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## EDITORIAL

### MORE INFLATION AHEAD

All available evidence indicates that 1959 will be a year in which the rate of price rises will increase. The British bank rate has been reduced as the first essential for a policy of greater credit expansion, while the American Government is now openly engaging in a policy of expanded financial credit for numerous Government activities. In Australia the National Bank of Australasia in its latest monthly summary advocates a policy, which if advocated during the Great Depression, would have created a major sensation. The National Bank considers that Treasury Bill finance "may well be legitimate" for the 1958-59 financial year.

As we have observed on numerous occasions, there is no longer any argument concerning the fact that economic conditions are governed by the rate of credit creation. The central issue today is one of credit policy; the purpose for which the credit mechanism is to be used. One of the main attacks upon Social Credit financial proposals in the past was that they involved the "unlimited" creation of new credit. It was also argued that they would inevitably produce inflation. It is typical of the perversion of the times in which we live, that the controllers of financial policy today are deliberately imposing the very policies, which they wrongly claimed Social Crediters supported. Whereas Social Credit, which is primarily concerned with the incarnation of rightness in every sphere of human activity, including the financial and economic systems, advocates an automatic monetary mechanism reflecting economic facts, today the individual suffers under an arbitrarily controlled and highly centralised financial system which serves the policies of the central controllers. And these policies are driving the whole world towards increasing totalitarianism.

So far from Social Credit financial proposals being inflationary, they are designed to reflect a fundamental economic truth, namely that the true cost of production is consumption, and that as it must be obvious to all except the completely brainwashed that every improvement in production techniques further reduces the real cost of production, then there should be a falling price level. The use of price subsidies during and after the war was a crude start towards a realistic policy of using new credits to finance consumption without increasing prices. But this has been abolished and replaced with a deliberate policy of what is called "controlled" inflation. This

blatantly dishonest policy is advocated by those who in the past condemned Social Credit because it was "inflationary"!

Under present financial rules a rising price level is the inevitable result of an expansion of new financial credits for new economic activities, irrespective of whether these activities are controlled by private enterprise or by Governments. All these new activities create new costs, which are recovered through the price system. The faster the rate of the creation of new costs, the faster the rate of price increases. Inflation is in fact a reflection of the fact that the individual is being exploited economically by being compelled to engage in economic activities, which are of no immediate or future benefit to him individually in order that he can obtain a money income to purchase the consumer goods, which have obviously been produced without his services being required. The economic "experts" such as Sir Douglas Copland are well aware of the realities underlying inflation. They tell the individual that inflation - - "controlled" by periods of restrictive credit policies — is the price to be paid for "progress." By progress these "experts" mean "full employment" on "full development." All intelligent discussion concerning the *purpose* of the "progress" is strongly discouraged.

Inflation is a form of hidden taxation and along with other types of taxation is one of the major causes of increasing centralisation of power. It is futile for people to raise their voices in protest about the development of Monopoly unless they are prepared to deal with basic causes. Failure to deal with causes must inevitably lead to increasing friction in society between individuals and groups arguing over effects. Further inflation next year will produce exactly the same

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## NEWS SECTION

**Dr. Teller And The H. Bomb:** We have previously drawn attention to the deliberate creation of fear by propaganda concerning the alleged dangers of "fall out" resulting from nuclear weapon tests. The claim that thousands of children yet unborn will be malformed and die from cancer because of nuclear weapon tests already held, continue to be made so often that many people think that there must be some truth in these claims. Confronted with these claims by the American Senate Disarmament Sub-committee on April 16 of this year, Dr. Edward Teller, often described as the "father of the H. bomb," bluntly stated, "We do not know that a single person will die prematurely from diseases of blood and bone . . . this is an assumption. It is not a known fact." This important statement by an authority on the subject was not given headlines in the world's press. In fact, it was not reported in except a few journals.

**Internationalists Control American Policy:** A former American Senator, Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, has recently said that although he has been strongly requested to re-enter politics, he refuses to do so because "Both major parties are committed to substantially the same foreign policy." Ex-Senator Wheeler also said: "I still believe that the policies we are pursuing today in the international field are as suicidal as those that led us into World War Two, but so long as the policy of both parties remains in the clutch of the internationalists, I do not feel the contributions I could make as a member of the Senate are sufficiently greater than those that I will continue to make as a private citizen." Ex-Senator Wheeler is obviously a man of courage and integrity.

**The Crisis in the Middle East:** "In January of 1957, the president of the National Economic Council told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the proposed 'Eisenhower Doctrine,' with its accompanying appropriation of 200 million dollars to be doled out to various Middle Eastern countries, was utterly inadequate. He told the Committee that only the complete cessation of all aid, both government and private, to the State of Israel, which is a thorn in the flesh of the Arabs, would save the vast Middle East oil for the West, and probably only that course would prevent war. Continued fanatical support of Israel by the United Nations was fast alienating the Arabs. Many members of the Committee scoffed at the idea and in response spent their time railing against 'anti-Semitism.' But in the last fourteen months, the situation in the Middle East has continued to deteriorate at an increasing rate, so far as American interests are concerned, just as the

Council predicted. Egypt and Syria, and later little Yemen in the southeastern end of the Arabian peninsular, have banded together under a single government, bitterly hostile to the West and working closely with Soviet Russia." — Merwin K. Hart, in *Economic Council Letter*, (U.S.A.), April 1, 1958.

**Is Tito Communism's Trojan Horse?:** Those familiar with Tito's tremendous services on behalf of international Communism following his first alleged rupture with Moscow, will view with extreme caution the present verbal attacks upon Tito by Moscow. Tito has always been able in the past to obtain an increased supply of dollar credits following every verbal controversy with Moscow. It should also be noted that Tito and Nasser had private talks just prior to Nasser seizing control of the Suez Canal. Tito and Nasser have met again for further private talks and there is little doubt that Tito's advice will be designed to expand Communism in the Middle East. Tito still strongly supports Marxism-Leninism. This fact is well known to the Dollar diplomats who have so far supplied Tito with enormous dollar aid, thus preventing Communism from collapsing in Yugoslavia and at the same time helping ease Moscow's problem of helping Tito with economic aid.

**Americans Vote Against Fluoridation:** The American people continue to vote against the fluoridation of their public water supplies. In the latest referendum held, in the Manhasset Lakeville Water District, the voting was approximately four to one against fluoridation. There was widespread interest in the referendum, which the Greater New York Committee Against Fluoridation termed "a great victory." Advocates of fluoridation in Australia, many of them idealists who want to impose their ideas on their fellows, make no reference to the growing opposition to fluoridation in America.

While commenting upon the subject of fluoridation, we draw attention to the fact that dentists opposing the flavouring of milk stress the fact that flavoured milk should not be imposed upon the majority of children because a minority will not drink milk unless it is flavoured. They point out that the choice should be left with parents as to whether they desire their children to drink flavoured milk. Supporters of individual freedom applaud this attitude. But they also ask the same dentists to be logical and apply the same argument to the fluoridation of water supplies. Those parents who want their children to have sodium fluoride in their water can attend to the matter themselves without insisting that all children have the same policy imposed upon them.

**Speculation of All Types Increases:** Writing in one of his earlier works, *Credit Power and Democracy*, C. H. Douglas predicted the results of a policy of "full employment" in a modern industrial society. Those results can be seen on all sides today. Apart from pointing out that inflation was inevitable while the credit system was used to implement a policy of "full employment," Douglas also said that there must also be an increasing urge by individuals to speculate. We recently came across an advertisement in an American magazine urging people to get in touch with a "business consultant" who advises speculators on how to "cash in" on both inflation and the temporary periods of deflation! More and more people are feverishly engaging in numerous types of speculation in an attempt to exploit financial and economic policies, which cannot create stability. The individual finds it increasingly difficult to make long term plans for the future of himself and his family.

**Restrictions in New Zealand:** Mr. Walter Nash, the New Zealand Labor Prime Minister, has been held up by many as a good example of a Christian statesman. Christianity has to do with the Truth, and we do not recall Mr. Nash stating before the last New Zealand Elections that he would impose heavier taxation upon the New Zealand people and reduce their living standards if they elected him. In fact most New Zealanders gathered that Mr. Nash was going to reduce taxation. Mr. Nash and his advisers justify their attack upon the New Zealand people by claiming that they have "been living beyond their incomes." This is one of those statements, which appears to be a profound and unassailable truth to those who mistake words for reality. No individual can live beyond his income unless he is going into debt. And even with hire purchase there is a limit to the amount of personal indebtedness in which each individual can become involved. The fact is that prior to Mr. Nash's savage restrictions, the New Zealand people had no difficulty in obtaining goods and services with the purchasing power they had. There is no evidence that there was any actual or threatened shortage of necessary goods and services. Why, then, has the New Zealand Labor Government decided to lower the standards of living of the New Zealand people? And the short answer is that Mr. Nash and his colleagues put "sound finance" ahead of realities. And in doing so they provide further evidence to support the claim that Socialists everywhere are welcomed by the controllers of international finance.

**The Arrogance of Mr. Menzies:** Mr. Menzies has clearly become corrupted by the monopoly of power which he possesses, not because of any virtues of his Government, but because there is no effective opposition. If there were a real challenge from the Opposition Party, the Government would not be so complacent in its attitude towards its pre-election Budget. Mr. Menzies can afford to tell taxpayers that they should not look for any substantial tax reductions because he believes it extremely unlikely that his Government will be seriously challenged at the coming Federal Elections. From time to time Mr. Menzies tickles the ears of his listeners with pious humbug about his alleged concern for the future of the Federal system of Government. If Mr. Menzies really is concerned about decentralising power, he could make an immediate start by granting the individual a little more of his own money to spend by reducing taxation substantially.

**Exploiting the Communist Menace:** Mr. Paul-Henri Spaak, the treacherous Belgium Socialist who betrayed his own King, and is now NATO Secretary-General, is advocating not only integration amongst European nations, but integration between Western European countries and America and Canada. As Mr. Spaak correctly states that the threat of Communism is "more political, economic and social than military," his advocacy of the Communist policy of the centralisation of political and economic power indicates that he is prepared to betray the sovereignty of his own and other European countries.

The Communist menace is being exploited to destroy the independence of all Western European countries as the first step towards bringing them under the more complete domination of the Dollar Barons. Mr. Spaak is worried that American patriots might defeat this policy by insisting upon a policy of "isolationism." This would be "criminal folly," claims Mr. Spaak. We hope to see some of this "folly" in the immediate future before the independence of Western European nations is completely destroyed.

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## CROWD - DELIRIUM

' "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the Midst of them.' In the midst of two or three hundred, the divine presence becomes more problematical. And when the numbers run into thousands, or tens of thousands, the likelihood of God being there, in the consciousness of each individual, declines almost to the vanishing point. For such is the nature of an excited crowd (and every crowd is automatically self-exciting) that, where two or three thousand are gathered together, there is an absence not merely of deity, but even of common humanity. The fact of being one of a multitude delivers a man from his consciousness of being an insulated self and carries him down into a less than personal realm, where there are no responsibilities, no right or wrong, no need for thought or judgment or discrimination — only a strong vague sense of togetherness, only a shared excitement, a collective alienation. And the alienation is at once more prolonged and less exhausting than that induced by debauchery; the morning after less depressing than that, which follows self-poisoning by alcohol or morphine. Moreover, the crowd-delirium can be indulged in, not merely without a bad conscience, but actually, in many cases, with a positive glow of conscious virtue. For, so far from condemning the practice of downward self-transcendence through herd-intoxication, the leaders of church and state have actively encouraged the practice whenever it could be used for the furtherance of their own ends. Individually and in the co-ordinated and purposive groups, which constitute a healthy society, men and women display a certain capacity for rational thought and free choice in the light of ethical principles. Herded into mobs, the same men and women behave as though they possessed neither reason nor free will. Crowd-intoxication reduces them to a condition of infra-personal and anti-social irresponsibility. Drugged by the mysterious poison which every excited herd secretes, they fall into a state of heightened suggestibility, resembling that which follows an injection of sodium amytal or the induction, by whatever means, of a light hypnotic trance. While in this state they will believe any nonsense that may be bawled at them, will act upon any command or exhortation, however senseless, mad or criminal. To men and women under the influence of herd-poison, 'whatever I say three times is true' — and whatever I say three hundred times is Revelation, is the directly inspired Word of God.

“ . . . A crowd is the social equivalent of a cancer. The poison it secretes depersonalizes its constituent members to the point where they start to behave with a savage violence, of which, in their normal state, they would be completely incapable . . .

"In the course of the last forty years the techniques for exploiting man's urge towards this most dangerous form of downward self-transcendence have reached a pitch of perfection unmatched in all of history. To begin with . . . there is the radio . . . there is the loudspeaker . . . there is the camera (of which it was once naively said that 'it cannot lie') and its offspring, the movies and television; these three have made the objectification of tendentious fantasy absurdly easy. And finally there is that greatest of our social inventions, free, compulsory education.

Everyone now knows how to read and everyone consequently is at the mercy of the propagandists, governmental or commercial, who owns the pulp factories, the linotype machines and the rotary presses. Assemble a mob of men

and women previously conditioned by a daily reading of newspapers; treat them to amplified band music, bright lights, and the oratory of a demagogue who (as demagogues always are) is simultaneously the exploiter and the victim of herd-intoxication, and in next to no time you can reduce them to a state of almost mindless sub-humanity. Never before have so few been in a position to make fools, maniacs or criminals of so many."

Aldous Huxley—*The Devils of Loudun.*

## MORE INFLATION AHEAD

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ridiculous statements which have accompanied every increase of inflation in the past. And, unless there is a complete breakdown, the inflation will be followed by another policy of restriction, which in turn will help the creation of the complete Monopoly State.

What remains of Western Civilisation is inevitably doomed unless there is a challenge to the present purposes for which the economic and financial systems are being used. Fortunately there are encouraging signs that an increasing number of responsible men are realising that to avoid final and complete disaster, there must be a change of direction. This growing awareness of the fundamental issue is undoubtedly the result of the work of Social Crediters. They will be the decisive factor in the future of Civilisation.

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## ARTICLE SECTION

## THE MENACE OF PSYCHO-POLITICS

The following is a condensation of Mr. Eric Butler's paper on Psycho-politics presented to the recent Queensland Young Liberals' Winter School of Political Science:

As the term psycho-politics has only become generally known in recent years, there is an assumption by many people that the Communist technique of psycho-political warfare is comparatively new. But in fact it has been an essential feature of the Communist conspiracy ever since that evil genius Lenin laid down the blueprints for the practical application of the theories of Marx and Engels. In all the well-known books, both by Communists and non-Communists, which have dealt with the history of Communism in Soviet Russia, there is not one reference to the important fact that two years after the Communist Party had overthrown the Kevensky Government and had made reasonably certain that the Communist dictatorship would endure, Lenin visited the famous Russian neuro-physiologist, I. P. Pavlov. The object of Lenin's visit was to ascertain how human behaviour could be controlled. He told Pavlov that there was too much individualism in Russia and that in order to build the new world of Communism it was essential to impose a standard Communist pattern of thinking and reacting. Man could be made what the Communists wanted him to be. Pavlov was to assist with his studies of human behaviour. He would be given all facilities and assistance for research. Pavlov was not a Communist at the time — in fact he never joined the Party, even after being declared a "hero" of the Soviet — but Lenin realised that his work could be used to further his idea that human behaviour could be controlled by appropriate "education." It is recorded that Pavlov was surprised at Lenin's knowledge on the subject of conditioned reflexes. But Lenin had given this subject a great deal of thought ever since in his early days he had sought biological data, which would confirm his theories on dialectual materialism. He was deeply impressed by a work, *Reflexes of the Brain*, first published in 1863 by the noted physiologist Ivan M. Setchenov. Setchenov contended, "Thought is nothing but an inhibited reflex." This view reduced man's mental activity to reflexes of a purely physiological nature. This was the type of scientific material eagerly sought by Lenin. When Pavlov realised that Lenin understood the fundamental principals of his views, he readily developed his ideas in detail, explaining that in his opinion hereditary factors could be overcome by

deliberately producing conditioned reflexes, thus overcoming instinct, or what Pavlov termed "unconditioned reflexes." He explained how external stimulus, or environment, could be used to produce conditioned reflexes. Pavlov's name is generally associated with the experiments he conducted on dogs, showing how a dog's "unconditioned reflexes," his natural instincts, could be overcome by suitable conditioning. For example, dogs were conditioned to accept food as being associated only with the ringing of a bell. They would not eat unless a bell was first rung. Now Pavlov believed and demonstrated that it is possible to compare behaviour patterns between men and animals on a mechanistic and Physiological basis. For various reasons his work was, until recently, ignored in the West. And unfortunately many have been appalled by the apparent conclusion that, if the human mind can be "brainwashed" of one set of ideas and another set implanted, the religious view concerning man is now completely untenable. But while the use of techniques of psycho-politics is a challenge to those who hold the religious view, and a knowledge of these techniques requires a modification of some of the traditional views concerning religion, the fact that a man's reflexes act similarly to a dog's does not mean that man is merely a more highly developed dog and should be treated like one. This attitude ignores the fundamental question of *purpose*, which we will return to later. It is interesting to note that when Lenin asked Pavlov at the end of his first discussion, "you are a materialist, as we are?" Pavlov made the careful reply, "In my research, I am." It has been stated by many that Pavlov was, in fact, deeply religious. He no doubt realized that it is the *purpose* for which physiological and other knowledge is used that is important. The Communist conception of purpose is, of course, the logical product of their philosophy of dialectual materialism, philosophy of dialectual materialism.

As man is nothing more than "matter in motion," a collection of physico-chemical reactions, then there is no good reason why he should not be suitably conditioned to take his place in the Communist "Brave New World." It is the general failure to grasp the meaning of the completely integrated Communist philosophy, even amongst most anti-Communists, which is the main reason why

the overwhelming majority of people fail to understand that the Communists seek to obtain control of men's bodies primarily by obtaining control of their minds. While the Communists are prepared to use armed force under certain specific circumstances, large-scale military war does not fit the Communist revolutionary technique, the aim of which is not to force the enemy to change his mind by force of arms, *but by the force of ideas*. Admittedly the *threat* of military war is vital for many reasons, but the main campaign is on the mind. In an address on the B.B.C. in 1953, Dr. William Sargant, an outstanding authority on "Brainwashing," dealt with the development of Pavlov's theories in the modern political world. He said: "we, in British medicine are trying to learn all we can about these terrible and most effective methods of changing men's thoughts and beliefs on a large scale, because I believe ultimately the fate of the world will depend on the conversion of the masses to one idea of life or another." There is no longer any doubt that the Communists have become highly efficient in changing men's thoughts and beliefs on a large scale.

Pavlov discovered that human beings like dogs, have four basic types of inherited temperament and that these inherited temperaments determine how the individual reacts to imposed tensions or conflict situations. Pavlov's discovery that dog's could, for example, after application of a series of techniques, be completely changed in their attitude towards human beings with whom they were in contact, was the starting point for an application of the same techniques to human beings. If a dog could have its behaviour pattern altered to the extent that it would attack a person to whom it had previously been very attached, and would then attach itself to a person it has previously disliked, it was not surprising that the Communists were intensely interested in applying the same techniques to human beings. The basis of psycho-politics is not only to try and change behaviour patterns in man by persuasive indoctrination but by a variety of methods to impose intolerable strains on a normal functioning brain. There is nothing basically new about what the Communists are doing; they have, however, vastly greater knowledge today of the human being and thus their techniques can be applied more scientifically.

Further evidence that Communist psychological techniques are realistically based, can be found by an examination of medical literature dealing with the behaviour of men under combat and other strains during the last war. To talk about will-power, courage and intelligence misses the

point that the overwhelming majority of human beings can, with various techniques, be brought to the stage of a collapse of the normal functioning of the brain. With some types, the exercise of will power and courage may actually help exhaust the brain and hasten a final collapse. The physical condition of the individual also plays a vital part in determining how long he can withstand imposed strains. Hunger, fatigue, drugs, can and are used to help lower the individuals resistance. Group-excitatory methods are also used and exploit what the famous French philosopher, Gustav Le Bon, pointed out concerning the behaviour of the individual in groups. Aldous Huxley has expressed the opinion that "every one of our philosophers would end by capering and howling with the savages" if exposed long enough to the steady beating of tom-toms. This may be an exaggerated statement, but it is a fact that rhythm can and is used by various religious groups to intensify hysterical excitement and tension as a necessary preliminary to conversion. If psycho-political warfare is to be combated effectively, it is essential to face the fact that every individual, no matter which type of inherited temperament he possesses, is susceptible to "brainwashing" techniques. The case of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary is a classic example. When brought to open "trial" by the Communists, there was no outward sign that the Cardinal had been physically ill-treated. But the man who spoke and "confessed" in the court, was a very different man from the able and courageous Cardinal previous to his arrest. If a Prince of the Roman Church, a man of tremendous faith and ability, could be reduced to the state where his controllers could safely exhibit him in an open court, there can be doubt concerning the ability of the psycho-politician to take possession of the minds of most men.

This knowledge is used to force complete submission and, finally, love of "Big Brother." The psycho-political operator is always probing to find an issue upon which his subject is sensitive. Once the weakness is discovered, the operator exploits it until he has achieved his objective. Most of those who have "confessed" in Communist "trials" have been successfully "brainwashed" first. A study of all the available information indicates that there has been comparatively little physical violence used in obtaining "confessions" - generally as a preliminary to "fixing" a new set of beliefs. The "confessions" are achieved basically by using the necessary techniques to produce the various stages of breakdown mentioned by Pavlov. Anxiety is created by questions persistently asked in numerous ways. Confession is eventually produced and at the stage of complete exhaustion the

victim can become genuinely convinced of his "guilt."

One of the most valuable contributions made to an understanding of one aspect of psychopolitical warfare was provided by the Canadian Royal Commission's Report on Espionage and other Communist activities in Canada. This Royal Commission was appointed in early 1946 following the defection of Gonyenko from the Russian Embassy in Canada and the disclosure of Communist espionage activities in Canada. The Report's section entitled "The Development of Ideological" is an examination of political and psychological "development" techniques. The authors of the report stated that "The evidence before us shows that in the great majority of cases the motivation was inextricably linked with courses of psychological development . . ." They also stated that "these secret 'development' courses are very much more widespread than the espionage network itself..."

Students of various forms of occultism are familiar with how over the history of man secret societies have been used to have a certain psychological impact upon the individual. The Communist psycho-politicians have realised, as the Canadian Report points out, that people who over a period of time are accustomed to secret meetings, secret acquaintances, the secret objectives, plans and policies are being conditioned to accent the psychology of a double life and double standards. The Report comments: "An inevitable result of this emphasis on a conspiratorial atmosphere and behaviour . . . would seem to be the gradual disintegration of normal moral principles such as frankness, honesty, integrity, and a respect for the sanctity of oaths."

In references to the development of divided loyalties, leading towards the actual transferring of loyalties, the Report draws attention to a point generally overlooked by those studying psychopolitical warfare. The Report states "... a sense of internationalism seems in many cases to play a definite role in one stage of the courses. In these cases the Canadian sympathiser is first encouraged to develop a sense of loyalty, not directly to a foreign state, but to what he conceives to be an international idea. This subjective internationalism is then usually linked almost inextricably through the indoctrination courses and the extensive exposure to the propaganda of a foreign state and with the current doctrines and policies of the Communist Parties throughout the world.

It is necessary to make only the briefest examination of the material being issued by the United Nations' Educational and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and similar international organisations to see evidence of a conscious effort to break

down traditional local loyalties and standards of behaviour. Many of those responsible for directing the work of these organisations are known Communists, and no doubt there are just as many secret Communists. The peoples of the world are giving glowing reports of the good works of another international organisation, the World Health Organisation, but how many have heard the views of the Canadian psychiatrist, Dr. Brock Chisholm, who about the time he was appointed Director of the World Health Organisation said, "*Let us accept our responsibility to remodel the world.*"

The remodelling plan Chisholm outlined was fairly simple. The way to the prevention of future wars is world government. World government may be established by developing world citizens with a "state of emotional maturity which fits one to be a citizen of a democracy, able to take one's part in making a world fit to live in." This so-called state of emotional maturity, said Chisholm, can be achieved by destroying traditional moral values. He put it, "The re-interpretation and eventually eradication of the concept of right and wrong which has been the basis of child training..." He then made the important statement that "*Most psychiatrists and psychologists have escaped from these moral chains*"

Our examination of the subject of changing men's views and beliefs would be incomplete, in fact futile and tending to lead to despair, unless we endeavoured to discover the answer and alternative to the various forms of "brainwashing" to which the individual is being subjected today. In searching for the alternative we must get back to the fundamental question concerning the nature and purpose of man. This must be our starting point. Because we have greater knowledge today of human physiology and the mechanisms by which men's behaviour patterns can be changed, leaves completely unchanged the issue of what purpose this knowledge is to be used to serve. The Christian should not be appalled because today the conversions of a great Christian evangelist like Wesley can be explained in physiological terms. Wesley, like many other Christian evangelists in the past, evolved techniques, which enabled men's lives to be completely changed. He attributed these conversions to the power of God, and in the light of his understanding he was correct. Physiological truths are, like truths concerning the truths relating to the various laws such as gravity, all part of God's Universe. Wesley was able to use some of these truths to free men, for example, from the domination of their minds and bodies by the excessive consumption of alcohol. Wesley's use of the physiological principles was to lift men up, and to abolish much of the drunkenness prevalent in England at that time. It is ap-

appropriate at this point to stress the fact that the traditional Christian condemnation of drunkenness is that it is evil because the individual loses control of himself and his purpose. Every policy which deprives the individual of control of himself is, therefore, fundamentally anti-Christian. The doctrine of free-will is related to the Christian conception of man as primarily a being who can exercise the power to fashion his material environment to serve purposes which otherwise he could not have achieved. This power can be described as creative initiative and it is only by the development of creative initiative that the flowering of man's spiritual side can take place. The basic fallacy of all collectivist policies is that they stem from the materialist conception of man as merely matter which can be centrally planned. Because this conception ignores the spiritual nature of man, all policies of centralised planning inevitably result in resistance because they conflict with man's spirit, which cannot be measured. From the Christian point of view, it is not what men have in common that is important, but that which makes each individual unique in the eyes of God. Unlike the central planner, who must necessarily hold a fixed and static view concerning the level of activity and development of those he is attempting to plan, otherwise central planning does not make sense, the Christian believes that maximum freedom of self-development by the individual enables him to personalise his life. Only a genuinely free man can exercise his creative initiative. A slave can create nothing. If we accept the views outlined, then it is clear that the Western world is progressively retreating from Christianity. The Welfare State has progressively robbed the individual of the very means of spiritualising his life — freedom of choice. The centralisation of power, which proceeds irrespective of the label of Governments, and the organisation of men into bigger and bigger groups, makes it increasingly difficult for individuals to live in harmonious relationships one with the other. The anti-Christ is winning because the centralisation of power in all spheres, political, financial, and economic, makes it increasingly difficult for the emergency of the self-developing, self-conscious individual accepting personal responsibility for his actions. The fact must be faced that the Communist, and other, psycho-politicians are skilfully exploiting the strains and stresses, which the policies of centralism make inevitable. We can and must agree with what has already been said at this Winter School concerning the waging of ideological and psychological warfare. But we must ensure that we protect and strengthen the base from which the free world can fight. At the moment this base is being weakened and undermined. Western society is sick because its main political, financial and

economic policies are designed, not to expand the freedom of the individual, to place the enormous technological development at his disposal in order that it can serve his purposes, but to further new Gods which upon close examination bear a frightening resemblance to the Gods of Communism. Feverish industrial expansion, much of it stimulated by Governments, thus creating, amongst other things, a rapidly growing bureaucracy, is uncritically hailed as progress. It is claimed that we need this type of progress in order to compete with the Communists. Education is increasingly pushed into the service of the new Gods - - one of which is science. Instead of a means to an end, science is now proclaimed as an end in itself. We are lagging here, also, behind the Communists. At least this is what we are told. We fight on a battlefield, which our enemies have selected for our final defeat. Do not let us fool ourselves that our intense economic activity is a sign of health. It masks the fact, but only temporarily, that there is disintegration. The signs of sickness are everywhere. Child delinquency, much of it the result of economic pressures forcing mothers out of the home, an increase in mental sickness, the manifestation of the general spirit of chaos in the arts and architecture, the feeling of helplessness by individuals who can see no relationship between their functional activities and individual purpose, all add up to the fact that there is no genuine stability, no integration between means and ends. It is this situation, which enables the psycho-politicians to operate both from within and without our society. It is a fundamental challenge to those who accept the truths of Christianity. Christians must equip themselves to take their place in the front line of the battle for men's minds - and their souls. There must be a re-orientation of the policies, which at present dehumanise the individual. This cannot be done until the Christian Church restates in terms which modern men can understand, the true purpose of man, and use its authority to help create a philosophic climate of opinion in which appropriate steps can be taken to decentralise and break down the present vast concentrations of power, thus enabling the development of stable, integrated individuals who are capable of resisting all forms of brain-washing. All the evidence available indicates that happy, stable, integrated human beings with a strongly developed sense of purpose are the most immune from the influences of the psycho-politicians.

These types of human beings can only evolve in a society in which the truths of Christianity concerning truth, freedom, and self-development are incarnated into the social, political, financial and economic structure. Only when the West has re-oriented its policies towards the objectives briefly outlined can it start to win the battle for survival.