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Menzies Government makes further surrender to Bureaucratic Revolution

RADIO TALK BY ERIC D. BUTLER OVER 3NE WANGARATTA
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If the real history of Australia is ever written, the present Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, will be presented as a man whose every major policy was in direct conflict with his words. No Federal politician has spoken more about the evils of Socialism, and the menace of centralisation and bureaucracy, while at the same time imposing policies, which further the very evils he verbally condemns.

Mr. Menzies' new emergency economic measures, outlined in the Federal Parliament on Wednesday evening, March 14, provide further confirmation of the fact that the present Prime Minister is but an expert public relations officer for the nation's real policy makers, Dr. Coombs and his fellow planners.

Every new restriction proposed by the Menzies-Fadden Government will intensify the move towards the centralisation of all power in Australia and consolidate the bureaucratic revolution, which has already made responsible Government in Australia a thing of the past. Mr. Menzies said nothing new in his speech last week; he merely repeated the economists' jargon, which, when closely examined, either means nothing or is in direct conflict with reality.

Many people wonder just how the Communists can successfully fool people with their double-talk without realising that they are also victims of the same type of evil. For example, how long are we going to have so-called educated and intelligent men telling their fellows that greater production, without, of course, defining what type of production, and reduced costs of production are the only answer to rising prices? Since Mr. Menzies spoke on this subject when introducing the 1951 "Horror" Budget, when Australians were told that greater and more efficient production would stop inflation, not only has the volume of production increased enormously, but the amount of production per unit of man hours worked has increased in every industry I have yet examined. Measured realistically, real costs of production have been reduced in both primary and secondary industries.

These facts are well known to all businessmen, and, I presume, even Mr. Menzies has heard about them. Surely then, men desirous

of searching for the truth, would honestly admit that although real production costs have been steadily reduced, there are factors in present economic and financial arrangements which prevent these lower costs from being automatically reflected in lower prices. They would then proceed to look for these factors and not delude themselves and others by repeating thoughtlessly the jargon of the economists and other totalitarians.

Prior to the 1949 Federal Elections, and before coming under the direct influence of Dr. Coombs and his associates, Mr. Menzies did indicate that he had some clues concerning what was necessary to avert inflation when he said that the burden of Government must be drastically reduced. But since 1949 the burden of Government has steadily increased in numerous ways. And now Mr. Menzies reveals just how far he has come under the spell of the planners when, in his recent address, he engaged in some special pleading on behalf of Big Government. His new austerity measures are not to apply to the Government.

In 1951 Mr. Menzies at least made a gesture, futile and pathetic as it was, towards reducing the burden of Government. But in 1956 he makes it clear that there is to be no slowing down in the growth of the bureaucratic army of occupation. He has obviously conceded victory to the bureaucratic dictators. And so private enterprise, particularly small enterprise, is to suffer another blow. This blow is delivered under the plea of defeating inflation. But how can any responsible man argue that prices can be reduced by the process of increasing them? Unless, of course, Mr. Menzies' advisers are trying to impose a major depression, which I personally doubt, it can be stated now that the Government's

emergency programme will not stop prices from rising.

I seriously ask the question whether Mr. Menzies really believes this himself. I say this because in his speech on March 14 he plainly said that he did not believe, for example, that people would consume less beer and smoke less tobacco because his Government was deliberately increasing the price of these two items.

Mr. Menzies left no doubt that his Government's financial measures are primarily designed, not to reduce the people's demands for the articles listed to carry

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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

Surrender to Bureaucratic Revolution

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higher taxes, but to supply the Government with an extra £115,000,000 revenue which can be used for Governmental purposes.

It has been argued, of course, that while it is true that the Government's policies will increase some prices, these increases are necessary to prevent even worse increases. Quite apart from the false logic of this argument, it is an open surrender to the forces of the anti-Christ to suggest that the threat of evil can be averted by the use of evil. And it is evil for any Government to deliberately inflate prices while at the same time pretending that it is concerned about inflation.

I find it extremely difficult to believe that Mr. Menzies does not understand that by increasing the price of petrol, motor vehicles and motor spare parts he is not only inflating all transport charges; he is also going to inflate the price of practically every other item in the economy. Transport costs are a very high proportion of total costs in the Australian economy, and consequently a big increase in transport charges must be reflected eventually in a general increase in prices.

It is elementary economics that in a modern economy with its chain or series-production, an increase in the price of a basic item in the economy must inevitably be multiplied a number of times before goods reach the consumer.

Already those operating transport services have warned that their prices must be increased immediately. Primary producers have in turn stated that this will mean higher food prices. The total result of this will be an intensification of the growing demand for higher wages, which the Communists are already exploiting so successfully.

Increasing prices will further the growth towards economic centralism in this country. This growth will also be stimulated by increased company tax and by higher interest rates. The bigger economic units will be able to overcome these increased burdens much more easily than the smaller units.

Every move towards economic centralism provides further fuel for the Socialist propaganda fires, while at the same time making it easier to increase class warfare. Mr. Menzies and his political associates probably do not understand the long-term implications of what they are doing, but there is little doubt that the economic planners are consciously working towards the creation of the complete centrally planned State.

Although the politicians now offer comparatively little effective resistance to the policies of centralism, it is fortunate that constitutional barriers do still offer the individual some protection. For example, Mr. Menzies inferred in his address that he was prepared even to accept Dr. Evatt's

oft-repeated demand for the re-introduction of capital issues control. This proposal for greater Government control of production was certainly considered before the Government's measures were finalised, because Mr. Menzies said that he had sought the views of his legal advisers on the matter and that they had said that it would be unconstitutional to introduce capital issues control for anti-inflationary purposes. Mr. Menzies also made it clear that only constitutional limitations prevented him from controlling still further the people's purchasing power, and, of course, the production system, through direct control of hire-purchase schemes.

One can study Mr. Menzies' address from beginning to end without finding one genuine tribute to the virtues of a free society in which production, both capital and consumer, is controlled by the consumer. His special piece of pleading on behalf of growing Government activities are an infallible indication that Mr. Menzies has surrendered completely to the bureaucratic revolution. Until such time as this revolution is halted and defeated, it is as certain as the sun will rise tomorrow morning that we will pass from one crisis to the next, each one taking as a step further towards the Communist State.

Professor Arndt on Government's Policy

We were particularly interested in the comment of Professor H. W. Arndt, Professor of Economics at Canberra University College, a product of the notorious London School of Economics, and a well-known Fabian Socialist.

Professor Arndt disagrees with the Government because it did not impose higher direct taxation, particularly on the higher income groups. But he does say, "generally speaking, the Government's proposals were necessary and sensible". This statement provides further confirmation of our view that the Menzies-Fadden Government is progressively taking Australia along the road to the centrally planned State.

That Extra Petrol Tax

In outlining his policy for increased taxation, Mr. Menzies made great play of the fact that he would be making greater grants to the States out of the increased petrol tax. But, as Mr. C. Clements, president of the Royal Automobile Chamber of Victoria has pointed out, from the extra £32 million taken from motorists, only £4 million would be made available for roads. If Mr. Menzies and his advisers were sincere about reducing costs, they would at least have made all petrol tax available for improved roads, which would help reduce transport costs.

We trust that Local Governments throughout Australia will strongly criticise the Federal Government about this matter.

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

THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE BRITISH IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THE EXPULSION OF SIR JOHN GLUBB FROM JORDAN

Many people, who uncritically accept the fairytale about the policy-makers in the U.S.A. being strong anti-Communists and dedicated to helping their British allies and other European allies, were shocked when it was made clear that British policy in Cyprus was strongly disapproved of in America. We were not shocked, for the simple reason that we have watched, and recorded, how, during and since the last war, powerful groups in the U.S.A. have persistently worked to undermine the British Empire and British influence, mainly through economic measures.

The pattern of undermining continues in the Middle East, as Mr. A. K. Chesterton, the brilliant British journalist, makes clear in the following article on the expulsion of Sir John Glubb from Jordan, published in "Candour," the British Views-Letter, of March 9:

When Mr. Selwyn Lloyd was interviewed in Cairo he revealed that his thoughts were far to the east. Oh yes, he told reporters, he would certainly wait upon Mr. Nehru. He wanted to see Mr. Nehru because he was very anxious about Viet Nam: they had to ensure that peace was kept in that area. Although the British world was falling to pieces as he spoke, Britain's fantastic Foreign Secretary confessed without a blush to preoccupation with the affairs of Indochina, a territory divided between the Red and Dollar Empires, where Britain has neither interest nor standing. Colonel Nasser, if the interview was reported to him, must have smiled in contempt, for even then the minions of King Hussein were preparing to serve an eviction notice upon Glubb Pasha, Jordan's British chief-of-staff and creator of the Arab Legion. A few hours later this splendid fighting soldier was ignominiously hustled out of the country, but the gossamer thoughts of Selwyn Lloyd remained fired on Saigon. They were probably still hovering over that remote region when he landed at Bahrain, where his footling presence seems to have served as an inadequate pretext for a riot.

There in little is the whole ghastly truth about the way the British Empire is tottering towards its final collapse. Glubb Pasha, the last symbol of British influence and authority in the Arabian Middle East, is kicked out of Jordan in derision of his dedicated life's work, with him goes the last remnant of British power and prestige, while to add insult to injury the business is timed to coincide with the goodwill passage through the area of Her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Heedless of all portents, the Secretary of State babbles of seeing a man called Nehru about a place called Indo-China, where not long ago the Reds and the Yanks between them managed to deal the French containers of Communism a knockout blow. As Selwyn Lloyd's patron and boss, the Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Eden, played some big part in the job of finding suitable diplomatic slogans to cloak the

French defeat, the sentimental interest of both these political flaneurs in what is happening there now is readily explained. But have they not at least as much sentimental interest in the Middle East? After all, here Eden played a far greater part in ensuring a British defeat. He it was who negotiated the scuttle from Suez and the handing over of the Sudan to the wild beasts of Kosti—all, be it remembered, for the glorious advantage of improving Anglo-Egyptian relations! Yet day after day the Cairo radio broadcasts anti-British poison to the denizens of British Africa. It was the same radio, which incited the mobs against us in Amman when the incredible Eden put every British interest to the hazard by trying to bulldoze Jordan into the ridiculous—and indeed meaningless—alliance known as the Baghdad Pact. The pay-off of the Eden folly came when Glubb Pasha was unceremoniously bundled into his plane.

I have said it was Egyptian propaganda which made mischief for us in Jordan, and that is not in dispute. How does it come about, however, that while Cairo radio was pouring out its defamatory libels, British negotiators were associated with the World Bank in driving a bargain with the Nasser Government for the sublime privilege of financing the Aswan Dam? Urgency was given to the negotiations—so ran the improbable story—because if the West did not find the cash, the East could and would. Had the World Bank's purpose really been to keep Communism out of the Middle East, could it not have demanded that Cairo do nothing to disrupt such elements—the British influence in Jordan, for instance—as made for stability? Should the Bank fall back upon the humbug that it does not dabble in politics, the same question could be put in another way by asking whether its agents, the State Department and the Foreign Office, could not have made that demand. The real answer would be quieting. While the Foreign Office, 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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Interest Rates and Credit Creation

Most of the discussion on the Federal Government's decision to increase interest rates is unreal because it ignores the fact that the banks do not make their profits by lending money first deposited with them, but by creating new money in the form of financial credit and lending it to borrowers. This financial credit is created by making book entries and issuing chequebooks. It is true that the banks cannot create and lend unlimited volumes of financial credit. They are governed by the well-established banking rule that approximately one pound of cash should be held for every ten pounds of credit created. As Central Bank credit is regarded as cash; the total volume of credit creation is governed by the policy of the Central Bank.

Events of recent times have forced leading bankers to make candid admissions concerning their function as credit creators. The latest was made by the Chairman of the New Zealand Associated Banks, Mr. H. W. Whyte, in giving evidence before the recent New Zealand Monetary Commission. Mr. Whyte said, and we hope some of our Federal politicians take careful note: "The banks do create money. They have been doing it for a long time, but they didn't quite realise it, and they did not admit it. Very few did. You will find it in all sorts of documents, financial textbooks, etc. . . . today I doubt very much whether you would get many prominent bankers to attempt to deny that banks create credit. I have told you that they do; Mr. Ashwin has told you that they do; Mr. Fussell (Governor of the New Zealand Reserve Bank) has told you that they do."

Now we have never objected to the creation of credit by the banking system. It is a most essential service for which those providing it are entitled to a reasonable profit. But as it has been estimated that approximately a half of one percent would adequately cover the costs of providing this service, it is obvious that any increase in the bank rate must, in spite of what Mr. Menzies says, increase the financial profits of the banks.

However, it is not the financial profits of the banks as such that we are concerned about, as the fact that present credit policy progressively increases both private and public debt. As the centralised control of banking proceeds, it means, of course, centralised control of all debt. And while debts grow Mr. Menzies has no hope whatever of producing that economic stability he talks about. Is it too much to ask some Government Members to have a realistic look at the present debt system with a view to appropriate action?

Permanent Assistant Urgently Required at "New Times" Office

As our present assistant at the office, Mrs. Phillips, finds that she can no longer continue to serve in a full-time capacity, it is urgently necessary that we find another assistant immediately. It is impossible for us to continue efficiently without permanent help in the office.

A small salary is available for anyone who can assist us. Hours are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We sincerely hope that one of our retired supporters can come forward.

Financial Appeal

Advances by £119

Since our last issue, when we acknowledged receipt of £1,000 to our special financial appeal, we have received £119. This takes the total to £1,123. Less than one percent of our readers have contributed this amount. We hope that remaining 99 percent will contribute the £877 now necessary to reach our objective of £2,000.

We are holding over all details of the appeal until our next issue, when we propose to make a special announcement.

Breweries Unpaid Tax Collectors

Commenting on the increase in the beer excise, the general manager of the Ballarat Brewing Co., Mr. H. C. Evans, said that "the effect of the increased tax is that 3/- worth of beer from the brewery now carries 10/- of excise duty, making the total cost to the consumer 13/-," he added.

The additional excise duty in Victoria would amount to £8 million a year at the present rate of consumption.

Mr. Evans continued: —

"The increase in excise has thrown the entire industry out of gear.

"The Ballarat Brewing Co. will now collect in excise for the Commonwealth Government, free of charge, £2,200,000 a year and will have £130,000 perpetually outstanding on its books."

The company would also be affected through various other impositions, such as petrol, additional interest on overdrafts and increased company tax, together with the State imposition of road tax to the extent of £25,000 a year, he added.

"My personal opinion is that the increases in sales tax and other charges will cause another spiral of price increases and further inflation," Mr. Evans said.

Of course, Mr. Evans is only a practical business man and not a "learned economist". He should ignore fact and accept, without criticism, the theories of the Government's "advisers".

Magazine Section

SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTHORITY

By John Mitchell

Palestine at the time of the life on earth of Christ was the scene of two false, which is to say usurped, sovereignties. One of them was the kingdom of the sixty wealthy families, which composed the hierarchy of the Temple, over which Annas was the effective head (although his son-in-law Caiaphas was the nominally so at the time of the Crucifixion); the other was the imperial kingship of Caesar, exercised through the local Governor Pontius Pilate.

Into this scene came Christ, saying that he was "the King of the Jews," and asserting not only a new sovereignty, but a new **kind** of sovereignty. Christ's assertion that His kingdom was "not of this world" and his rejection of temporal sovereignty for Himself was neither a denial that temporal sovereignties had a justification in Truth, nor a denial that His sovereignty would not profoundly affect the usurped sovereignties of Annas and Caesar. It is of the greatest significance that this fact was not recognised by Pontius Pilate, but was recognised by the Temple Hierarchy, the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin, collaborators with Roman rule, did not support the revolutionary leader Barabbas, who was caught stealing funds for his campaign, but nevertheless did not object to his release, although he sought temporal sovereignty.

The true nature of sovereignty is the very essence of Christianity; and that this is recognised as so by the present-day Sanhedrin is evidenced in the 17th. Protocol of "The Learned Elders of Zion," the authenticity of which they have gone to such great lengths to discredit:

"We have long past taken care to discredit the priesthood of the Goyim and thereby to ruin their mission on earth, which in these days might be a hindrance to us. Day by day its influence on the peoples of the earth is falling lower. Freedom of conscience has been declared everywhere, so that now only years divide us from the moment of the complete wrecking of that Christian religion . . ."

While it is true that a few picked Church leaders, mainly with Masonic connections, and a section of muddled clergy lend their support, the initiative and main drive for the surrender of personal and local sovereignties, (Socialism and Communism) and national sovereignties (World Government) comes from Atheists and Jews, backed by the full weight of International Jewish Finance. There is so much well-documented literature proving this to the hilt that it is not proposed to discuss it in detail here.

The Christian conception of sovereignty was expressed in the words "for behold the kingdom of God is within you." And if anyone supposes that this true sovereignty of Christ is unaffected, and vice versa, by

the temporal order and the activities of Big Brother they have their answer in Christ's attack on the lawyers of the Temple Hierarchy:

"Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye laden men with great burdens.

"Woe unto you, lawyers; for ye have taken away the key of knowledge. Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering ye hindered."

The basic sovereignty in the Christian conception of the world, which is to say the reality of the Universe, is the personal sovereignty of individual men and women. As the bishops said at the Lambeth Conference in 1948: "Christianity endorses every claim that can rightly be made for man . . . it regards men's personality as sacred."

Whether men acknowledge it or not, or acknowledging it whether they are obedient or not, they are all under the Kingship of Christ—the sovereignty of God. What Christianity did, and still does, was to instill in men's hearts, primarily through acceptance of the first two great Commandments, a primary loyalty. And this primary loyalty, while focusing attention on the importance of personality (and hence personal sovereignty) as the base to which the whole temporal order should conform ("and he that is greatest among you shall be your servant"), created a human sanction in the body politic to bend the temporal order into conformity. There is no other sanction, which can mould the social order away from Socialism, Communism and World temporal power (World Government) towards a Christian order. Self-government of backward peoples always fails because they are too backward to hold this sanction, and civilisations crumble when this sanction is undermined. There can be no freedom without this binding loyalty, and all that it implies.

The Christian religion is founded on seeking counsel of Authority: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." And the Church throughout the Ages has, when most effective, been the incarnation of the influence of Authority on the laws of the land. Not only is a sanction—loyalty to Authority—necessary in a Christian society, but also the expression of Authority on the principles which

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CONTEMPORARY

MENTALITY

Heavy maturities of Commonwealth loans of various kinds within approximately the next 12 months are adding a new factor to the Federal Government's problem of loan finance.

Between now and mid-April of next year the Federal Government will have to finance the redemption or conversion of various Commonwealth and State debts totalling about £250 million.

—Melbourne "Herald", 13/3/56.

This item appeared the day before the Prime Minister announced that he was going to tighten our belts for us. We are waiting for someone—anyone—in public life to stand out and show intelligent interest in a financial "system" which gets such splendid results.

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The chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee went to a man considered by many to be the nation's most dangerous demagogue: Mississippi's racist Senator James Eastland.

In a Senate speech after the Supreme Court's desegregation decision, Eastland said that the Supreme Court "has been indoctrinated and brainwashed by left-wing pressure groups".

. . . the segregation decision had "prostituted both the letter and the spirit of the U.S. Constitution."

—"Time" magazine, 12/3/56. We

do not know enough about Senator Eastland to judge his career as a whole, but he does seem interested in protecting his country's Constitution. Hence the smears, the term "racist" and so forth. It is a brave man in America today who stands up for the Constitution against Meyer, Baruch, Luce and the rest of the contemptible men seeking "to cut all men down to worm-size."

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Full employment has come to stay.

—Minister for Labor, Holt, on A.B.C.

news, 9 p.m., 6/3/56.

Thus, our Big Noises usher in the Age of Automation, incapable, it seems, of seeing production as servant of consumption. Only a blind, fanatical belief that man must work, work, WORK, in the great industrial machine.

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U.S. CENTRAL BANK UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(The following is a condensation of a statement in New York by Lt.-General P. A. del Valle, U.S.M.C. (Ret.), who is President of the Defenders of the Constitution, Inc.)

The Constitution has, until recently, enabled us to live in relative safety from our enemies at home and abroad. It is the vital factor in our lives as individuals and as a nation.

While our thoughts were elsewhere and our attention diverted, not giving our Constitution much head, men came with evil intent and selfish purpose, or with stupid and airy disregard of the real meaning of our sacred heritage. One of the most recent examples is the controversial decision of the Supreme Court on the subject of segregation. The applicable article, number XI of the Bill of Rights, reads as follows: "The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States, by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign State." Yet here we see the judicial power extended to include a suit promoted by certain citizens against almost all of the States.

It is not known to me who was the originator of the amendment, which created the present income tax monstrosity. I refer to the XVIth Amendment, which reads, innocently enough: "Congress shall have power to collect taxes on incomes from whatever sources derived without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration." We were told, at the time, that it was not a matter of any importance that this tax would never amount to anything but an infinitesimal percentage of anyone's income. YET THIS MONSTER NOW CONSUMES, IN THE CASE OF SOME PEOPLE, OVER 90% OF THEIR INCOME, AND IN THE CASE OF ALL OF US, A VERY APPRECIABLE PERCENTAGE.

This, of course, made possible the fearful Frankenstein of a government which we now have, always inventing bigger and better ways of spending more and more of our earnings, and even giving it away to foreign governments, which, in my opinion, is grossly un-Constitutional. The applicable article is Number X of the Bill of Rights which reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." There is no place in the Constitution, even in the destructive XVIth Amendment, where the central government is authorized to tax Americans in order to give their earnings to other nations. Governor Bracken Lee is doing this nation a great service by making a test case in refusing to pay any tax for this illegal purpose.

And while we are on the subject of economic means adopted so slyly by the

enemies of the Constitution in order to vitiate it, we might look into a thing called the Federal Reserve Act. This created another un-Constitutional monstrosity, known as the FEDERAL RESERVE CORPORATION.

Section 8 of our Constitution gives the power to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and to fix the standard of weights and measures, to the Congress of the United States. Clearly, the Federal Reserve Act is un-Constitutional.

According to my authorities, the men responsible for this un-Constitutional transfer of the money power from the Congress to a private corporation were President Wilson, Colonel House, and Bernard Baruch. And the man who actually wrote the insidious poison into a harmless-looking bill was an alien, a banker from Eastern Europe named Paul Warburg, not yet a citizen, but powerful enough through international bankers to get himself appointed Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. The date was December 23, 1913.

The House of Rothschild has a motto, which in effect says: "Let me control the purse strings and I care not who makes the laws of any nation." This, then, is the all-powerful medium through which any nation is controlled, as the founding fathers well knew when they wrote into the Constitution that the printing, evaluation and control of money would be a function of the Congress. But Messrs. Wilson, Baruch, and House persuaded the Senate to form a private corporation, the Federal Reserve Corporation, WHICH IS INDEED PRIVATE AND NOT PUBLIC AS MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE, and handed to this outfit of international money operators those sacred, all-important privileges which the Founders left in the hands of our Congress.

The internationalists have just about completed their task of making us over from United States citizens under our Christian Constitution into citizens of the World under the godless charter of the U.N. Yet, where does one hear of impeachment? Are they all afraid of the men of money to whom the Congress turned over its power over the medium of exchange in violation of the Constitution?

If I belabor the economic aspects of the sabotage of our Constitution, it is because these constitute the roots of the other evils. Without this control of our wealth these enemies of the Constitution could never have accomplished their nefarious ends.

By the gross misinterpretation of the treaty clause in the Constitution the enemies of this Christian document have managed to destroy it through the simple process of making treaties.

With our own money they hand pick our candidates for office, manage our elections, and actually run our domestic as well as our foreign policy.

I should like to fortify my contentions concerning the evil power exercised by the internationalist money masters over our Constitution by quoting from a British and an American statesman. William Pitt, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in 1791: "Let the American people go into their debt-funding schemes and banking systems and from that hour their boasted independence will be a mere phantom." While President Tyler stated as follows: "I believe the bank (he referred to the first Bank of the United States) to be the original sin against the Constitution, which, in the progress of history has called into existence a numerous progeny of usurpation. We may boast of laws, but they will be impotent and feeble; we may sing of liberty but it will be the song of a bird in a cage."

I can only touch lightly upon the numerous acts of corruption of our press, our schools, our very churches, and certainly of our government at all levels and in all departments. I have chiefly dwelt upon the Federal Reserve Corporation. Here is the real issue, and the one in which to concentrate the fires of all our batteries.

—New York Correspondent.

LEISURE

The Greeks were able to live as they did owing to slavery. And they considered that Leisure was the positive to be sought. The end of work is leisure, said Aristotle, and their word for leisure, SCHOLE, is still honourably preserved in our words School and Scholar. What we should call employment they called "Unleisure." Their positive, Leisure has become our negative, Unemployment; while their negative, Unleisure, has been perverted into the positive object of our society, Employment, and we should be enjoying much more service from the harnessing of energy than ever a Greek enjoyed from his slaves. Until this crooked thinking is straightened out, modern man will not be the heir of those who were able to use leisure to the material, spiritual and cultural benefit of mankind, but he will inherit the degraded life of the slaves.

Rev. Henry Swabey in "Voice," England.

A DOUGLAS PREDICTION

"To put the matter another way, if the unemployment problem were solved tomorrow, and every individual capable of employment were employed and paid according to the existing canons of the financial system, the result could only be to precipitate an economic and political catastrophe of the first magnitude, either through the fantastic rise of prices which would be inevitable, or because of the military consequences of an enhanced struggle for export markets."

"Social Credit" by C. H. Douglas.

LITERARY DIGEST

SUBSIDISED TEDIUM AND JOURNALISTIC CHATTER

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED, with memorable simplicity, that there are writers who show a sense of responsibility towards the life of the mind, and those who don't.

Further, that there are writers who look for something basic to build on—Orage, Madox Ford and Yeats, in his own way—and those who look, if not for the quick buck, at least spend time maneuvering for position. Until Australian writers face these distinctions, Australia will remain a cultural nonentity, passive recipient of soggy British dough and gilded American tripe.

Professor A. D. Hope surely should know what went on in English literature FORTY years ago? In the Sydney journal "VOICE" (Jan., 1956) he writes: "The Imagist Heresy took a firm hold in Sydney in the twenties and is still endemic there where the etiolating effects of the idea that pure poetry is made of 'images' can be perceived in the work of Kenneth Slessor, Fitzgerald, Kenneth McKenzie and even artists of much finer quality such as Rosemary Dobson." Which might be interesting if the professor had not chosen to overlook the facts.

Here is the original Imagist Manifesto:

1. Direct treatment of the "thing" whether subjective or objective.
2. To use absolutely no word that does not contribute to the presentation.
3. As regarding rhythm: to compose in the sequence of the musical phrase not in sequence of a metronome.

The above-mentioned Australian poets and the best of the original Imagist poetry are fairly accessible. The reader is invited to test Hope's statement against the facts.

We do not doubt that Professor Hope has read many thousands of pages of poetry; we question only his ability to collect facts and DO something with them.

Another critic, Martin Haley, in the Melbourne Catholic weekly, "The Advocate" (Feb. 16th) is the highbrow journalist at his worst: "Well, Joyce and Pound can stand here for literary influence most prominent in English verse from 1920-1940 a time of experiment, a time for attacking the primacy of the intellect, for free verse, assonance, half-rimes, no rimes, no rhythm, no metres and—often enough—no attainable meaning." Putting it mildly this is not in accordance with the facts. But Haley goes on to tell us that three Australian poets—Rosemary Dobson, Douglas Stewart and A. D. Hope—have "come to rest in a counter-revolution—the setting up of a vital orthodoxy."

Hope's poetry is readable, here and there, but has no place in World Literature or

English literature. He would be more interesting if the 'style of the period' were more interesting. Rosemary Dobson has written some neat verses—her rhythms unfortunately are banal—and she has learnt some of Browning's mannerisms. But this in 1956, a little late to be worrying about Browning's mannerisms, time, in fact to be looking at Browning's MATERIAL—"Inn Album", for example—and Browning's attitude towards his material. There is a vast area of present-day life, which our contemporary poets, gentle creatures, here, in England, and in the United States, avoid.

A. D. Hope and Rosemary Dobson are handicapped in the same way as Stephen Spender or Robert Penn Warren: they have not made themselves a VOICE, they see and hear and 'feel' with the senses of yesterday, their ideas and rhythms sometimes are no more than dribble from "an old bitch gone in the teeth, a botched civilisation"—leftovers from an age stupid enough to swallow Freud and canonise Keynes.

As for Mr. Haley, he writes, not from FACTS, from direct knowledge, but from the wastage of his time, slick ideas picked up over the years from reviews and essays, ideas dead before he received them. He quotes as an example of Imagist influence in Australia, Douglas Stewart's mountain which

Made no sound but talked to itself in snow
and the magpie,

Watching that white whisper fill his green world.

By some fantastic feat Mr. Haley sees as Imagism the very muck, which the original imagists set out to eradicate.

If Australians would read Hugh Kenner's Faber book of five years ago a great deal of paper at present wasted would be spared for constructive enterprises.

—Theodore Grimble.

Dr. Coombs

Lights a Fire

It was a victory for the British conception of the Rule of Law when, in spite of attempts to have the case dropped, Dr H. C. Coombs, Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, was fined for having been responsible for a serious fire in N.S.W.

In fining Dr. Coombs, who pleaded guilty, the Magistrate said that he was astonished that a man of such status could do such a foolish thing.

Modern "Education"

In a recent article in the English "Daily Mail," Mr. W. J. Brown asks "Will you be just an echo in 1956?" He points out that the British people are now spending on education about three times as much as we spent in 1900 "on all the activities of the State." He then gives his impressions of what is happening to the individual:

"We are echoes of a mass newspaper circulation, of mass radio, of mass television. Never in the history of the human race has the mind of man been more constantly assailed, or more continually conditioned, by mass instruments for moulding opinion than it is today.... The result is that it is rare indeed to meet an independent mind.... Indeed, one of the marks of the current age is a profound distrust of thinking.... This habit of not thinking, of taking on trust the thought of others, extends itself to the field of politics, economics, and social organisation generally.... Modern man probably does less thinking than at any time in man's history.... He becomes a puppet, dancing at the end of strings pulled by others."

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SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTHORITY

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should form the temporal order is required. The two are complementary, and one without the other will achieve nothing. It has been said that "the business of the Church in politics is to be the Authority on the Mills of God, which are, of course, inter alia Political Principles which can be checked like any other genuine Laws, by their observation over a sufficient period of time." The British Constitution grew because for centuries there existed the sanction I have discussed and because the Church accepted the responsibility. Common Law came into being as the embodiment of this wisdom coupled with the experience of centuries. Until recently a properly constituted House of Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, was accepted as its natural guardian.

What is law but the protection of the sovereign rights of individuals? By law I do not, of course, mean the multifarious statutory regulations, which have been manufactured by the Civil Service with the aid of the House of Commons in recent years, and which in every case have the effect of destroying sovereignty. And the implementation of law is only guaranteed because the sanctions of State, under the sovereignty of the Queen, are constitutionally available for its enforcement.

What is sovereignty but the power to order? It has been said, "the gold sovereign was a complete order system. Mr. Brown had only to tender his yellow warrant of sovereignty and he got what he wanted. He set in motion the most marvellous train of self-acting psychological sanctions. Factories sprang to life, trains ran, and ships sailed, all concerned not merely to do his will, but to do it better than anyone else . . . the virtue of the gold sovereign lay not in its material but in its sanctions." In the days when there were gold sovereigns the Budget was not an instrument of policy as it is today and Planners were infants; in those days the possessors of sovereigns had economic sovereignty.

The extension of freedom and security for the individual which sovereignty meant, to more people lay in the practicability of distributing more sovereigns, i.e. sovereignty; and the practicability of doing that has, of course, rapidly increased. It did not lie in reducing either the sovereignty (the sanctions) of a sovereign or the number of sovereigns.

During the past fifty years not only has the term 'sovereign' disappeared from our coinage, but the sovereignty of a unit of currency has been reduced by more than five-sixths and is continually depreciating, while governments and peoples have fallen almost and perhaps quite hopelessly into the bondage of debt. Sovereignty has increasingly passed to their creditors.

What is sovereignty but the power to

order? But the power to order increasingly passes from the individual person to the bondholders and the taxation wielders.

What is sovereignty but the power to order? But the power to order increasingly passes from the individual person to the ever-extending tentacles of a swollen bureaucracy.

What is sovereignty but the power to order? But the power of individual men to order their life through a free expression of personality becomes ever less as the centralised agencies of propaganda and publicity and the policies of production for production's sake and work for work's sake increasingly functionalise his education and his outlook on life.

What is sovereignty but the power to order? While 'Democracy' was never so much propagandised, and governments swamp the statute book with legislation to control the lives of the people, who in fact has political sovereignty. What is the sovereignty of a political vote? How many people would vote if it cost ten shillings to vote? Beyond doubt very few. In other words people do not get what they voted for, nor vote for what they get.

The sovereignty of the political vote is nil; it is valueless to the individual.

What every individual person wants is more sovereignty, more of the power to order as an individual (i.e. not collectively), not less sovereignty. And that means the right to contract-out of all collective arrangements, which he thinks, do not give him what he wants.

As a nation we still retain constitutionally our national sovereignty, with the military sanctions, which guarantee it. While we do so we still retain the power in our own hands to reverse the present trend and order our economy towards a Christian conception of personal sovereignty, progressively freeing ourselves from the materialistic functionalism which a false philosophy and false monetary policies at present impose upon us. But if we surrender control of our industries to international Boards, control of our financial arrangements to an international financial agency and control of our military, naval and air forces to an international government we shall have lost that power beyond recall.

Our power to order, our sovereignty, will have passed into the hands of just that power from which Christ came to save us—the Sanhedrin, whose unswerving aim down through the centuries has been to set up the rule of Anti-Christ over the whole world. It is the continuance of that same wealthy hierarchy, but on a much grander scale, of Scribes and Pharisees against whom Christ unleashed His most telling invective, and against whom he warned His fellow Jews: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers."

Sovereignty at all levels, personal, local and national, is a principle—part of that unchanging God-given Truth—for which men loyal to God and country have fought and laid down their lives throughout the

Ages. Those who would surrender it are traitors to God and country. For the strengthening and preservation of freedom and security it is not the surrender of sovereignty that is required, but, wherever men can be rendered fit to exercise it, its extension and reinforcement at all levels. This can only be achieved by a belief in and an unbreakable loyalty to God, and the practise of Christianity.

It is Christianity. But in the 'Mystical Body of Christ' where are there the Church leaders and clergy who today warn the people against the Sanhedrin? Where are the Church leaders and clergy who through the fateful years of this century have cried out against the continuous and disastrous surrender of sovereignties—personal, local and national?

There are no more contemptible people living than those who in the name of Christ sanction by their consent or their silence the surrender of what their forbears in Christendom have won for us by their efforts through the centuries—the sovereignty in the rights of man; in his money, in his poverty, in his local authorities, and in his nation states.

Many of those sovereign rights have gone, many are going, and the remainder is imminently threatened.

Who is there now who will aid in arousing a sleeping people, and call them to a practical loyalty to God? Who is there will challenge the bishops and clergy to do their duty? It is because they have shirked their duty, failed to identify the Church and Christianity with the preservation and extension of the sovereign rights of men in practical politics, failed to challenge their enemies as Christ did Himself, that men have turned from the Church and forsaken the Christian religion.

If the bishops and clergy persist in this path, whatever their protestations of faith, they will have miserably and cowardly failed God; and in mankind's darkest hour rank as the foulest traitors in all history.

Let them each and severally be challenged whether they in practical politics, which is not mere lip service, are for Christ or the Sanhedrin.

CLARIFICATIONS

There is no local freedom without local control of local purchasing power.

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The present production system produces prices FASTER than it distributes the power to buy.

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There can be no successful decentralisation without a sane and scientific issue of purchasing power based upon REALITY.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST BRITISH

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judge by Selwyn Lloyd's interview, is concerned with a single-minded passion to create a blissful peace for Indo-China, the State Department beyond any doubt whatever is highly delighted with what has happened in Jordan. That part of the State Department, which thinks in terms of American power, rejoices at the overthrow of British power. That part of the State Department, which thinks in terms of oil, rejoices at the thought of the whole Middle East becoming an American oil monopoly. And that part of the State Department, which shares the old Kuhn, Loeb dream of Bolshevizing the world rejoices that another bastion against Communism has been blasted out of the way. There is yet another section of the State Department, doubtlessly interpenetrating the other three, which rejoices that the Arab Legion, hitherto the only reliable fighting force available to the Arabs, will now soon reduce itself to the state of inefficiency and sloth needed to rob it of its power to obstruct the realisation of the Zionist dream. All these are very sound reasons why no promise of good behaviour was obtained from Egypt in return for the £E200,000,000 earmarked for the Aswan Dam.

Egypt supplied the propaganda for the Jordan riots but Saudi Arabia supplied the gold. In this connection I refer to a most interesting article in the "Daily Express" by Mr. Sefton Delmer. Delmer is much concerned to show that the drive to oust Britain from the Middle East is not being financed out of advanced royalties paid to the King by Aramco, the American firm that runs the Saudi Arabian oilfields. "Not one dollar has been advanced," he declares. Whence, then, has come the money? According to Delmer from "foreign banks—mainly Swiss and American." It is a pity he does not name them, because I have a feeling that those Swiss and American banks would turn out to be "sisters under their skins." The sums involved are huge. Delmer writes:

"The total indebtedness of King Saud to banks and traders is estimated at sums varying between £60,000,000 and £100,000,000. Yearly revenue and tax and royalties are £120,000,000 approximately."

If this information is correct, then the international financial beasts of prey have got their claws well dug into King Saud, obliging him to carry out policies, which they dictate. Any such notion, of course, is rejected with scorn by Mr. Delmer. "Forget that mirage," he commands. The man is not a fool. If he has not discovered that the world is being increasingly marshalled into an international financial empire the reason is that Beaverbrook offers no reward for such discoveries. One certain policy now being pursued by the Money Power in the M.E. and elsewhere is to strike down British influence wherever it still exists and to supplant it. Another policy, not certain but deducible from all that is now known of such matters, is to soften up the world for eventual Communist dictatorship.

Daunted by the might of the financial

forces arrayed against it, the British Government—consisting of as pretty a bunch of weaklings as has ever been inflicted upon the nation—thinks it does well enough if it can pick up some jackal scrapings from the Aswan Dam project. What if it loses the entire British heritage, moreover, as long as popinjays can prate of having improved Anglo-Egyptian relations or posture with Nehru as the harbingers of peace in Indo-China? The most appalling thing of all is that the British people are not appalled. They accept every deadly reverse as a glorious advance towards some roseate Elysium, which never was and never could be on land or sea. I have a feeling that if the fall of Glubb Pasha does not shake them out of their complacency they are down for the count.

SHOW BUSINESS

The rhythm of the "elegant eight" (economists) and their complete harmony with the tune that has been called is a remarkable show. The entrepreneurs, relying upon intensive propaganda, seem to hope that we, the people, will accept and even applaud the gyrations associated with a detestable tune, which gives grinding, disagreeable results.

The composition of inflationary measures to achieve deflationary results seems, to the uninitiated, ridiculous and, perhaps, pediculous. And is, the graduates of the London School of Economics.

The addition of sales taxes, higher interest rates and higher income tax to prices will force the level of prices to a calculated plane above the level of purchasing power. The members of the community, particularly the primary producers, having products for sale will then find themselves in a position similar to the seller who expects to sell his product for £1, while the buyer is in possession of only 10/- and is unable to borrow a further 10/- from some other party. Thus reduced prices can be enforced upon seller by the confiscation of the individual's credit, to the complete satisfaction of International millionaire financiers and industrialists.

The prospect of tumbling prices in the markets and the presence of huge surpluses of primary and other products may seem to point to much unemployment, but when it is realised that the banks, while refusing to raise the individual's credit will make credit available for the construction of munition or other capital works, employment will be provided, so the nature of Government policy is seen clearly.

This does not mean, of course, that the wage earners will be free of great anxiety. Greater competition to get and hold their pay envelopes may bring many who have purchased homes and gadgets on "easy" time payment terms, to serious reflection.

The economic programme must eventually become a political question. It is conceivable that as time goes on the electors, in their discomfort, will "dice" the Liberals and give "Labor" a go. The Leftist Labor Party, which has rid itself of the Anti-Communist "nuisances" under the leader-

ship of Dr. Evatt, will be well prepared for Socialist action.

It is encouraging to find that at least one Liberal member is unaffected by the sheepish disease of "pink eye" by his description of Dr. Coombs as the No. 1 Socialist of Australia. If similar awareness is shown by political and Church leaders, we still have reason to hope for a better day, while much depends upon the persistence of those who know what to do and how to do it.

A. J. O'Callaghan

BACK TO REALITY

By Gustave Thibon

This book, by one of the most original and provocative thinkers in France today, has been described by Mr. John Mitchell, founder of the Christian Campaign for Freedom, as representing "a rebirth of Christian thought in France, the importance of which it would be difficult to exaggerate."

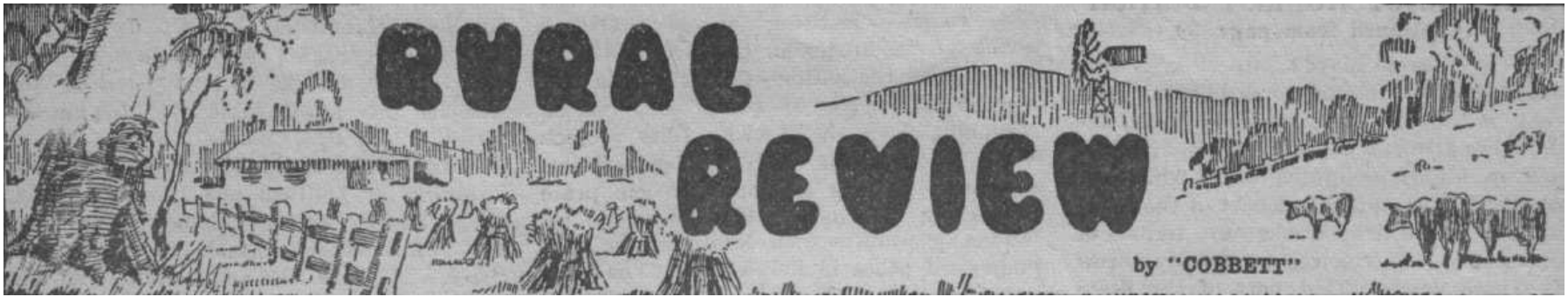
Thibon's appeal is for realism in social and political thinking. In particular, his chapter "Christianity and The Democratic Mystique", provides some excellent examples of realistic thinking. He shows just how ridiculous it is to believe that freedom can be won by the mere recruiting of political power. In his Foreword Thibon writes, "I am relentlessly opposed to the law of numbers and the power of the masses." He points out that the abstraction of the political vote is not a genuine substitute for economic independence. Food is much more important to a starving man than the "right" to place a mark on a ballot paper.

Thibon warns that not only freedom itself, but the taste for freedom, is dying. "The age of organisers and technocrats has begun. The human person, deprived of every living attachment, is not longer a member of an organism but a cog in a machine, a figure in a particular set of statistics. He has become an isolated slave amid a multitude of slaves."

"But the worst danger of all is that in losing his external freedoms man is losing the sense of freedom and even the taste for it. Slavery, it has been rightly said, is so degrading to men that it even brings them to like it."

"The author obviously agrees with the view of the late C. H. Douglas that individual integrity is the only thing, which can save the world. He writes: "Instead of trying to baptise the unbaptisable, it would perhaps be better for us Christians to try to realise fully the logical consequences of our baptism and our Christianity. It is not our task to attract impurities but to make ourselves pure. The thing that is important is not to dally with caricatures but to show to the world the true image of Christ; not to compromise with false ideas but always more and more to distinguish our own from them."

We can recommend this book, without necessarily agreeing with all points made by the author, to those engaged in the Christian Campaign for freedom. Price 21/-, post-free.



ORGANIC ECONOMICS

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

There are many ways in which to look at chemical fertilizers and their effect on our lives, but in this chapter, let us look at it exclusively from the farmer's economic viewpoint because those who originally developed the chemical fertilizer did so only with a view of making more money for the farmer.

It was around 1840 in Germany that Baron Von Liebig performed his experiments, which led to the adoption of the chemical idea in agriculture. True it was that at that time farming in general left much to be desired, but the point I wish to make is, that the taking up of chemical fertilizers was not the best solution that could have been hit upon. In those days the farmer applied manure to the land. He knew the value of lime and wood ashes, but by no stretch of the imagination can it be said that he was following the organic method. We could say that he was practicing an indifferent sort of an organic method, but that is all.

It is my contention that had scientists engaged in research at that time to discover ways for the farmer to become more scientifically organic in his farming, by staying within natural principles, farming today would be conducted at a greater profit for the farmer. He would be money in pocket. Had they studied the possibilities in phosphate and potash rock powders and saw to it that they were used upon the land, had they experimented with the best methods of using organic matter, including the exploitation of municipal garbage for that purpose, had they plugged up the holes of organic wastage, there would be no need today for the use of expensive chemical fertilizers, and the fertilizer industry would be making far different products.

As it is, the yearly bill for chemical fertilizers keeps going higher and higher, which is depriving the farmer of a goodly portion of his profit rights, and if the trend continues, the pie will practically all go to the chemical companies. Now, what did the scientists promise to agriculture if the latter would adopt the use of chemical fertilizers? It was mainly a guarantee that the farmer would make more money. Has that happened? I doubt it.

In the first place it caused the farmer to pay large sums of money for fertilizers, whereas if he had been coached properly he would have been taught to find free organic materials that are now burned up

or wasted. In the organic method of farming, cheap rock powders are used for phosphate and potash and we must remember that the prices for these powders will go down even further as their consumption increases. The present quantities of rock powders used are pitifully small as compared to the tonnage of chemical fertilizers. When rock powder tonnage soars its price will decline drastically. These rock powders contain the minerals in a more natural, mild, and slow-acting form, yet actual usage and experimentation indicate that they can adequately feed the soil.

At the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station a few years ago in New Haven, it was found, for example, that rock fertilizer in the form of granite dust could supply potash just as effectively to tobacco as chemicals. Yields were just as high with the rock powder, but the burning quality of the tobacco was better than with the usual concentrated potash chemicals.

The experience of the farmers in Illinois with regard to the use of phosphate rock powders is also very significant. Due to the forthright attitude of the Illinois state commissioner of agriculture in the early 1900's, there were experiments that showed that the rock powders were far more economical than chemical fertilizers, and Illinois State to this day favours the rock powder form and uses it to the extent of more than 90 percent of the total of phosphate fertilizers.

Here is an example of a produce farmer in Florida who discontinued the use of the regular phosphate and potash chemical fertilizers, substituting them in the rock powder form. In their last year of chemical fertilizers, their cost was \$80,000 for fertilizer. In the first year with the use of phosphate and potash rock, the cost came to \$47,000, but the yields were only one percent less than the previous year, and they believe that this was due to unfavourable weather conditions. This was the first year, mind you. As the years go on and the soil gets the benefit of the new method, the yields will go up and the cost will probably go down. This is a kind of economics that it is difficult to argue with.

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ORGANIC FARMING AND GARDENING BOOKS

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ORGANIC ECONOMICS

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In the fertilizers used in the organic method of farming we have two categories. One is the rock powders which we have just discussed, and number two is the organic matter, or manure as well as plant and animal residues such as weeds, leaves, garbage, etc. Today's farmers seem to wash their hands off the latter with a resultant deterioration of their lands, for organic matter is a spongy material which enables the soil to breathe better and to absorb the rainfalls instead of permitting them to wash off the land. The farmer is organizing his life the same as the city man. He is desirous of eliminating all hand-labour. When he sees that some manual work is involved in handling organic matter, he throws up his hands in horror. What he eventually is going towards is a desk and some push buttons.

"What! Work?" he says. "Who do you think I am, a slave?" little realizing that man is killing himself through his inactivity, through pushing buttons instead of perspiring. There is too little perspiration these days with the result that toxic elements accumulate in the body instead of being excreted. In my book *This Pace Is Not Killing Us* I have shown by means of medical evidence that the human heart was designed for hard usage, for continuous daily movement, and that heart disease is rising fearfully because the heart cannot stand the killing sedentaryism of our age. We ride to the corner grocery store in our cars, and we sit too much. Work is considered some kind of social stigma. But man is paying for it in being attacked by more disease. The farmer should learn a lesson from this. He should welcome the chore of pitching some manure, or shovelling corncobs into piles so that they will decay properly! For larger farms, of course, there is machinery for handling manure and corncobs, but I am deadly serious when I say that the farmer should find some physical work to do every day.

Now, in the organic method, an attempt should be made to obtain organic matter that originates outside of the farm. It is amazing what a variety of such residue products are available. Take the case of spent hops from a brewery. They have been shown to be extremely valuable. The Arnold Arboretum in Boston has used them effectively for mulches under fruit trees. Corncobs have been shown to contain two-thirds the amount of nutrients contained in the corn kernels. There are mill screenings, leaves from the streets of municipalities and from nearby woods, roadside weed cleanings, cannery wastes, sludge from sewage plants, garbage from municipalities which should be covered with soil and allowed to weather, and hundreds of other kinds of organic waste. It might pay the farmer to purchase a used dump truck and to operate it, especially in the fall and the winter when farm work is at a low ebb. The cost of the labour and gasoline will be far less than the value of the organic materials obtained.

The organic farmer can feel proud that in recovering such waste products he is a more patriotic citizen. He is conserving the supply of raw materials of our nation. He is not living for the day only. He is concerned about the future generations. In fact our chemical fertilizer resources are not inexhaustible, especially in the matter of the supply of sulphur, which is used so liberally in the manufacture of superphosphate. Experts have figured that we will soon be scratching the bottom of the sulphur barrel if the rate of its use continues to increase as it has been.

But I am afraid to appeal to the farmer on the basis that he would be more patriotic, or that he and his family would be healthier if they ate food raised without chemical fertilizers. To get anywhere, and from my previous experience, I know that the only way to budge him is to show that he will make more money by following the organic method. It is the profit and loss ledger that counts with most of us.

A question that arises is whether there is enough residual organic matter in our system of daily living to furnish the needs of all farmers if everyone practised the organic method. Let us examine some of the sources that can furnish such fertilizers. There is much industrial organic waste available that the farmer is not aware of and that could add to his income in a material way. In the South one sees mountains of sawdust at sawmills, much of which is burned up. This is valuable fertilizer material containing many of the needed soil nutrients and hormones. There is leather dust from shoe factories, brewers hops available in large quantities, spent mushroom manure, cocoa wastes, cotton gin wastes, apple pomace from cider mills, cannery wastes, castor pomace, coffee wastes, eggshells from hatcheries containing much in the way of animal matter, felt wastes from hat companies and other wastes from textile mills, grape pomace, fish wastes, etc. A large farm that has a substantial yearly bill for chemical fertilizers can take the saving from adopting the organic method and apply it to the organization of a separate department with special equipment to secure and properly handle such waste organic matter. It might economically pay for a truck to go long distances to obtain such material, much of which can be obtained free.

Take the case of the water hyacinth that is blocking many of our waterways in the South. Government authorities in seeking ways to clear such impediments completely overlook the value of such green matter as a fertilizer, and as a result the methods they develop destroy this valuable weed, while at the same time the soils of nearby farms are seriously suffering from lack of organic matter. A survey should be made by the Government as to how much of such kinds of plant matter is available, including other kinds such as Spanish moss, seaweed, etc.

At Galveston, Texas, there is always some seaweed drifting in to shore, but recently some vast growth of it must have

broken loose and it is lying many feet deep along the beaches so that it is disturbing the resort people. No one has found a way to get rid of it yet. But there are processes by which such material could be made available for land use. It is ironic that so much soil from the erosion of our lands finds its way into the sea, that it would be logical to find some way of getting it back, and seaweed is a ready-made method for the accomplishment of this exchange. Who knows but if the Government were to make a study of the amount of seaweed available in the oceans there would be a huge amount for agriculture. This would be one of the finest subsidies that a Government could bestow upon its farmers, for seaweed is rich in the valuable trace mineral elements that our crops seem to lack.

As to whether, in our system of growing crops, and in the eating thereof, there could be enough organic residues to feed the soil, let us look at it in a scientific manner. Let us take a plant like wheat. There are three elements to be considered—the roots of the crop, which decay to furnish valuable organic matter, the stubble of the stems of the wheat which will be plowed under and thirdly, the rest of the stem referred to as the straw. If we were to return the human waste portion and the straw to the soil we would accomplish a 100 percent return of organic matter to the land. In most cases the straw does find its way back, if not on one farm then on another. In the case of wheat, the only weak point is in that portion that inevitably goes down the sewer. There is a growing consciousness of the importance of conserving every ounce of these human organic wastes, and movements are on foot all over the country not only to turn sewage into sludge, but also to transform that sludge into compost. Eventually every municipality will know the value to the land of these wastes and all of it will find its way back to the soil.

We must go back again to the concept that the plant gets far less than 10 percent of its nourishment from the soil. The remainder comes from the air. If every portion of the wheat plant, except that little that remains as building blocks in the human body, is returned to the soil, then

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it will be getting back a bonus of at least 70 percent more than was taken from it. The secret then is to carefully pursue all organic wastes that go off the farm and see that they are returned. Then we can be sure that there will be sufficient green matter to go around.

Take the case of a crop of corn. The only item that we need to worry about is the cob. All over this intelligent country you can see huge piles of cobs being burned after the kernels are removed. Is this good economics? All we need to do is to see that they are ground up fine and brought back to the land. Instead of such a programme what do we find? We see the agricultural experiment stations breaking their necks to find ways to make wallboard and other chemurgical products out of corncobs.

Let us take the case of a typical vegetable crop—carrots. The weak point there is in the green tops, which the grocer cuts off and sends to the city incinerator to be consigned to the flames. Occasionally some farmer will use such vegetable residues to feed his pigs. There seems to be much interest and experimental work going on to compost all city garbage, which would include all such green grocer's wastes, but it will no doubt take 50 years or more to be accomplished. But that will plug a big gap in the losses of organic matter from our farms.

In the last few years a new development has taken place in the large scale composting of garbage and sewage wastes. A man like Joseph W. Frazer of the Kaiser-Frazer Company has entered into the picture and now has a digester in Long Island, which turns manure into compost within a few days. He is signing contracts with municipalities to do the same with garbage. G. H. Earp-Thomas is also working in this field as well as a few others, including Dr.

Ehrenfried E. Pfeiffer. This aspect of the subject will be covered in a later article.

At the present time, there is no doubt insufficient organic residue materials if all farmers wished to practice the organic method, but with the investment of sufficient money and with some Government interests and subsidization; with the exploitation of all municipal garbage and industrial wastes, there would be more than sufficient. The hole in the cycle of the law of return must be plugged. But simply because there is not enough organic material for all is not reason for farmers to neglect existing stores of such wastes which are free for the taking. From personal experience I know that the typical farmer will not go a few miles to haul such stuff because he has not been trained to handle them properly. This represents a gigantic industrial loss to our country and to our economy and the blame lies at the feet of our agricultural professors who have ignored teaching and researching in this neglected field of study.

Near my farm are huge piles of rotting corncobs, which a mill has been begging farmers to take, but no one will come except us. It is a wonderful fertilizer, but the farmer would rather use chemicals out of bags. In Denver, Colorado, the stockyards kept piling up manure in huge dump-holes because the farmers would not come and get it. There are citrus wastes which are a by-product of the canning industry which could be made into a fine fertilizer, but they have to be dumped into rivers and pollute" them, bringing legislative action because no one has been educated to want them.

Some day the Government will build an organization in each country to supervise the gathering of every ounce of residue organic material so that it may be returned to the land, as part of a subsidization programme, and eventually it will be found that from a net economic viewpoint it will

be a saving to the country. It will increase the income to farmers, which will mean higher income taxes paid to Uncle Sam. It will reduce the incidence of floods; it will make it easier for the farmer to cultivate his land because the soil will be softer. It is beyond my limited intelligence to understand how a country as advanced as ours can be guilty of such sloppy economics; that is, the sheer wastage of valuable materials which are permitted to be burned up or go down the drain in other ways, unless that it be we are a rich country and wealth sometimes leads to reckless extravagance. But that must sound familiar to students of history, for it was such recklessness and disregard for basic rules that spelled the doom of Babylon, Egypt and Rome. It is time that we began to tighten up.

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