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EDITORIAL

The Trade Union Monopoly

Monopoly of any description is anti-social and the enemy of the individual. But, unfortunately, most people have been so bemused by propaganda that they associate Monopoly only with finance and industry. Rarely do they realise that Trade Unionism has developed into one of the most vicious of the Monopolies controlling the individual in the modern State. The case of the two Hobart waterside workers who have been physically prevented from reporting for work because they refused to pay a special political levy, clearly demonstrates that the individual is as powerless against the Trade Union Monopoly as any other type of Monopoly.

When the Waterside Workers' Federation imposed a special levy on waterside workers to raise funds for the Australian Labor Party, Mr. Frank Hursey and his son Dennis refused to pay this levy on principle. They are members of the Democratic Labor Party and are opposed to helping to finance another Party. In a genuinely free society there would be no question of any individual being compelled to finance any activities with which he disagreed. But faith in the Christian philosophy of freedom has been so weakened that hardly a day passes without further attacks upon the rights and dignity of the individual. Australian Trade Union leaders talk loudly about the "rights of the workers", but generally have not raised their voices in protest when the Hurseys were prevented from reporting for work, were threatened with physical violence, and deprived of membership of their Union. This means that they can no longer earn their living as watersiders.

The case of the Hurseys directs attention to the necessity of a realistic assessment of the practices of the Trade Unions, irrespective of whether they are controlled by Communists or anti-Communists. Australian anti-Communist Trade Unionists hold up the American Trade Unions as an ideal. They do not mention that official investigations of the American Trade Unions show that they are just as corrupt and anti-social in their activities as most Trade Unions. For example, members are compelled to pay special levies without any real say concerning the purposes of these levies. Victimisation, including physical violence, is used against those who resist. And although not associated with Party politics, as is the Australian Trade Union Movement, American Trade Union officials do use their members' funds, without their permission, to support party political activities.

While there is something to be said for the suggestion by the Federal Minister for Labor, Mr. Harold Holt, that legislation may be introduced to protect "those whose sole offence in the eyes of the union was that they had failed to meet a compulsory levy for political purposes of which they did not approve", it is extremely difficult to protect the individual against intimidation and victimisation so long as he is compelled to join a Union before being permitted to obtain a livelihood in any industry. If the view is supported that no employee has the right to earn a living without first obtaining the permission of a Trade Union, then those holding this view cannot logically complain if industrial cartels take steps to prevent newcomers from their field of activity unless they first submit to the policies of the cartels. The demand for general Compulsory Unionism is a demand for a complete Trade Union Monopoly. It is rather ironic that some of those now supporting the Hurseys were only a few years ago supporting the introduction of Compulsory Unionism in N.S.W.

Any suggestion for breaking the Trade Union Monopoly invariably produces the hackneyed cry about what the Trade Unions have done for the workers. Trade Union propagandists claim that they are attacking the "profiteers" and "exploiters", but in actual fact all attacks upon employers must, under present financial rules, be directed against the consumer in the form of higher prices. No industrial organisation, however large its profits, can pay more than a few shillings a week increase in wages out of profits. This is a truth, which most Trade Union leaders will not face up to because once generally understood by employees they would more readily

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NEWS SECTION

Moves Concerning Victorian Savings Bank:

We notice with interest that our suggestion that the Victorian State Savings Bank should be made into a trading bank with the power of credit creation is to be discussed at the Victorian Country Party's Annual Conference next month. Support is growing for the proposal and readers in Victoria might take up the question with all candidates before the coming State Elections.

Taxation Still Increasing: The latest official figures reveal that total taxation in Australia is still increasing under a Government first elected on the promise to reduce taxation. Total taxation, direct and indirect, is now £127 per person. This means that an average family of four is now paying just over £10 per week in taxation.

Many money reformers still make much of the fact that a portion of taxation goes to meet the interest charges on the ever-growing national debt. But the main purpose of taxation today is to take power from the individual and place it in the hands of the State. It is also used to make it progressively more difficult for any individual to build up financial reserves, which would make him economically independent. "Controlled inflation" is another form of hidden taxation used to help achieve the same purpose.

The Debt Structure in the U.S.A.: American business reports show that a slowing down in the rate of debt increases for hire-purchase schemes—caused by a "tight" credit policy -- has helped intensify the American recession. The necessity for a progressive expansion of hire-purchase schemes proves conclusively the Social Credit financial analysis.

Payments of principal and interest on consumer instalment debt and home mortgage debt in the U.S.A. now exceed fifty million dollars a year, more than double the total of 1950, and five times the total of 1946. The American consumer now devotes 17 percent, of his after-tax income to such payments, compared with 11 percent in 1950, and only 6 percent in 1946. These figures prove conclusively that a progressive expansion of new credits is required to finance the consumer.

The Vatican and Segregation in Schools: A recent instruction issued by the Congregation of the Religious, the Vatican Ministry in charge of nearly one million members of religious orders, expresses strong disapproval of co-educational schools and orders that no member of a religious order may become head of a secondary grade co-ed school except in cases of extreme urgency. Where co-educational

is unavoidable, boys and girls should be seated separately in class and should use separate gateways for entering and leaving school.

Our only reason for reporting the above news is to draw attention to the fact that while the Church of Rome supports segregation in schools on the basis of sex (and undoubtedly has very good reasons for this segregation), some of its Bishops have given support to the Zionist-Communist-inspired campaign to break down segregation between the European and Negroes in the schools of the U.S.A. and South Africa. Those supporting segregation between the Europeans and Negroes can advance just as many realistic reasons for this policy as can the Vatican for its policy. If Church leaders persist with their support for attacks upon the constitutional rights of individuals to send their children to schools segregated on a racial basis, they are preparing the way for the time when they will also find their own segregation policies under attack.

Behind the "Atomic Week": Judging by the amount of publicity given to the A.L.P.'s "Atomic Week" by the Communist press, it is certain that Dr. Evatt and his supporters are once again lending themselves to the programme to destroy the Christian West. Dr. Evatt is now calling for "international control" of nuclear weapons. This is the policy of Bernard Baruch and his Zionist associates, although fortunately American public opinion is still preventing the Baruch plan from being implemented.

Present at the Melbourne Trades Hall meeting when the A.L.P. "Atomic Week" was launched were the Anglican Dean of Melbourne, the Very Rev. Dr. Barton Babbage, the president-general of the Methodist Church of Australia, Rev. Dr. A. H. Wood, and Mr. M. Ashkanasy, Q.C., and prominent Melbourne Zionist. All supported Dr. Evatt, a fact that indicates the combination of forces now aiding and abetting the campaign to try and make Evatt the Kerensky of the Australian Revolution.

American Recession Continues: Much to the delight of the Communists, Socialists and other advocates of a further centralization of power in the hands of the Federal Government, the American recession continues. Industry still continues to put men off. Unemployment figures, now nearly 5 million, do not disclose how many married women have lost their jobs and returned to their homes. The American car industry has been the most seriously affected. One in eight are now out of work in Detroit. In his latest statement on the economic crisis, President Eisenhower talks much about "the vigour of private enterprise", but admits, "The Government has a never-ending responsibility ... to be prepared, whenever an economic downturn occurs, to do whatever it can to help bring about a healthy increase

in employment and business activity". In simple English this means that private enterprise cannot function unless Governments spend an increasing amount of new money, created as financial credit by the banking system, into circulation on Government activities. The American economy proves beyond all argument the Social Credit analysis concerning the progressive inability of the modern industrial system to distribute in any given period sufficient purchasing power to buy its total production. In a sane world this fact would lead automatically to a financial policy, which would enable the individual to enjoy the expanding economic freedom so obviously possible. But as the world is governed by the forces of black magic, the individual is convinced that rather than enjoy the freedom and independence which the private enterprise economic system has made possible, he should passively allow the State to use his financial credit to put him to work on projects such as firing rockets into space—in order that he may have "full employment"!

A Methodist Clergyman and the A.L.P.: From time to time over the years we have had brought to our attention articles and statements by the well-known Victorian Methodist clergyman, the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips. The latest effort by Mr. Phillips is a leaflet, now being distributed in Melbourne—and, we presume, in other States—entitled "Trends in Australian Politics". In this leaflet, which is a re-print from *The Spectator*, official organ of the Methodist Church of Victoria, the writer makes it clear that he is a strong supporter of Dr. Evatt and his major policies. Mr. Phillips asks the question. "Is Dr. Evatt pro-Communist?" and answers as follows: "The evidence on which this charge is based is flimsy and the argument illogical". This statement leaves no doubt that the reverend gentleman is either a dupe or a knave.

Our considered and charitable view is that Mr. Phillips is a dupe so obsessed with fear of the Church of Rome that he is being unconsciously used by those who know how to exploit the sectarian issue. If he were only speaking for himself it would not be so important. But Mr. Phillips infers that he is voicing official Methodist policy. There is little doubt that his article will be given the widest possible distribution by the A.L.P. and the Communists between now and the next Federal Elections.

Baptist Minister's False Statement: We do not know whether the controversial film, "Shadow Over Italy", is substantially true or not, but we have no hesitation in branding as a falsehood a statement from the Rev. J. Arthur Lewis, Melbourne Baptist Minister, which was read to the audience which saw the recent premiere of the film in Melbourne. The Rev. Lewis

is reported as stating that "there was no greater menace to human society than the Roman Catholic hierarchy". This journal has had reason on numerous occasions to comment critically upon the statements and policies of members of the Roman Bishops and clergy, but to claim that the hierarchy of the Church of Rome are a greater menace to society than, for example, International Communism and International Zionism, indicates a mind that is completely ignorant of the realities of international affairs or is so twisted by sectarian bigotry that it cannot see the truth.

The enemies of Western Christendom have persistently used the sectarian weapon to keep Christians divided. Irrespective of theological and other differences, Christians of all denominations must strive to unite their ranks against the common enemy. Churchmen should concern themselves with the incarnation of Truth into the social, economic and political structure instead of attacking one another.

The Dangers of Large-Scale Immigration: In *The Brief for the Prosecution*, C. H. Douglas observes "History is full of members of the suicidal folly of allowing unassimilated minorities of any description to attain substantial influence." But the leading advocates of mass immigration are apparently not concerned about the lessons of history. In fact, they ignore them, as for example when they hold up the U.S.A. as a successful example of the "melting pot" theory. Prior to the mass migration of non-British Europeans, including large numbers of Jews, to the U.S.A. last century, the American people were predominantly Anglo-Saxon. Today American politics are to a great extent dominated by the manipulation of unassimilated minorities.

Large-scale immigration also has serious effects upon a nation's social structure. One aspect of this has been mentioned by a visiting American criminologist, Professor Paul W. Tappan. Professor Tappan, who is Professor of Sociology and Law at New York University, said that the effect of Australia's huge immigration programme upon crime would become clear in ten to fifteen years. It had been found in America that migrants were not a criminal problem, but their children and grandchildren were. The crime rate among the children and grandchildren of migrants was far higher than in the resident American population. "The child of a migrant is caught between his parents' traditions and those of his new country . . . This conflict leads to strife in the family, delinquency and finally serious crime."

The uprooting and dispersal of large numbers of the world's peoples is designed to break down indigenous national cultures - - particularly British culture.

Misdirected Urge to Power

An editorial headed "Egotism" in the *Adelaide Advertiser* of February 15 was well received by some Social Crediters. I thought there was just enough missing to rob the essay of more than half its value. With a view to remedying the deficiency I wrote a supporting letter to the editor. Unfortunately the outback mail service is erratic and that, perhaps, is why the "Tiser" missed a "scoop"! The gist of the letter, from memory, follows:

"One often hears that man is getting too clever, meaning, in the field of science. Would it not be more to the point to say that he is not clever enough to arrange the proper association of his material and spiritual needs with modern technology? Discovery of truth in the physical field outpaces the uncovering of truth about man and his purpose.

"Your editorial of February 15 gives a lead in the right direction. Few will disagree that man's 'besetting sin' is the misdirection of the urge to power. Scanning the passages about 'group ego', with Jew. Briton, etc. each tending to think of himself as one of the chosen race, the truth seeker might check his own experience with the theory that originally such tendencies were not self-volitional, but the set of beliefs were implanted in the mind and then 'fixed' by repeated suggestion, similar to hypnotism.

"The implanter was the one in whom the 'besetting sin' was strongest and bolstered by shrewdness. The purpose—subjugation of individuality to the 'group ego' for easier domination and exploitation, a means of government which may have been useful with primitive tribes whose main concern was the hunting of food. The technique for implanting a belief, or removing a belief and substituting another, is described by Dr. Sargant in *Battle For The Mind**. It has been used throughout the ages to establish fallacious political, economic, and religious ideologies. A lie is implanted as easily as a truth. A current example of this is the general belief that a country becomes wealthier by getting rid of some of its wealth; that is, by exporting goods without taking back an equal value of imports. This, and other fallacies about industry, automation, money, etc., seem to have been implanted in all groups by one established group in command of propaganda facilities, aiming at centralised world domination through debt finance and perversion of human purpose, and covering its manoeuvres by playing off one 'group ego' against another."

—Trev. Dean.

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Eric Butler's Interstate Visits

Mr. Eric Butler will leave Melbourne on April 14 and speak to Adelaide Social Crediters and friends at the Theatre in Laubman and Pantis Building (upstairs), 62 Gawler Place, on Tuesday evening, April 15.

He will leave for Perth by train on April 16 and arrive on Friday, April 18. He will open his West Australian programme with a lunch-hour address to Perth Rotary on the day of his arrival. He will address Perth Social Crediters in the evening. Most of his addresses in West Australia will be under the auspices of the West Australian League of Rights and if any reader of *The New Times* feels that he can co-operate in making Mr. Butler's short visit a success, he should contact the League's Secretary, Mr. John Massam, at 14 Camelia St. North Perth. Vacant dates for speaking engagements are still available.

Mr. Butler will be in Perth until the end of April. He anticipates spending a few days in Adelaide on the way home, arriving in Melbourne on May 9. He will leave for Queensland in June and would appreciate hearing from N.S.W. supporters who would like to use his services either on his way north or on the way home. Queensland supporters who can co-operate should also make contact early in order that organisational plans can be made well in advance.

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realise that "the boss" is not their real enemy. The way would be cleared for a realistic examination of financial rules with a view to making them reflect the facts of the modern semi-automatic industrial system powered by solar energy.

The history of the Social Credit Movement in every country has demonstrated that there have been no more vigorous opponents of the proposal to extend the dividend principle, than the Trade Union leaders. Like all Monopolists, they fear the liberating influences of any income, however small, which the individual may receive as a right and not through the wage system. Contrary to all the propaganda concerning the virtues of Trade Unionism, the truth is that Trade Union leaders have been the worst enemies of the workers. It is to be hoped that the Hursey case in Hobart helps to explode once and for all the inherent monopolistic nature of Trade Unionism and its role as one of the chief agents used by the Money Power to keep the workers enslaved.

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