the reporters, who were soon on the scene, the reason for his visit. There was then "planted" on these reporters a fantastic story that he had been met by a well-known Dublin resident who had built his house in the shape of a swastika, and that story was cabled all over the world. Being a very honourable body of men, the Irish journalists issued a correction next day, when I arrived in Dublin and told them the facts, but it is unlikely that the truth caught up with the lie.

Foreign agencies, however, were not content with the unvarnished truth. They had

us dogged throughout our stay. They contacted Strasser's wife in Switzerland. They telephoned to my wife in England, one call coming all the way from Bonn. A London newspaper, which ought to know better—it does not belong to the Gutter Press—had the impudence to question her on "Candour's" finances. The murky thought behind the question was perhaps an idea that impecunious Otto Strasser, who for years has been scraping a living as a freelance journalist, may be subsidising our publication! The fact that our outlook is entirely—indeed, aggressively—British has apparently escaped the newspaper's attention.

What, then, was the nexus between Strasser and myself around which so much mystery was being woven? When on Friday he reached his native land after an absence of twenty-two years he expressed his views in a very few words:

"I regard my return as a victory over the unholy alliance of Hitler, Morgenthau (former United States Secretary to the Treasury), and Adenauer. I do not intend to try to set up a neo-Nazi organisation. I am for a form of radical national, armed, neutral, all-German Government against Wall Street and Moscow. Something on the lines of Sweden or Switzerland, stretching from Memel to the Saar."

That he should have sounded this note of challenge the moment he set foot on his native soil is the measure of Otto Strasser, who is what the Chinese of an older day would have called "a man pre-eminently". It so happens, as I do not need to tell regular readers, that I agree with him that the fight is against both Moscow and Wall Street. It happens, too, that though we are both strong nationalists we have come to hate "the State" with its manifold tyrannies, and are anxious to see in our own countries the devolution of political and economic power. Strasser, moreover, has a very high admiration for the British Empire as a stabilising and civilising factor, and is amazed at the readiness with which it is being thrown away. There is nothing mysterious about his views and mine—we do our best to make them public — and there was nothing mysterious about our meeting. Suggestions of an organisational relationship are absurd. We shall hope to keep in close touch, but that is all.

As I saw Otto off at the airport I had a premonition that during his short stop in Paris the French Government would insult him, as the British Government had done. Unfortunately my instinct proved sound. He was put under guard. The lackeys of High Finance did their masters' bidding. Dublin seems to be free of that kind of tyranny and is thus able to practice the traditional Christian courtesies. We both have reason to be grateful to that fine city and its friendly people.

My impressions of Strasser? A dauntless man of compelling sincerity and charm. May his cause prosper, because in essentials it is our own.

An Introduction To Social Credit

By Bryan W. Monahan

This excellent book is specially recommended to those who desire a clearly written, but authoritative introduction to the subject of Social Credit. Dr. Bryan Monahan is Chairman of the Social Credit Secretariat, a body established by the late Major C. H. Douglas.

Social Credit concerns much more than monetary reform, which was one of the reasons why Major Douglas established the Social Credit Secretariat. Dr. Monahan writes: "Social Credit is a way of looking at things, a point of view that seems to bring every branch of knowledge into a new and more clear perspective. Equally, all knowledge is relevant to Social Credit."

"An Introduction To Social Credit" is divided into four parts: Physics, Economics, Politics and Metaphysics. The chapter on physics shows how increasing leisure and security for every individual are physically possible. The author writes: "Clearly, only either leisure, or 'unemployment' outside production can dispose of the 'unemployment problem'. The problems of economics and politics are absolutely conditioned by the physical realities described: short of sabotage or cataclysm, the progress of the situation is inexorable..."

After dealing simply but comprehensively with the Social Credit A + B theorem in the chapter on Economics, Dr. Monahan points out that the emphasis in Social Credit has passed from purely technical considerations to the subject of credit control and policy. This leads naturally to an examination of the policy of Social Credit and the Christian philosophy from which it stems, as compared with the various totalitarian policies based upon an anti-Christian philosophy.

Dr. Monahan's book is well produced, has a comprehensive index, and contains two appendices: one giving Douglas's analysis of the financing of a long-term production cycle in order to present a simple and convenient formal proof of the Social Credit theorem, and the other outlining the reasons for the establishment of the Social Credit Secretariat.

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Communism and the Labor Party

Irrespective of which political party they belong to — or whether they belong to none of the parties — all responsible electors must be concerned about the present cleavage within the Labor Party. The outcome of this cleavage may well be vital for the future of Australia. We can best approach this subject by asking the question, "Who is benefiting the most from the Labor Party's dissensions?" We can readily obtain an answer to this question by reading recent issues of the Communist papers like the Melbourne "Guardian" and the Sydney "Tribune". The Communists are openly lauding Dr. Evatt in his fight against his opponents within the Labor Party. They are particularly enthusiastic about his new foreign policy, which is generally accepted as the work of Dr. Burton, former official of the Department of External Affairs and closely allied with Communist "front" peace movements. This foreign policy calls for the recognition of Communist China and opposes the sending of Australian troops to Malaya. Every effort must be made to seek peace through the "United" Nations. The Communists know that any attempt at defeating Communism through the "United" Nations is doomed to failure. This international organisation has been an instrument of the Communists ever since it was created. If the military defence of Australia is to be left to the "United" Nations, then our future is doomed. The foreign policy being enunciated by Dr. Evatt at present is one of national suicide. It is a continuation of the policy he supported when the Communists were playing a vital role in driving the Dutch out of Indonesia. No patriotic Australian can possibly support Dr. Evatt. And yet the tragedy is that a considerable section of the Labor Party is supporting him. Many of those supporting him have been influenced by the use of the filthy sectarian weapon. These people believe that the Catholics are a greater menace than the Communists. They are apparently unaware, or close their minds to the fact, that Dr. Evatt has been supported by a number of Catholics who, while certainly not Communists, are so lacking in belief in fundamental principles that they will not do anything which they feel might jeopardise their political jobs. Dr. Evatt and his supporters understand human nature and their campaigning has been completely ruthless. That is why the Executive of the New South Wales Labor Party dramatically changed its previous stand against the Federal Executive and Dr. Evatt. This Executive, which has Catholics as members, decided that it would now support the Federal Executive's pro-Communist policies, no doubt hopeful that this change of front would help maintain that blessed unity which Mr. Calwell speaks so much about. Mr. Calwell is one of those Catholics who apparently believe it possible to have unity with the devil. Whatever may be said about men like Mr. Keon and Mr. Mullens, they are both men of courage and principle. For that reason they are considered a menace to the plans of those using Dr. Evatt at the moment. Those who think like Mr. Keon are not only strong anti-Communists; they are also opposed to the Socialisation objective of the Labor Party, which they believe should be modified. Little has been heard about the Socialisation issue, but the Communists place tremendous importance upon it. They are determined to force the Labor Party to commit itself more and more openly to this and similar Communist policies. Present developments within the Labor Party stem from the Communists' long campaign to use this Party to further one of the major parts of their strategy in Australia.

Every patriotic elector should therefore use every electoral opportunity he obtains to help defeat Labor candidates supporting Dr. Evatt and his associates.

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Singapore Government's Leader

The leader of Singapore's first elected Government is a Jewish lawyer, Mr. David Marshall. The victory of his Socialist Party has astonished many people, but we must confess that we are not. After all, Mr. Marshall did promise benefits for the majority at the expense of the minority.

Eric Butler's Tour

Mr. Eric Butler's winter tour of N.S.W. and Queensland is now taking final shape. Those desirous of making use of Mr. Butler's services should lose no time in contacting him.

Then ----- and Now!

Sir Anthony Eden said in 1938, when German aggression was the threat:

"Hatred of war is good . . . But fear of war is not so good. For fear of war paralyzes the will and no policy that is based upon fear . . . can be a policy that this country should follow."

During the Czechoslovak crisis before World War II Sir Winston Churchill said:

"The belief that security can be obtained by throwing a small state to the wolves is a fatal delusion."

It seems incredible that the very leaders who warned in a hundred eloquent variations of the folly of appeasing Nazism, and pleaded that only strength and adherence to principle could curb aggression and stave off war, should be the very men who later threw Eastern Europe and much of Asia to the Kremlin at Yalta, then tossed millions of Koreans and Indo-Chinese to the wolves, and today would crown this appeasement ('a fatal delusion' in 1938) by betraying the anti-communist millions on Formosa and bringing the Red butchers of Peking into the U.N., to further increase the power and influence of international communism.

There can be little doubt that one of the reasons many Germans hesitate to join the armed camp of the West and commit themselves to stand with us in this world struggle, is our shameful record of betrayal of friends and allies in recent years.

The choice facing the West is, basically, a moral question: Do we betray our remaining allies, one by one, to the Reds, until we stand isolated and alone? Or do we stand up to aggression now on a basis of moral principle, while we yet have friends and allies? — "The Canadian Intelligence Service," Feb. 1955.

THE HYDROGEN BOMB

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to find evidence supporting this view would be in Japan where the inhabitants of Hiroshima and Nagasaki who survived the atomic bombs were subjected to very severe doses of radioactivity. Detailed examinations have been made of some 50,000 children born of parents who survived the atomic bombs, but it has been stated that there is no evidence to support the theory that radioactivity affects hereditary. Of course no reasonable person would suggest that this is conclusive. Those of us who have made some study of natural laws know that it may take a long time for the results of interference with these laws to become noticeable. However, I was interested to learn that scientists have been experimenting with a view to discovering the possible long-range effects of radioactivity. The results to date do not confirm the theory being expounded so feverishly by the Communists and their dupes. For example, after one strain of fruit fly had been subjected to intense radioactivity for 128 generations, the result was a much-improved race of fruit fly with better reproductive capacity. This result does appear to support the view of genetic scientists working with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, that some changes in future generations are possible but only as a result of heavy or successive doses of radioactivity. But it is essential to point out that some scientists believe that any effects on hereditary factors usually work out in the end to improve species. Before leaving this aspect of the subject I want to emphasise the point that I have seen no evidence as yet which proves beyond all doubt that hereditary factors are influenced by small doses of radioactivity such as those resulting from hydrogen bomb experiments. It has been discovered that even the fish contaminated while on the deck of the Japanese ship, *Fortunate Dragon*, were not hopelessly contaminated as a result of the hydrogen bomb test. It was found that the contamination was only on the outside

of the fish and that if the fish had been skinned with reasonable care, they would have been quite all right as food. The more I examine the known facts concerning radioactivity, the more convinced I become that we are being unnecessarily subjected to a fear campaign which has as its objective the weakening of resistance to the carefully fostered idea that we must surrender more of our rights and liberties if we desire to escape the destruction of the world by atomic and hydrogen bombs. The present plight of the world is the result of the policies of evil men, many of them still in powerful positions in the U.S.A. These men condoned the passing of vital atomic secrets to the Communists during and after the war. This ensured that the Communists were not at a disadvantage in the development of this new military weapon. If the non-Communist countries were to be stamped into a World Dictatorship with a monopoly of all power, it was essential that the Communists be helped in order that the threat of war and the dropping of atomic bombs could be used to compel all individuals to relinquish individual sovereignty. At the moment there are insidious moves being made in the U.S.A. to foster the establishment of a world authority, which would control all atomic developments. This matter has already been discussed with the Communists, who, naturally enough, will support any policy which they think will serve their ultimate aims. And many people will support this proposition of having international control of atomic developments, even if this means allowing the Communists to share the control, simply because they believe this is the only alternative to either blowing the world up or destroying all human beings. These people are the victims of a carefully manufactured fear. Those of us who would fight to retain our heritage of freedom must cast fear aside, separate facts from propaganda, and confidently go forward strong in the belief that the Truth shall make us free.

WITNESS

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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 agent.

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.

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ORGANIC ECONOMICS

J. I. RODALE in "Organic Gardening and Farming" (U.S.A.)

The cost of raising our food is an immeasurably important factor in the economy of our nation. It is not only of the direct and immediate concern of the farmer, but it ramifies itself into many other directions, reaching out indirectly to the Government and to the people. If the farmer does not produce his product at the lowest possible price, the public will pay more for food, and if the farmer incurs losses, whether you will it or not, it becomes a matter of Government subsidization of deficits which is handed on to the taxpayer. So, your average city man cannot wash his hands of what the farmer is doing or what economics he is overlooking in growing his crops, for it is of vital significance to him and can affect his pocketbook in a substantial amount.

What am I leading up to? The question of the fertilization of the farmer's land. Wherein is this important to the consumer? Fertilizer costs are going up. Now, like all other cost plus situations, the higher the cost, the higher the plus, and the higher the selling price to the public. It seems also that in many cases, especially with regard to marginal lands, the amount of the fertilizer bill becomes most uncomfortable to the farmer because on such land larger amounts have to be used in order to get comparative results.

Here are some figures that should be considered which come from "World Facts and Figures" (a United Nations publication) for May, 1954. As between 1938 and the 1952-1953 period there was an increase of 234 percent, in the use of phosphatic fertilizers. For potash it was even more—a 343 percent, increase. These are tonnage figures but we must remember also that fertilizer unit prices went up terrifically in that 15-year period.

But what has happened to the farmer's income, especially in relation to its purchasing power? According to the same publication quoted above, the percentage of national income derived from agriculture in 1938 was 9 percent, but by 1951 it had been reduced to 7 percent. We will go deeper into these figures later, but here we just wish to give an inkling that economically speaking there is a money problem as far as farming is concerned.

Now, there are vast monetary savings open to the farmer, which could sharply reduce his fertilizer bill, but in order to enjoy them he must renounce the use of chemical fertilizers. He must go towards the organic way, by using organic matter

as well as the mild reek-powders. If the soil is treated in such a way that its biologic life is maintained, that conditions are made right for the living organisms that flourish in it, and that it is not transformed into an artificial chemical laboratory, it will yield up a tremendous amount of fertilizer material absolutely free of charge. But if the soil is rendered near to the sterility point as far as bacterial and fungal life in it is concerned, if it has lost its structure and has become hard-packed due to the overuse of strong chemical fertilizers, then much or most of this free material will be lost to the farmer.

Let us take the subject of bacteria and fungi. Their functions in the soil are so valuable to the farmer that he should do everything possible to increase their numbers. Bacteria manufacture plant food from various elements in organic and inorganic substances in the soil; in the case of the anti-biotic fungi they help to fight disease; they break down organic matter into humus; they create a mucus which glues fine particles of soil into aggregate masses that resist the washing effect of rains which otherwise would cause soil erosion; they extract nitrogen from the air and they perform numerous other valuable duties.

But the use of chemical fertilizers depresses their numbers. As a typical example, Sir John Russel in "Soil Conditions and Plant Growth" describes a bacterial count that was taken at the Rothamsted Agricultural Station in England and in a field treated with animal manure there were 28,860,000 bacteria per gram of soil, whereas where chemical fertilizers had been used the comparative count was only 15,100,000.

In a very fertile soil the weight of bacteria alone per acre must be as high as 600 pounds and when you consider how fast they multiply and die you can imagine

the contribution that their dead bodies provide as a source of fertilizer to the soil. There is a money value in these bacteria to the farmer and every ounce of them should be precious to him. They should appear in his financial statement at some asset value, but in many cases the overuse of certain kinds of chemicals has brought such perversions in the ranks of these soil organisms, giving rise to such an oversupply of the bandit type of disease producing bacteria and fungi, that they should appear on the liability side of the financial statement.

Most of us are aware that when we grow leguminous plants such as peas or

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soybeans, there are organisms that live in nodules in their roots that enrich the soil with nitrogen which they extract from the soil air. But most of us are not aware that there are other organisms—bacteria, algae and possibly even fungi, that are free acting, that is, not working in connection with the roots of any plants, but which are continually deriving nitrogen from the air. Lyon and Buckman in their book "The Nature and Properties of Soils" describe the actions and abilities of these microorganisms. According to these authors, these bacteria are dependent on the supply of organic matter in the soil for their energy. The nitrogen extracted from the air is incorporated in their bodies and given to the soil upon their death.

At Cornell University in an experiment where the plots were kept in continuous grass, the cuttings being ploughed under as organic fertilizer, 42 pounds per acre of nitrogen was obtained by these free-acting bacteria. But on plots where the grass cuttings were taken off, only between 15 and 20 pounds of nitrogen were obtained from the air by soil microorganisms. It can be seen, therefore, that where a soil becomes extremely rich in humus the free acting, nitrogen-gathering microorganisms multiply and thus much more than 42 pounds of nitrogen should be obtainable from this source per acre every year. Organic matter is the ideal medium to make bacteria thrive and multiply. It is their natural food, and gives them the energy to work. It has been found by experiment also that where there is a sufficient supply of nitrogen from chemical fertilizers, these bacteria turn their attention to it and use it as the source of

nitrogen, neglecting the free supply contained in the air.

It can be seen therefore how profligate the farmer is, how reckless with regard to money matters he can be, if he overlooks this simple lesson in economic chemistry.

Let us take the earthworm as another example of free fertilizer. By actual count it has been discovered that where synthetic fertilizers are used the angleworm population declines, sometimes almost to the vanishing point. Now, his beneficent earthworker has a very short life span, probably not more than a year or two, so that in a fertile soil hundreds of thousands of them are dying per acre each year. Can you conceive of a more valuable fertilizer material that the dead bodies of these creatures? It has been stated that such dead bodies may amount to tons per acre per year and this consists of the most wonderful protein, as well as valuable mineral matter of the highest quality for plant nutrition. In such a fertile soil the microbes will break such dead earthworm bodies down and make the matter almost instantly available for the feeding of plant roots. A few hundred pounds of dead bacteria per acre added to the weight of dead earthworms should be a wonderful source of live free fertilizer material.

The earth is teeming with other life—spiders, beetles, ants, moles, etc. Their excreta and their dead bodies must enrich the soil to a considerable degree. But chemical fertilizers and poison sprays are known to kill off some of them. In England comparative experiments showed that soils where chemical fertilizers were used contained much less insect life than where the organic method was practised.

The excremental matter voided by earthworms, especially is quite a substantial amount. In the case of the earthworm, Darwin has estimated that their castings amounted to ten tons an acre. Others have

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given figures as high as 25 tons, I believe these estimates to be too high as averages but surely it must amount to a considerable sum. The Connecticut Experimental Station found that these earthworms' castings contained five times as much nitrogen as that contained in the topsoil, and seven times as much magnesium.

I have made personal checks on farms near my own where the accent is mainly on chemical fertilizers, and found the earthworms to be practically non-existent. On our own farm they are there by the millions, working night and day to add to the good side of the ledger account. In a booklet called "Infantile Paralysis — Its Recognition and Treatment", written by Dr. W. Zur Linden (New Knowledge Books, 28 Dean Road, London) there is a chapter on the quality of our food plants. He says, "It is recognized that there is a close connection between the poor quality of the food plants grown in such soil (soil run by 'scientific' agriculture) and the rapid increase in nervous and mental diseases . . . Even in some of Germany's most fertile regions such as the Cologne district, earthworms have become a rarity, a sure sign of reduced soil fertility."

What is the cash value per pound of healthy earthworms, working in the farmer's soil? Such a value could be determined and should have a prominent position on the asset side of the farmer's financial statement. Think of farmers who by their actions kill off earthworms without being censured for it by any conservation societies. The earthworm is as much a part of our "conservation" resources as game, or bird-life, etc. How many billions of dollars worth of earthworms have already been destroyed? Were it not for the organic movement the earthworm would have been on the way to complete extinction. Yet God made earthworms for a purpose.

One of the most valuable sources of organic matter in the soil is the dead roots of plants. In a case studied of a two-year-old crop of red clover these roots amounted to over three tons per acre and were found to contain 180 pounds of nitrogen, 71 pounds of phosphorus and 77 pounds of potash. Roots, not being too bulky, decay readily and the place they occupied remains as channels to aerate the subsoil. On the average, the roots amount to about half the weight of the entire crop. But it has grown plants are much heavier than those grown with chemical fertilizers, one of the reasons being that the roots of organically aerated soil is aerated much better, and oxygen is extremely important to root activity.

Another form of free fertilizer is in the form of rain, because in rain, nitrogen is washed down to the extent of about 5 to 6 pounds per acre yearly. In some places it was found that rain brought down as high as 20 pounds per acre annually. This nitrogen is in a form that is readily available to plants. Snow also furnishes not only nitrogen but also phosphorus and other minerals. Thus it has been referred to as the poor man's manure. I recall reading somewhere that in the late spring

the grass was much greener where snowdrifts had been in mounds. At other parts of the field the junegrass was sparse and brown.

Sulphur is another valuable element that comes down with the rain. Studies have been made which show that at least 40 pounds of sulphur are washed into the soil per acre per year. This quantity must be greater on farms that are located near industrial cities where the smoke contains much sulphur. It has recently been shown by experiments in Florida in a government experimental station, that sulphur is absolutely necessary in connection with the growing of oranges. But at the very end of a long pamphlet in which the entire details of this experiment were demonstrated and the disastrous consequences of a lack of this element shown, it was mentioned casually that the orange grower need not worry about the lack of sulphur because "there is a sufficient quantity of it in the air which is washed into the earth every time it rains. This takes care of the earth's normal sulphur requirements."

Rainwater also contains carbonic acid which forms into carbon dioxide in the soil and which is needed in the soil and plant feeding relationship. Millions of tons of carbonic acid fall yearly on the soil. Pretty near half the make-up of a plant is carbon. There seems to be evidence that many rare minerals such as selenium, molybdenum, etc., are washed down in the rain.

But here is another case where the farmer who uses chemical fertilizer is throwing away money, because it has been absolutely established that the continued use of these chemicals hard packs the soil, so that much of the rains wash off the land. The soil of the average organically run farm is so porous and spongy that there is practically no rain run-off, and all of the nitrogen, sulphur, etc., that comes down in it, goes into the soil account. This must represent a tidy sum of saving each year.

In review, therefore, we find that the chemical fertilizer farmer throws away in money value an army of soil bacteria, millions of earthworms, root residues by the ton, and the minerals contained in rain. Of course, the average farmer has never stopped to think of these values because his agricultural advisers have not taught him about them. These agricultural experts have not taught him also that a land richly supplied with organic matter is softer and easier to cultivate, a matter, which can also be translated into money savings.

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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 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 the chapter on Ecology, the author makes the penetrating observation that the "excessive uprooting of man from his true relation to his 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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TREASURE FROM THE SEA

Jeanne O. Wellenkamp in "Organic Gardening and Farming"
(U.S.A.)

Down near Perrine, Florida, David J. Light, grove owner and president of Florida Tropical Fruit Growers' Association, is making the sea pay back what it has stolen from the land.

Here, where coral rock fences and houses remind you that you are approaching the Keys and the southernmost tip of the United States, seaweed is being used to restore the fertility of the soil.

The 110-acre Light grove is now in the second year of a five-year plan to get full value from this free and valuable source of organic material. Though the true worth of the seaweed method of mulching and composting won't be known for another couple of years, benefits are already showing in the avocado, mango, and lime groves.

Two years ago a 20-acre block of mature lime trees was in bad shape. Tips of leaves were yellow, yield was down, and the trees were going from bad to worse.

Mr. Light and his foreman, Lawrence D. Simmons, decided to see what seaweed would do. A couple of hundred pounds (wet weight) was spread under each ailing tree. Mulch 1½ inches deep extended from within 6 inches of the trunk out beyond the drip-line. Potash rock and various other materials, which had previously been used without too much success, were also added.

The seaweed first acted as mulch, holding in moisture and helping to keep up the soil bacteria count. As the seaweed gradually decomposed, it not only contributed its own valuable minerals, but aided in reducing pH of the soil, and made other minerals available.

Today these trees have a healthy deep green color, and are yielding abundantly.

Limes, avocados and mangoes all require an acid soil and the native lime rock is highly alkaline. Thus, seaweed's ability to reduce pH over a long period of time is proving very valuable. Ordinarily growers in this area get use of less than 10 per cent, of the minerals in fertilizer. By making its own and other minerals available, seaweed does double duty.

"Since we began using it, we can see no sign of iron, zinc, manganese, or boron deficiency," reports Mr. Light, "and we had a problem before."

Seaweed mulch has helped avocados through the dry Florida summer months. As the trees begin to get added values from the slow breaking-down process of the material, even more benefits are expected.

Seaweed is serving another interesting purpose at the Light grove. It's aiding in the propagation of new trees.

Mr. Simmons has used it successfully in place of sphagnum moss for air layering. He finds that the seaweed, which costs nothing, works even better than the moss at five dollars per bale.

"Seaweed has nutritional elements that the tiny new roots need, while sphagnum moss has little or none," he says. "We've had fine results from its use. When we set out the 'marcots' taken from our trees, we mulch them with seaweed. This helps

the soil retain moisture. We don't have to water so much. Good, thrifty plants result with far less watching and work."

The fact that seaweed is free for the taking is not its most important attraction, but it does add to its charm. The only preparation it needs is a thorough washing in fresh water.

In order to make this valuable organic material more generally available to farmers and gardeners, the Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami has made a study of its commercial uses.

"Most seaweeds are excellent sources of the major fertilizer elements, nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus, as well as the many elements required in minute quantities for normal growth," the Laboratory reports.

"When seaweed is washed with fresh water to remove surface salt and then allowed to decompose in the soil, these essential mineral elements are gradually made available to the growing plants. The seaweed fertilizer is superior to many chemical fertilizers because its high proportion of organic matter aids in retaining water and minerals in the upper levels of the soil where plant roots can absorb them. Another advantage of seaweed fertilizers is that they lack the undesirable weed seeds and fungus spores found in manure."

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At present there is no commercial seaweed fertilizer industry in Florida, but the superiority of the product seems to indicate that production of such a fertilizer might offer an excellent opportunity for a small new business.

Here's how the Laboratory suggests the seaweed should be processed for commercial use:

"Large quantities . . . should be gathered from the sea with nets or rakes, or removed from the beaches before it begins to decompose, and spread on chicken-wire racks about four feet above the ground. After washing briefly with fresh water, it should be left in the sun to dry . . . The dry seaweed is brittle and can then be chopped or ground into particles of any desired size.

"This product will keep without refrigeration indefinitely as long as it remains dry. It can be bagged and marketed like any other fertilizer . . . The superiority of the product would undoubtedly enable the processor to sell all he could make, if suitable advertising and promotion procedures were followed."

Sounds so promising I feel like trying it myself.

Campaign to Preserve Local Government in West Aust

Mr. Dave Byers and fellow Social Crediters in West Australia are fighting strenuously to defeat the State Government's attempt to amalgamate local governments. The following report is from the "Daily News" of March 29:

A heated meeting of East Fremantle ratepayers last night heckled Local Government Minister Fraser.

The meeting registered its resentment over the decision that East Fremantle is to amalgamate with the Fremantle municipality.

About 200 attended the meeting, which lasted for two hours.

Deputy-Premier Tonkin was given an attentive hearing, but when Mr. Fraser was speaking, he was constantly interrupted.

A resolution criticising the Local Government Department for over-riding a referendum of East Fremantle ratepayers rejecting the proposed amalgamation was moved by Mr. D. Byers, seconded by Mr. Owen Jones and carried by 176 votes to four.

The resolution demanded that the ratepayers' decision be allowed to stand, and that a clause be written into the Local Government Act allowing for a non-compulsory referendum on amalgamation.

On January 27, Local Government Minister Fraser announced sweeping changes in municipal boundaries. These followed recommendations by Commissioner A. E. White. The changes included the transfer of East Fremantle and North Fremantle municipal districts to the City of Fremantle municipal district. The referendum of East Fremantle ratepayers conducted on April 16 last year, resulted in 567 being against amalgamation and 73 for it.

Poliomyelitis and Nutrition

The press has been giving considerable publicity to the fact that polio can be prevented by the use of a vaccine. But no publicity has been given the fact that a number of medical experts in the U.S.A. demonstrated years ago that the basic cause of polio is nutritional. Back in 1948 one doctor set out to demonstrate this in his own centre by seeking the co-operation of the local press in publicising a diet, which he believed, would considerably lessen polio. Excess consumption of starches, white flour products, white sugar and soft drinks was condemned. Parents were urged to follow closely the advice of the doctor. The press and radio co-operated willingly, there was a tremendous reduction in the consumption of the "foods" listed above and there was a most striking reduction in the incidence of polio in this centre compared with other centres.

But there was an unhappy ending to this excitement. The present policy of "full employment" and no modification of present financial rules resulted in pressure being brought to bear upon the press and radio to prevent them publicising a diet which was ruining the business organisations engaged in making all the "foods" listed as undesirable! The doctor found when he wanted to start his second year's programme he could not even buy space in the local press and on the local radio. Many shortsighted people will, of course, rush in here and blame the "selfish business interests who put business profits before children's health". But they are victims of an insane policy of "full employment", this policy is modified, we can expect more and more full employment as more and more members of the community are engaged in trying to find "cures" for the effects of basic causes which are never mentioned.

Further to this matter of polio and nutrition we publish the following extract from Lady Eve Balfour's book, "9,600 Miles

Through the U.S.A. in a Station Wagon": "Another example (of the effects of sound nutrition upon disease) is the famous case of a very bad epidemic of polio in a school in one of the Carolinas. The outbreak was brought to an abrupt and dramatic end by the simple means of stopping the consumption of all ice-cream and halving the consumption of white-flour products. I was given several other examples in connection with polio. Dr. Little, who has a country practice in New York State, told me that he had never had a case among his poor patients, who could not afford sophisticated carbohydrate foods and drinks, but that the disease was common among his wealthy patients.

"The same story was told me by Dr. Walsh, one of the doctors I met in California. He worked in Mexico for a long period of his professional career and has made a considerable study of Mexican diets and health standards. There is a very sharp division in Mexico between rich and poor, with little or no middle-income group. He told me that polio was rife among the wealthy Mexicans, but that he had never met, or heard of, a single case among the poor Mexicans, despite the unsanitary conditions in which they so commonly lived. He said that progressive medical opinion in California was more and more coming to associate polio with purely nutritional factors and mostly with the factors that usually accompany the higher income groups—the rich, sophisticated carbohydrate foods—too much refined sugar and starch, too much ice-cream, too many carbonated soft drinks, etc. These typical foods of the well-to-do American are now also the foods of the wealthy Mexican. The staple items of diet of the poor Mexicans, on the other hand, are chihlis (containing more vitamin C than citrus fruit) and beans (a protein food); therefore, even though they are frequently undernourished, these poorer classes in Mexico are not malnourished, as are the wealthy ones."

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