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TRADE UNION LEADERS IGNORE FINANCIAL RULES

Some Suggestions for A.W.U. Leader Dougherty

The recent annual convention of the Australia's Workers' Union decided to launch immediately a campaign for retiring pensions for all workers in industry. The idea of retiring pensions has much to commend it, but the proposal that these pensions be financed by employers and controlled by the unions, must be strongly rejected. If implemented, this proposal would be one further step towards the totalitarian State.

It is clear that the principle advocate of the policy of retiring pensions financed by employers, Mr. T. Dougherty, general secretary of the Australian Workers' Union, has been influenced to some extent by developments in the U.S.A., where unionists have forced employers to agree to finance such schemes as the guaranteed annual wage. Mr. Dougherty argues that Australian employees should emulate the Americans in order that they may obtain a higher standard of living. He is not reported as having pointed out that if Americans do have a higher material standard of living than Australians, and this is certainly true, it is primarily the result of the much greater advance of power-production in the U.S.A. than in Australia. However, in spite of this advantage, every concession obtained from American employers by their employees has had to be reflected in higher prices. It is true that the rate of price increases in the U.S.A. has been less than the increases in Australia, but under present financial policies it is demonstrably impossible for any industry to continue paying wage increases or workers' pensions out of profits and not increase prices. Mr. Dougherty appears to accept uncritically the Socialist proposition that employers generally can meet increased payments to employees out of their profits. He is reported as having told the recent convention of the Australian Workers' Union, "There is no reason why industry should throw the burden of a pension scheme onto the community in the form of higher prices". Now, if Mr. Dougherty really believes this, it is obvious that his views on present financial rules are as unrealistic as the so-called financial experts.

Any individual whose mind is chained to present financial and economic ideas is incapable of suggesting any policy, which will provide all members of the community with

far greater independence than the fiddling scheme suggested by Mr. Dougherty. While examples can be quoted of organisations being able to pay increased wages to employees out of profits without increasing prices, it is false to claim that industry as a whole can do this. If Mr. Dougherty will take the trouble to do a little simple arithmetic, he will find that if the total profits made by Australian industry, both primary and secondary, in any one year were divided equally amongst all employees, there would be a few shillings extra per week for each individual.

Needless to say, of course, such a policy would completely wreck the whole economy. Mr. Dougherty professes to be staunch anti-Communists, and he may be sincere in his attitude, but he talks the extreme and emotional language of the Communists when he speaks loosely about graziers "who are wealthy in the extreme". No one will dispute that there are some wealthy graziers, but to say that Australian graziers generally are so extremely wealthy that they can pay increased wages without any difficulty is simply not true. In stating this truth we are not denying that employees in the pastoral industry, like all other employees are entitled to the wage justice Mr. Dougherty speaks about. But we are denying that genuine justice for all individuals is possible while present financial rules are accepted as something, which cannot be altered.

It is these rules, which Mr. Dougherty and his fellow-union leaders must study and understand if they are to deal with the question of why increased production does not automatically result in lower prices. Mr. Dougherty is quite right when he states that "The production per worker unit has been raised but the benefit has not been passed on to the consumer." This important fact should be more widely publicised at a

time when there is a spate of nonsensical utterances concerning the alleged increases in the cost of production. As Mr. Dougherty points out, real costs have fallen. And they will continue to fall with every technological advance. There is no genuine answer to Mr. Dougherty's question as to why there has been no lowering of prices in spite of the "improvements in primary and second-

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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.

TRADE UNION LEADERS IGNORE FINANCIAL RULES

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dary industry" without an examination of present financial rules. If these rules were adjusted to reflect realities, it would be possible to pay to every individual member of the community, irrespective of whether he was required in industry or not, a dividend out of what can be best described as the community's national credit. There are two kinds of credit, real credit and financial credit. The real credit of a community is its productive capacity. The real credit of the community has been expanded enormously during the last century, and the rate of expansion is now reaching the stage where in America we see clearly emerging what has been described as the Second Industrial Revolution. The American Union's proposals for a Guaranteed Annual Wage have been designed to try and meet the problem of what is called unemployment. As automation continues to develop, the unionists fear that they will no longer be required in industry. And, quite rightly, they demand that they are entitled to live if automatic machinery takes their place. But their big mistake, the mistake that Mr. Dougherty proposes to make in Australia, is to and force industry to finance those not required in industry or those who are retiring because of their age. The vital factor in a community's real credit is obviously knowledge. The old slogan about labor producing all wealth is so false that it should be obvious today even to the Socialists. Accumulated knowledge is part of our cultural heritage and every individual is morally entitled to his fair share of the results of that heritage. A change in financial policy is required to achieve this. Before the real credit of a community can be utilised, financial credit must be created by the banking system. At present it is generally accepted, both by employers and employees, that the individual can only get access to some of this financial credit through the wage or salary system. Now all wages and salaries must be costed into prices and consequently every increase in wages must intensify inflation. All wage and salary increases, like all increases in capital production, are financed, either directly or indirectly, by the expansion of new financial credits. Continuous financial credit expansion is essential to prevent the economic system from collapsing. But, as already mentioned, the present expansion of credit inevitably results in an increasing price level. If the individual is to benefit by an expansion of financial credit, portion of the new credit must reach him outside the production system in order that it will be a genuine addition to his purchasing power. With a general system of dividends directly related to increasing productive capacity and the displacement of labour by the introduction of automation,

individuals would become genuinely independent and no longer worried about the problem concerning Mr. Dougherty and his colleagues. Trade Union leaders cannot be considered genuine progressive thinkers until they free their minds from current financial myths and give consideration to a new financial policy which will enable the individual to gain genuine independence now physically possible for all. We trust that Mr. Dougherty and his colleagues will give their attention to this vital question.

£636 Now Contributed to Special Financial Appeal

Our last issue contributions to the special financial appeal have totalled £80, bringing the grand total to £636. While it is gratifying that there has been a slight increase in the flow of contributions over the past two weeks, there must be a much more substantial increase if we are to reach our objective of £2,000 by the end of March. The following have contributed since our last issue: G. Forrest, Brisbane, £4; H. W. Stewart, Prospect, S.A., £1; R. L. Kilpatrick, Qld, £5; N. Neeck, W.A., £5; Ron Dyason Mitcham, Vic., £5; S. McEncroe, Melbourne, 5; Jas. Langtry (Mr. Langtry is a son of the former Labor M.P. for the Riverina), Barellan, N.S.W., £11; H. L. Burwood, Vic., £1; J. L. I'Anson, Sandy Creek, Vic., £2; - .3, Christchurch, N.Z., £10; F. Coleman, Vic., sends 10/- and promises regular donation of 10/- per month; Miss C. A., £5; Rev. W. D. Rymer, Tenterfield N.S.W. 10/-; N. Madden, Ringwood, Vic. F. Cronau, Maryborough, Qld., £10; S. Farrell, Tasmania, £5.

Although we believe that the current situation is so critical that everyone who knows what must be done to avert the complete breakdown of our civilization should give as much financially as he can possibly afford, we would like to stress the fact that an average contribution of only £1 from each supporter would provide more than sufficient for our present requirements.

FROM ADMIRAL TO CABIN BOY.

By Admiral Sir Barry Domville.....14/6

This book may be described as a biographical history of international affairs from the end of World War I to 1943. Admiral Domville has an excellent knowledge of the part played in world affairs by the Jews; this knowledge caused him to be imprisoned for three years.

WITNESS

By Whittaker Chambers
Price 27/6, post-free.

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 unbiased mind can read it without realising that Hiss was undoubtedly guilty of the charges made against him.

DON'T MISS THE SOCIAL CREDIT BARBECUE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Arrangements have now been finalised for the annual Social Credit barbecue at the home of Mr. W. J. Carruthers, Ringwood, on Saturday, February 25, and we can promise that it will be even better than last year. This is an excellent opportunity for all Social Crediters living in and around Melbourne to meet socially in ideal surroundings. And, of course, the whole family can come along. There will be adequate facilities for the children to enjoy themselves.

We request that all those attending make a special effort to bring as many friends and associates as possible. Social events conducted by Social Creditors provide plenty of opportunities to introduce non-Social Crediters to our ideas. All financial proceeds from the barbecue will go to the Social Credit Action Funds.

It has been decided that the entrance fee this year should be 10/- per head. There will be no charge for children. Guests may start arriving from 3.30 p.m. onwards. Afternoon tea will be available for those requiring it.

Appropriate music and other entertainment will be provided. We know that all those who attended last year's barbecue will make every endeavour to be present again this year. But we do hope that there is a much bigger attendance this year and that there are large numbers of non-Social Crediters.

Those requiring transport from the Ringwood railway station should let us know in plenty of time. Directions can be supplied to those coming by car. Mr. Carruthers' property is on the corner of Canterbury Road and Marlborough Road.

COMMUNISM AND THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Talk by Eric D. BUTLER over 3NE Wangaratta and 4ZR Roma

When Professor Josef Hromadka, leader of the Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches in Czechoslovakia, first visited Australia two years ago, I was one of those who pointed out that this visit would do far more to advance the cause of Communism than the cause of genuine Christianity. Christ said that He came in order that the Truth might make us free, but there is very little freedom in Communist-dominated countries.

However, Professor Hromadka preaches that Communism and Christianity can coexist and he has now returned to Australia as a member of the World Council of Churches in order to continue confusing Christians on the subject of Christianity's relationship to Communism. Nothing is more certain than the fact that the Communist dictators would not allow Professor Hromadka to leave Czechoslovakia and travel round the world unless they regarded him favourably. And the same applies to Bishop Albert Berezky of the Hungarian Reformed Church. Bishop Berezky is another prominent member of the Executive of the World Council of Churches. Communist penetration has proceeded to an alarming extent in the World Council of Churches and nothing is more distressing to those striving to uphold the cause of Christendom

than to see sincere but misled Churchmen attempting to deny that such Communist penetration is taking place. At present many of these misled Churchmen are busying themselves in defending Professor Hromadka and other pro-Communist clergy in the World Council of Churches against the charges being made by Dr. Carl McIntire and his colleagues in the International Council of Churches. I do not necessarily agree with Dr. McIntire's theology, but he and his colleagues are on sound ground when they stress the fact that so far from it being possible to have any compromise between Communism and Christianity, in reality there is a fundamental philosophical cleavage. The Communists are very frank about this when addressing their own followers, while at the same time making use of men like Professor Hromadka to

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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 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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Higher Taxation Threat?

The blunt statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, that there will not, contrary to widely expressed fears, be a reduction in the States' works programmes because of a shortage of finance has caused considerable surprise and much speculation as to what financial policy the Government is proposing to follow. Unless present taxation revenue is considerably increased, it is certain that there will be insufficient finance — unless the Government is seriously proposing a big increase in central bank credit.

Under present financial rules a substantial increase in central bank credit for capital production must intensify inflation at a time when it threatens to become a major political issue. We have warned previously that 1956 would see widespread industrial strife being exploited by the Communists. Further inflation must result in a nationwide struggle for further wage increases. An indication of the shape of things to come was given last week by the assistant secretary of the Melbourne Trades Hall Council, Mr. M. C. Jordan, who said that "Australia's labor force would have to be mobilised for industrial action to obtain some semblance of wage justice."

The Federal Government may not, of course, be proposing to rely entirely upon central bank credit expansion to obtain the necessary finance to fulfill Mr. Menzies' promise. The carefully prepared and timed statement by the seven economists demanding substantial increases in taxation must be regarded by all realists as another example of that kite-flying which Professor Copland indulged in on behalf of both Labor and non-Labor Governments.

Australia's economic and financial history shows that what the economists demand today the Governments implement tomorrow and we believe that unless there is strong and widespread opposition, the Government will impose higher taxation in the near future.

But whatever the Government does, its financial policies must intensify economic centralism in Australia, impose heavier burdens upon the small businessman, and result in more industrial unrest. Until the Monopoly of Credit is broken and credit is effectively under the control of the individual, we must go from one crisis to even worse crises. We suggest that the present developing situation is one in which it should be possible to recruit support for those ideas for which this journal stands.

Means and Ends

To elevate means to raise, and this implies that at some time a separation has been effected between means and ends, and it is this prior separation, this cleavage, the willingness to consider them apart and unrelated that constitutes the original sin, making the one of elevation possible. For once this severance has taken place anything can happen, and a state of distraction and chaos can be made to arise. Means can be elevated into ends, ends into means, and false connections can be set up between means and ends that have no true relationship one with the other. The severance can be absolute and the end relegated to the realm of the purely ideal, and become the object of everlasting aspiration, dear to those who think it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive; while, once separated, the end or the means can be safely consigned to the academic world and turned into subjects for never-ending discussion and dispute.

But all this trouble and confusion arises from the failure or refusal to understand and see the means and the end as an integrated inseparable whole, a two in one relationship unalterable and complete.

Perhaps the fact of the inviolability of this relationship is best illustrated by Christ's statement that the truth shall make you free. Truth is the way, or means to freedom, the end, but the two are one. —Beatrice C. Best in "Voice", England.

Help Distribute This Brochure

We have now republished in brochure form the important article, "Work For Work's Sake Is Not a Christian Maxim", which appeared in our issue November 18, 1955. We appeal to all supporters to participate in an Australia-wide campaign to place this brochure in the hands of the clergy of all Churches. The brochure can, of course, also be placed in the hands of responsible members of the community.

We suggest that members of all Churches request that their clergy consider the issues raised in the brochure and pronounce upon them. We would be pleased to receive reports concerning reactions to the brochure. While we are not making any charge for supplies of the brochure, those who can should send a small donation, even if only a few shillings, to cover portion of the printing costs and postage.

Magazine Section

OPPENHEIMER AND THE WEEPING SCIENTISTS

By William Fleming

Not long ago, a number of Great Scientists, under the auspices of the Greatest Living Philosopher, Bertrand Russell, issued to the World (it had to be the World) a Solemn Warning.

An Australian manifestation of this newly developed Sense of Responsibility is contained in the latest issue (Nov. 1955) of the literary magazine "Ern Malley's Journal", in the form of a thirteen-page article on the Oppenheimer case by Robert Fry, entitled "The Scientist in Anguish". Robert Fry is "a physicist now engaged in research at the Royal Adelaide Hospital".

Mr. Fry's article is generously decorated with the heart-rending phraseology we have become used to in connection with Dr. Oppenheimer: "... consumed with a sense of sin, (he) could only watch helplessly and in anguish ... a particular national hysteria and a particular anguished scientist ... soon too, the British and French will know the anguish of possession ... a searching examination ... willing to suffer martyrdom ..." etc. Note also "... went to the heart of the matter ... to get at the heart of a matter ... the alternative, in cold fact, is annihilation ..."

Mr. Fry makes "no attempt to discuss the case itself, the politics behind it, nor the validity of the findings. All are extremely complex problems ..." (My mind is made up, don't confuse me with facts: Executive's motto), but he undertakes rather to examine "in terms of psycho-analytic theory" the "collective behaviour" of the American people, which he takes to be responsible for Dr. Oppenheimer's dismissal from his employment with the U.S. Government.

Mr. Fry begins: "There seems to be no doubt that the unbalance of the nation can be described as an hysteria, brought on by deeply repressed fears of a possible Russian attack on the U.S.A., and of involvement, at home, in an atomic war." He supports this "diagnosis" with four "symptoms":

(1) "The nation's inertia in the face of patently obvious dangers. The general population's fatalistic refusal, for instance, to recognise and take seriously civil defence measures ..."

(2) "The hysteria associated with flying saucer phenomena ..."

(3) "The phenomena associated with Communist witch-hunting; McCarthyitis, as Philip Wylie called it to indicate its psychopathic nature. ..."

(4) "The pernicious nature of the security system which is bringing life in the U.S. closer and closer to the Orwellian nightmare which they are so desperate to avoid ..."

Also, possession of the H-bomb is taken to be the cause of the irrationality of American foreign policy.

THE RELUCTANT ANNIHILATOR

Assuming, for the moment, the validity of the "psycho-analytic method", and assuming too, the truth and collective applicability of the four symptoms, I would point out that this evidence might well be used with equal or even more force to support a quite contradictory "diagnosis"; namely, an hysteria brought on by deeply repressed fears that Russia will NOT attack the U.S.A. and that there might NOT, after all, be an atomic war—an hysteria stemming at bottom, from a collective "death wish".

Symptom 1 indicating the people's desire to be annihilated, Symptom 2 their impatience to be annihilated (like Churchill in 1940 shaking his fist at the sky "So they won't come!"). Symptom 3 their decision to punish Reds at home for their refusal to be executioners and to provoke Reds abroad to get on with the job, and Symptom 4 that, if their bodies are NOT to be annihilated, then they themselves will ensure that their personalities are: Foreign policy being another manifestation of the decision to provoke the reluctant annihilator—with Dr. Oppenheimer himself becoming a personification at home, from another point of view, of a reluctant annihilator in that he opposed the H-bomb project. ... Etc, etc.

Not content with Freud, Mr. Fry's other "authorities" include Bertrand Russell and Aldous Huxley. One is immediately prompted to guess that a generation ago his authorities would have been, say, George Bernard Shaw and H. G. Wells — which opinion is depressingly confirmed when one reads, "The evolution of the fully integrated scientist may be a slow process ..." ("Every day in every way I get better and better").

Coming to the "heart of the matter", the "anguish" supposed to afflict the modern physicist, I would draw attention to the

CONTEMPORARY MENTALITY

The Premier, Mr. Bolte, may go to America and Britain next year on an eight-weeks tour to "sell" Victoria to investors and industrialists. — Melbourne "Herald" (20/12/55).

We've been expecting this announcement for a long time; but why did the "Herald" put "sell" in quotation marks?

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Poujade thrives on hate, repudiation of debts, anti-Semitism and vulgar ignorant slogans ... uncouth rabble-rouser who leads France's anti-tax rebels ... narrow-minded petty shopkeepers and peasant landowners ... Poujade is the demagogue who rides the smell of demoralisation ... the semi-fascist Poujadist Party ... dog-in-the-manger victory for Pierre Poujade ... rowdy campaign ... strong-arm tactics ... has a trace of anti-Semitism about it ... —Melbourne "Sun" (4/1/56).

Party Politics and Democracy is OUR racket say the politicians and journalists; how dare this Poujade try to muscle in!

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... the "New Yorker", possibly the most civilised magazine in the world ... —Alan Nicholls, Melbourne "Age" (14/1/56).

We would like Mr. Nicholls to define "civilised".

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The introduction of the (earth) satellite as a goal of geophysical research probably; will be the most important step that man has ever taken toward comprehension of his environment. —Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner of New York University, quoted in Sydney "Bulletin" (11/1/56).

Think of all those wasted years. Poor old Plato and Shakespeare and the rest of them, all on the wrong track!

Our Common Heritage

The record of attempts to destroy the sanities of the U.S. Constitution is one of uninterrupted perfidy.

The effort began long before the Harry Hopkins-Dexter White era and it is now many years since a high legal official in one of America's larger cities declared: "Aw, all I'm interested in is bunk, seein' what I can put over! . . ."

The hostility to Blackstone in the "Frankfurtered" universities and Meyerized" press is two fold. Blackstone does not harmonise with the planned falsification and blackout of history, forwarded by the Regius Professorships, in a mild way, and since then with increasing virulence. Blackstone does not accord with the total divorce of law from principles of equity and justice.

Blackstone wrote for a responsible class, that is to say for a class whom he assumed to have a sense of responsibility; and this sense of responsibility is more important in the long run than the particular technique by which such a class is constituted, although this fact is unpalatable to theorists of political sects.

Such theorists have been from time immemorial of great help to high criminality, in so far as they distract the electorate or the hereditary governors.

The misery of both the Axis and the anti-Axis powers in Europe is due simply to an attempt to govern without reference to justice and honesty. A thousand or two thousand years went into the evolution of English law needed to make Blackstone possible. We would do well to see whether two mere centuries have destroyed that heritage.

"The right aim of law is to prevent coercion, either by force or by fraud."

The great heritage aimed at government according to law humanised by mechanism for preventing injustice by application of the decreed general formulae in peculiar cases not fully foreseen by the legislators, even if not specifically *casu omisso*.

The jury of peers intended a jury of men capable of appreciating the responsibility of the accused.

The jury from the vicinage intended a jury of men capable of understanding the conditions in which the act was committed.

The *nolle prosequi* intended the possibility of dropping not only cases where the prosecution saw it could not get a conviction, but where it had brought the accusation under misapprehension of facts, and conditions.

Both Blackstone and Maine ("Ancient Law") are parts of necessary education for any man stepping out of big business, run on profit motive, into position of responsibility in any government, whether republican, syndical or monarchical.

— John Vignon (Boston, U.S.A.)

FORGOTTEN DOCUMENTS?

Thomas Gresham, an English mercer and financier, was applied to by the ministers of Edward VI of England for a loan of money . . . Gresham was unable to comply with the ministers' request, but said he thought he could raise the money in Antwerp. Accordingly, he was commissioned to proceed thither and effect the loan . . . He . . . (advised) . . . that before he could procure the needful loan in Holland, it was necessary for Edward to reform his monetary system . . .

Gresham successively served Mary and Elizabeth; and by the latter was honoured with knighthood. But did he serve the English people; did he serve the interests of the State? Not at all. He was faithful only to his own class, the moneylenders of London . . .

The Emperors of Rome controlled the emissions of European money for thirteen centuries, and the kings and dukes for nearly four centuries afterwards; whilst the usurers have held it, to the present time, for about two centuries. It is not too much to say that during these two centuries greater monetary changes have been made and more losses have been occasioned to the industrial classes of the European world than were made by all the degradations and debasements of the Imperial and regal periods together . . .

"The control of money," says an eloquent writer on the subject, "is the ground upon which an international or cosmopolitan combination 'finances' the world and 'farms' humanity".

—From the "History of Netherlands Monetary Systems" by Alexander Del Mar (Kasper & Horton).

THE YANKEE PERIL

An Australian in U.S.A.

The Yankee peril is constituted by the sheer illiteracy of big business. The Roosevelts, male and female, got the level of White House culture down to Mickey Rooney. Ike lifted it to that of Irving Berlin. Which might do for the Duchy of Luxembourg or Transpordania without imperiling world civilisation, but is not a good bet for the centre of world finance. The damage to Europe was caused partly by an excitable German with an imperfect education—which is not to imply that long generations of perfidy like the Marlborough's is a guarantee of far-sightedness and solid construction.

There is probably no wholly safe method of choosing high officials, but there is, on the other hand, no excuse for shutting eyes to various dangers, and among them that of giving great power to men of exceptional, but specialised, abilities such as Charles Wilson who had probably never spent half an hour thinking about government until he found himself in high station.

The Magazine Section of the "New Times" utters this brief prayer for higher

kindergarten instruction for high civil appointees. During my eight months in Washington no one suggested that Ike really knew what the score was, and on the other hand, I heard nothing good of his brother Milton or the alleged grey eminence, Sherman Adams. As to believing the daily newsprint, my compatriots are reminded, and I hope the directors of the "New Times" will keep on reminding them that Eugene Meyer spent eight million dollars to keep even so rough and loose a commentator as Pegler out of the morning press, away from Senators' breakfast-tables, in the American capital.

The Williams Intelligence Summary (Box 868, Santa Ana, California) has printed some very clear statements about Meyer, Nixon and Senator Lehmann. General Stratemeyer's reply to the Anti-Defamation League ("New Times", 27/1/56) has been reprinted in various places, but deserves still wider diffusion. The General is not favourably impressed by the League. And the betrayal of the country to Moscow abroad and the underworld at home is not a source of sweetness and light even among the loose thinking or unthinking members of the Yankee electorate. —S.Y.J.

SECRET SOCIETIES AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

by Mrs. Nesta H. Webster

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LITERARY DIGEST

PERSPECTIVES

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Liberty: the right to choose or reject ONE thing at a time. — C. H. Douglas.

WHY SOCIALISE?

The Australian States have power to issue their own credit. Instead of turning the country into a 100% bureaucracy we could have decent local rule, with sovereign states holding a balance against the Federal octopus. The people might then have their own LOCAL purchasing power and buy what they liked, instead of Tasmanians or Queenslanders having their money "democratically" drained off into pompositives like the (TVA-type) Snowy River Scheme, BREAKDOWN AND DISSOLUTION

A highly thought of Australian literary critic writes in "Meanjin" (Summer, 1955): "And don't tell me that satire is a form of poetry." There we have it, fixed as well as Henry James could fix it, the type of mind which, without malice, without the slightest idea of what it is doing — one might almost say, without thought — is destroying, or helping to destroy, the West. The same type of mind resides in England's C.M. Bowra; nor has this type any close kinship with a genuine 19th century scholar like W. P. Ker who was at least based in selected facts; and who also had some sort of "ear" for poetry.

Ker's sort of scholarship, of erecting temporary signposts, of preliminary classification and labelling, is essential to any civilisation. And Ker, unlike the Bowras of today, was aware of the fact that 20th century writers do not live in the 2nd century B.C. or 1580 A.D.

APOSTLE OF LIGHT

The English Church has produced no theology, there has been no notable intellectual activity inside it, but, like the Lutheran, it had root in one sound emotion: the dislike of paying taxes to a distant "dago."

Grosseteste, a peasant's son, Bishop of Lincoln, lived centuries before Henry VIII, but at least shared this emotion with later Englishmen. Grosseteste was a great scholar in an age of scholars and he came down hard on "social evils," particularly on usury: he paid special attention to usurers who extorted apparently under papal protection. Grosseteste was also constructive and founded a bank from which poor scholars might borrow without interest.

Henry Swabey in "VOICE" (U.K. 3/12/55) has given an able resume of some reasons for welcoming recent studies of mislaid parts of the Bishop's writings. We could do with a sizeable volume of translations from them.

AN OBSERVATION

"It is not what they don't know, but what they don't recognise that makes people, especially those in public life, a stink and a curse. No one is obliged to know anything

until they have seen or at least heard of it."

IMPROVING OUR FICTION

A correspondent in Michigan writes that one of the top half dozen novelists in the U.S. today is the little known Allan Seager. Perhaps "Meanjin" or "Southerly" might like to invite Mr. Seager to help brighten up their pale fiction pages?

HISTORY AND INTEREST RATES

A useful history book is "Food and Money in Ancient China" (Princeton U. Press, 1950). We learn about the currency, interest rates, harvesting and grain storage. On page 342 we are told that when the people had no money to buy, "the market treasurer without charging any interest at all, made loans to them ..." which fact is then complicated by this additional information: that the loans came "out of taxes which had been paid by craftsmen and tradespeople." We also learn of attempts to create a liquor monopoly and that "the loyal princes of the realm could not rally to their side the wealth of the money exchanges."

History without MONETARY history, that is, without usury rates, the ratio of gold to silver in coinage, etc., is an empty house, an idle conceit.

SCIENCE AND REASON

There are scientists brilliant as measurers of phenomena who respond even more thoroughly than journalists to "period ideas." Thus Fred Hoyle in the "Sunday Times," November 1952: "Should we be content to work out each detail separately in the hope that all details will eventually combine together into a coherent whole? Or should we boldly construct a general theory in spite of admitted imperfections of present-day knowledge?"

Compare the great Agassiz: "No thoughtful naturalist can silence suggestions . . . respecting the origin and deeper connection of all living beings; but he is the truest student of Nature who, while seeking the solution of these great problems, admits that only true scientific system must be one in which thought, the intellectual structure, rises out of and is based in facts." He tells us that the secret is comparison — "ever comparing and comparing."

Agassiz rhymes perfectly with Dante — see the opening of the "Paradiso" and also XXVI, 34.

TIME LAG

It is now three years since Peter Russell (London) published the Collected Poems of J. P. Angold, but we are still waiting for some sign of enthusiasm in the Australian literary world — or even in the English one, for that matter.

Angold was a frequent contributor to Orage's "New English Weekly" and "he had read both Major Douglas and Gavin Douglas, and he knew there was a Ulysses before Joyce."

PARIS REPORT

Can France be going highbrow? Mr. Pound's face on the front page of "ARTS SPECTACLES" (140 Faubourgh 'Saint-Honore) of 23rd-29th November, 1955, is nearly as big as Louis Armstrong's! There

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BOOKNOTES

There are signs of a little mental activity among French Catholics—see the Hollis and Carter books. "Back to Reality" by Guatave Thibon and "Christianity and Freedom" by Thibon and Daniel-Rops.

A prominent American churchman now visiting Australia is Dr. Carl McIntire whose book "Servants of Apostasy" deals with the pro-Communist activities of many American Protestant clergymen, including Bishop Bromley Oxnan.

A Thames and Hudson production, worth anybody's money, is "Line Drawings of Picasso—55 Years of His Graphic Work".

The Kasper and Horton book, "Mullins on the Federal Reserve", is now being prepared for publication in Germany.

PERIODICALS

From Mexico we have been receiving the University publication, UNIVERSIDAD, which includes reviews and interesting art reproductions and has featured translations by J. V. Amaral of Rutgers University.

Brazilian literary magazine is NOIGANDRES, put out by A. and H. de Campos, rua Claudio de Espinheira 635, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A. K. Chesterton in "CANDOUR" (Nov. 25th, 1955) thrashes the lefty-boys for their misuse of the word Fascism. He points out that among those who understand Fascism and gave it varying degrees of support were T. S. Eliot, Wyndham Lewis, Roy Campbell, Sacheverell Sitwell, Sir Malcolm Campbell and Major General J. F. C. Fuller.

"CANDOUR" is not just another "little paper", it is highly professional and a necessity these days for anybody who wants to know what is going on. It is possible to disagree with the editor's emphases and at the same time to reap a host of facts that will never appear in either the "Capitalist" or leftwing press.

OPPENHEIMER AND THE WEEPING SCIENTISTS

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fact that every person over the age of seven faces daily moral choices which are all in their way more or less "agonising", and accordingly one finds it difficult to feel any special admiration or sympathy for the conscience troubles of the bomb manufacturers. It is quite conceivable that there may be a certain amount of overlapping, but one does not have great difficulty in perceiving a fairly wide distinction between engaging in scientific research and in designing and manufacturing a destructive weapon. Even allowing for Man's Voracious Appetite for Truth, one does not see how it must be so difficult to refrain from designing inhuman weapons (and there is a distinction between human and inhuman weapons, hinging on the real distinction between combatants and non-combatants). No doubt doctors of medicine can do quite well out of the abortion business, but one doesn't feel compelled to sympathise, especially with the "anguish" of those who, of their own free will, have undertaken to indulge in that particular branch of the profession.

CONSCIENCE TROUBLE

Putting it bluntly, one feels that it is not without significance that, publicly at least, conscience trouble did not develop during the manufacture of blockbusters and atomic weapons for use against German and Japanese people, but only after it appeared possible that they might be used against Russian people or against the manufacturers themselves. Whereupon one was treated to this upsurge of uncomfortably intimate Mittel-European emotion.

Und tey vere dhere, shentlemerm, mit tearsz hrolling tdown dhere vaces.

When references are made, as they have been (only the last by Mr. Fry), to the "martyrdom" of Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, to Faust, to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to a "symbol of universal man struggling to preserve his individuality and dignity", perhaps one may be pardoned for enquiring just who is hysterical anyway.

Mr. Fry writes: "It now becomes the duty of every scientist to consider thoroughly the implications of his position and to subject his work in relation to its possible outcome to a searching examination" (it must be searching). May I suggest that it always was necessary for every man? The new myth of the Weeping Scientist is, if anything, even more frightening than the old myth of the Dedicated, Implacable Scientist, and one hopes sincerely that this particular persona will not achieve too wide a currency among the scientific fraternity.

BACK AT PRINCETON

The public facts of the Oppenheimer case are briefly as follows. Dr. Oppenheimer was employed, of his own free will, on a project, which his Government was pleased to regard as secret. It was, one considers,

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entitled to this view and entitled too, to be somewhat anxious over its employees—in view of the precedents of Alger Hiss, Dexter White, Fuchs, Nunn-May, and Pontecorvo. Dr. Oppenheimer was judged a "risk" and was accordingly dismissed from that particular work. He was not burned at the stake, he was not incarcerated, he was not fined, and he was not exiled. Perhaps (even this is doubtful) a damaging slur may attach to his reputation, which would seem to be unfortunately unavoidable. I understand that it was Dr. Oppenheimer who made the preliminary investigation public, not his employers. After his dismissal Dr. Oppenheimer "returned to his academic work and the seclusion of Princeton's Institute of Advanced Studies".

PERSPECTIVES

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is at least one curious misprint in Michael Mohrt's article, and he has not credited Mr. Pound with making a distinction between usury and proper interest return on productive investment.

For the six hundredth time: USURY IS A CHARGE FOR THE USE OF PURCHASING POWER, LEVIED WITHOUT REGARD TO PRODUCTION, SOMETIMES WITHOUT REGARD EVEN TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF PRODUCTION.

And while we are on the subject of interest, there can be no condemnation too vehement for the perverters of the system used in Worgl (1% monthly) to the infamous 2% weekly used by Aberhart in Alberta and proposed by Senator Bankhead in the U.S.A.

This is flagrant usury no matter who tries to impose it.

— (J.P.)

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OXFORD VS. TASMANIA

Joyce's "Ulysses"—that great sottisier of the age of Capitalist Plunder — was first published in February 1922. The first thesis on "Ulysses" ever done at Oxford was presented in 1950 — by an American!

Nor is Australia in a position to boast of her livewire universities. The present writer once spoke with a young lady M.A. from the University of Tasmania who specialised in French. She had never heard of Flaubert, or if she had, she's forgotten him.

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"We should remember that in corrupt bureaucracies bits of soft detritus like the younger Morgenthau in U.S.A. are often advanced rapidly to high positions because of their known ignorance and known incapacity to understand what goes on."

— (From a former diplomat).
(N.S.)

Jewish Influence in the Transvaal

"I think that a reader from Nigel (Transvaal) is right. He claims that the Jewish community of 60 families out of a total European population of 7,000 in the Far East Rand town has established a record this year. Listen to this, you collectors of South African Jewish history.

"At the present time, the Mayor of Nigel is a Jew—Mr. David Gamsu. His father, by the way, was also Mayor of Nigel.

"The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Nigel Town Council is also a Jew—Mr. David Woolf.

"The President of the Chamber of Commerce is a Jew—Mr. Solly Bortz.

"The President of Nigel's Rotary is a Jew—Mr. Joe Meyerson.

"Ditto for the President of Nigel's Round Table—Mr. Sam Greenman.

"And ditto again for the Master of the Masonic Lodge—Mr. Sam Kramer."

— "The South African Jewish Times."

The Work State

"To say that the primary interest of man is employment or, even more narrowly, economic employment, is to say that a means is an end. It is a challenge to (not it's opposite but to an infinitely greater whole of which it is in consequence an infinitely small part) dialectic Catholicism—that all means are comprised in the end of Man."

"The modern economic system, as controlled by Finance, at one and the same time saves labour and exalts Labour into religion and a virtue. In consequence, it condemns man to perpetual bondage.

"(a) It derides all spiritual values. What can't be sold has no value,

"(b) While it has abandoned 'Liberty', it is insistent on the virtues of equality and fraternity. Those are the virtues of a herd of cows (Goyim).

"(c) By exalting a function, economic production, into a policy, it enthrones hierarchy over Humanity, and makes ever increasing competition for raw materials inevitable and war a normal state . . ."

"The Work State is the basic idea of the World Planners."

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COMMUNISM AND THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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confuse Christians. Perhaps the most significant aspect of the attack, which has been made against Dr. McIntire and the International Council of Churches, is the fact that the Communists have allied themselves with this attack. It is clear that they are concerned by the allegations of members of the International Council of Churches, that the World Council is being used for Communist purposes. The Communist "Guardian" in its issue of February 2 states that Senator McCarthy has sponsored the visit by Dr. McIntire and his colleagues, a most ridiculous assertion for which no proof is offered. The Communists quote the futile statement recently issued by four Australian Church leaders in which it is pointed out that the World Council of Churches has no political affiliations. No one has suggested that the World Council as such has any political affiliations. But those attacking Dr. McIntire have not answered his charges that influential members of the Council have political affiliations, and that those affiliations are with Communist and Communist-sponsored organisations. There is, for example, the American Methodist Bishop Bromley Oxnam who has been prominently associated with so many Communist-front organisations in the U.S.A. that it would take almost a whole broadcast to list them. Bishop Bereczky of Hungary has directed the Communist programme against the Churches in Hungary. A resolution of his own Synod, May 7, 1947, declared: "The forms of life of the new Hungary are not alien to our hearts and we discover in them the frames, as ordained by God, a juster and happier Hungarian life." This statement clearly infers that Communism has divine sanction. Professor Hromadka has been most cautious in his statements, but his whole record is one of appeasement of Communism. A featured article in the "Sydney Morning Herald" of February 4 quotes a Sydney clergyman who knows him well as saying: "He is a warm, friendly person, but at every point when you begin to discuss fundamental issues with him you find that through bitter experience he has learned not to express himself in black and white." Having made a close study of Professor Hromadka's career I can endorse this. Most of his statements are carefully designed to confuse. When asked in Sydney last week whether a Christian could be a Communist, the Professor would not answer yes or no. But he did make one statement, which he knew was false. He said that the Christian Church "must be free — free to preach, free to act — and I do not believe I have compromised on a single point." But the Christian Church in Communist countries is not free to act. Professor Hromadka has himself admitted that freedom to preach only extends to the point where the preacher comments upon matters concerning politics. Before making any such comments the preacher must first

discuss the matter with the Communist authorities. Nothing could be more pathetic today, and indicative of the perversion of Christianity, than the widespread acceptance amongst clergymen of the claim there is complete religious freedom in Communist-dominated countries. Many who are not Communists or even Communist sympathisers believe this because people in Communist countries can go to Church and listen to a preacher. But Christianity means much more than this. Are the Churches free in Communist countries to uphold the Moral Law, to denounce Caesar if Caesar is robbing the individual of those fundamental rights, which he derives from God and not from the State? And, of course, the answer is no. Professor Hromadka has made it very clear that he does not believe the Christian Church should stand out against Caesar when there is tyranny. In his booklet, "The Churches and My Country," Professor Hromadka frankly suggests that the hanging of those Christian clergymen who opposed Communist policies in Czechoslovakia was quite justified. Questioned by press reporters on this matter when in Australia two years ago he left no doubt that he was in agreement with the assassination of those who opposed Communism. Unless he was prepared to become a political exile, Professor Hromadka could do nothing else than make this statement. If he had expressed himself as opposed to the Communists he knew that he would be suitably dealt with when he returned to Czechoslovakia. It is misleading for Australian clergy to try and defend Hromadka and those who act as he does by saying that they are sincere Christians attempting to bear witness to the Christian Faith. They are associating with men who have endorsed, both actively and passively, the murder and exploitation of fellow human beings. It has been argued, of course, that the Communists in Europe only murdered and imprisoned Christian leaders because they were supporting "reactionary" policies against "progressive" policies. This argument, which is as false as hell, is one, which must nauseate every genuine Christian. The fact must be faced that Professor Hromadka and other members of the World Council of Churches are supporting the cause of anti-Christ. The Communists regard Australia today as one of their vital stepping-stones to complete domination of the world. They therefore support activities in all spheres, cultural, political, sporting, and religious, which will confuse Australians and lessen their resistance to the death proposed for them. Communism can only be fought successfully if opposed by Christians who believe that there can be no compromise whatever with the devil. Dr. Carl McIntire and his associates are rendering us a great service by reminding us of this fact at a time when Hromadka and other instruments of the Communists are attempting to "soften up" Australians for further Communist victories.

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FOREWORD BY
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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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BRITISH FARMERS THE PREY OF PLANNERS

Socialism Continues Under "Conservatives" If there is one section of the community which has good reason to wonder when the Conservatives are going to make a start on their ageing promise to "Set the People Free," it is the farmers. They have learned from experience that a change from a Socialist to Conservative Government provides them with no protection against the arbitrary edicts of the bureaucracy, and that only some such crying scandal as the Crichel Down case is likely to prod the politicians into attempting to reduce the injustices to which they are liable.

The "Southern Farmer", a paper, which doughtily champions the rights of these planners prey, recently commented on a typical piece of bumbledom by the "Commissars of Milk Production" of a local Agricultural Executive Committee. A farmer who, for eight years, had been selling "Channel Island T.T." milk, without having had a single churn of milk returned, was suddenly given fourteen days' notice that his T.T. Licence was to be cancelled, because two or three samples of milk, taken from a churn long after it had left his farm, had failed to satisfy certain tests.

"And his right of appeal?" asked the "Southern Farmer". "He may 'make representations in writing to the Ministry of Agriculture'— in other words to the Committee which threatens him with the loss of his licence, who are then empowered to take a final decision from which there is no right of appeal whatsoever . . . His prosecutors are also his absolute judges; and to make matters as bad as they could be, they are also his competitors in business."

A "Candour" correspondent who had a similar experience some time ago insisted that an official should visit his farm to take samples of milk as it left the cooler and before it reached the churn. The official reported that the tests were "excellent". The fault lay in the condition of the churns provided by the dairy. The County Milk Officer (what wonderful titles some people rejoice in nowadays!) told him that it was the farmer's responsibility to cleanse and sterilise the churns, although the regulations, which are ambiguous, appear to limit the farmer's responsibility to seeing that they do not get dirty after he has received them and to refraining from using churns which are obviously dirty. As churns are most easily cleaned immediately after they

have been emptied, common sense dictates that dairies should clean them, and dairies are, in fact, under an obligation to do so.

For the bureaucrats arbitrarily to withdraw a farmer's T.T. Licence because tests show one consignment of milk to be sour is bad enough, but when they impose this drastic economic penalty without even bothering to discover whether the fault lies with the farmer or with the dairy they are guilty not merely of arrogance but of blatant injustice. The farmer, with his natural taste for independence, is, of course, a prime victim of the hatred of the collectivist "planners" in all countries, for he is an ever-present threat to the successful imposition of the "dictatorship of the proletariat". As the "Southern Farmer" rightly points out, the most arbitrary treatment is reserved for the "farmer pure and simple". Those producers who are also milk retailers — and thus "fit in" with the planners' pattern — are allowed a right of appeal to a tribunal, and a right to appear personally before that tribunal.

The greatest scorn of the "Southern Farmer" is rightly reserved not for the planners themselves, but for those farmers who collaborate with the planners in the war against their fellows. It warns its readers against the usual excuse given by farmer-members of Agricultural Executive Committees that they remain in office "to watch the interests of the farmers", and suggests that their usual motive is to enjoy power and authority over their fellows. Another experience of "Candour's" correspondent bears this out.

About eighteen months after he took over his present farm, it was "up-graded" by the A.E.C. after an inspection. Three years later, there was a further inspection by the A.E.C., this time in the person of a local, and unfriendly, collaborating farmer. A few weeks afterwards came a notice from

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the A.E.C. that the farm had been "downgraded". There, had the intended victim been a man of less character, the matter might have rested. Instead, the committee was confronted by accountant's figures showing that the farm's productivity had been considerably increased since its original "up-grading", and by a demand for another inspection by an impartial farmer. Before beginning his inspection, this newcomer was asked to say what standards he expected of a "Grade A" farm, and, after being shown that the standards of the farm in question were considerably above those to which he committed himself in reply, he left saying that he would have the "downgrading" cancelled.

The damnable thing is that anybody placed in the position of a possible competitor should be detailed to inspect and report upon his neighbour's property.

Nearly 70,000 acres of farmland managed by the Agricultural Land Commission is to be returned to private ownership during the New Year, and more than 10,000 acres have already been sold, as a result of a review forced upon the Government by the Crichel Down scandal. The land is first offered to original owners or tenants. Although this is a marked setback to the communisation of the countryside, the bureaucracy is making the best of a bad job. The Land Commission has itself no power to sell land, which must first be transferred to a Government Department. Had it been a question of making it easier for the Commission to acquire land, a

Statutory Order giving it powers of compulsory purchase would have settled the matter, but no such simple method will do when the bureaucrats are forced to acknowledge defeat, so a nice new committee has been set up to "review methods of sale". Thus is the evil hour postponed when the people who work the land will also own it.

For those who wish to make it as difficult as possible to get land out of the planners' clutches, the Agricultural Land Commission, having no powers to sell land, is clearly an ideal instrument. An interesting sidelight on the Conservatives' proposal to "Set the People Free" is cast by a report in the "Daily Telegraph", which, after stating that the Commission's holdings included more than 20,000 acres of former airfields, added:

"Before the Crichel Down disclosure **compelled the Government to change its policy** (my emphasis) it had been decided that 40 more airfields should be taken over by the commission. In fact, only one was transferred."

The implication of this is clear. It is much the policy of the Conservative Government as it was of the Socialist Government to tie up land in the hands of the planners. If Conservative Members of Parliament, and particularly those elected for agricultural constituencies, wish to have any defence against the charge of soliciting votes under false pretences, they should demand a radical change in this policy as a matter of principle, in place of minor changes as a matter of expediency in the face of "disclosures".

—Austen Brooks in "Candour", Jan. 6.

Can Healthy People Live on Poor Soils?

The following Missouri report in the "Missouri Farm News Service" shows that the number of men rejected for the American armed services was highest in sections of state where soil was poorest.

There is an interesting similarity in the map of medical rejectees for World War II and the map of the major Missouri soil areas, says Dr. W. A. Albrecht, chairman of the University of Missouri soils department.

Now that there is increasing concern about growing population pressure on the land, workers are finding that soil has four dimensions instead of two as has been commonly supposed. In addition to the two customary dimensions of length and breadth, Albrecht adds the two dimensions of depth and fertility.

Also, workers are becoming concerned about how bountifully people in this country shall be fed. Quantity has been the common measure of the supply of food but Albrecht points out that food quality is important for food may be filling but not nourishing.

The maps of different crops in this country have long been connected with maps of soil fertility. Alfalfa has been "natural" on less weathered, mineral-rich soils. A liberal supply of essential plant nutrients in these soils has made alfalfa the high-protein, bone-builder forage commonly used to supplement protein-poor corn in feeding livestock.

Red clover, another prized protein-rich forage, seems to be failing. Albrecht explains this is caused by declining soil fertility not being able to provide complete proteins for its growth, its protection against diseases and its generous seed delivery.

Carbohydrate-producing crops are "easier to grow" than protein-rich crops. Dwindling soil fertility does not nourish crops well enough to convert carbohydrates into high-quality protein feed as readily as it helps to pile up carbohydrate bulk of less nutritional value.

The similarity between maps of different crops and soils maps is evident, Albrecht says, since soil fertility represents protein possibilities in crops and thereby in animals. Also, the similarity between soils and both wildlife and domestic animals is evident.

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Life from the Soil

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