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EDITORIAL

The West Continues to Retreat

The one major point to emerge from the Middle East situation so far is that Western politicians lack the courage to face the basic issues involved and to take strong, independent action to protect their vital interests. If the British and the Americans are genuinely determined to protect their oil supplies from the Middle East, then they should be making it clear that they do not propose to have their actions debated by their enemies in the United Nations.

We have watched with growing concern the haste with which British and American spokesmen have assured the world that so far from taking independent action, they are urgently desirous that United Nations forces should take over from them the task of preventing a repetition of what took place in Iraq. The establishment of a United Nations force in the Middle East appears to be one of the major objectives of those who frame policies behind the world's political scenes. Even Mr. Menzies who made it clear at the time of the Suez disaster that he had little time for the United Nations, has followed the lead of Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs, who last week advocated a special United Nations Commission to control the Middle East. Following Mr. Casey, Dr. Evatt gave support to the basic idea put forward by Mr. Casey, thus demonstrating once again that they are both speaking to the same brief.

In view of the fact that the investigating force in Lebanon reported that it could find little evidence of external support for those fighting against the Government, how can any realist believe that a United Nations force would be effective in any other part of the Middle East? Have we forgotten the antics, some of them comic, of the U.N. force, which took over from the British in Suez?

How could such a force stop the propaganda of Nasser's regime and his subversion of other Middle East countries, as suggested by Mr. Casey? The very idea would be laughable if it were not for the fact that behind these apparently ridiculous suggestions there is a sinister objective. We do not suggest that politicians of the calibre of Mr. Casey are conscious of these objectives; they are useful innocents lost in the woods of international conspiracy.

It must be stated, however, that although the Western politicians generally may be useful innocents, they are very careful to avoid giving offence

to the Zionists by making even the merest suggestion of criticism of Zionist policies. In the debate on Foreign Affairs at Canberra last week, the only speaker to make reference to Israel was Dr. Evatt, and he, as usual, claimed that it was the only true democracy in the Middle East. There was no reference to Israel's aggressive policies nor to the plight of the million Arab refugees, many of them in Jordan and a major factor in the internal situation in that small State. Mr. Menzies made reference to the fact that the Communists are supplying Nasser with arms. But Mr. Menzies ignored the fact that it is the existence of Israel, which provides Nasser with the excuse of obtaining arms. Nasser's major appeal to the Arab masses is that when the Arabs are sufficiently united, under Nasser, and armed, they can deal with the one issue the overwhelming majority of Arabs are agreed about: the destruction of Israel before Israel attempts to expand still further. It has not escaped the attention of the Arabs, as admitted even in the Jewish press, that the powerful Herut Party was urging soon after the Iraq bloodbath that the opportunity should be taken to settle the score with Jordan.

As Mr. Menzies points out, Communist policy is designed to create neutrals in the cold war. On this basis alone, Israel is furthering Communist policies as much as Nasser. Israel is maintaining her strict pact of neutrality with Russia and the sudden refusal to allow the British to fly reinforcements to the Jordan forces over Israeli territory has placed the British in a very difficult position. And then there is the very significant report that Israel has asked Moscow to arrange for a conference between Nasser and Mr. Ben-Gurion to decide what is to happen in the Middle East when the British and American forces withdraw.

As we warned from the outset of this current crisis, the intervention of Western Powers with military force could, in the long run, lead to an

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NEWS SECTION

High Taxation Forever: The Federal Government's Budget should leave no doubt that high taxation is now permanent policy if the "experts" are not challenged. "Emergency" taxes imposed in recent years are now retained as a matter of course. The most important part of the Federal Treasurer's statement was the following:

Borrowing on Treasury bills to finance the deficiency (of £110 million) will add to the liquidity of the banking system but I do not think that, in present circumstances, it need do so in an excessive way.

Sir Arthur Fadden said that any reduction in taxation would mean that the Government would require to use even more Treasury bills than is proposed. He rejected this idea, but did not advance any good reasons for his policy. But it is clear that the "advisers" are determined to maintain a rigid control of the credit mechanism and to ensure, as far as it is possible, that the individual has as little control of his own credit as possible. That is one of the reasons for keeping taxation high and for the centralised control of financial credit expansion. The use of £110 million of central credit for Governmental activities is blatant exploitation of the individual. As this financial credit will be created against the community's real credit, it should belong to the individuals of the community. A start towards economic and financial realism could be made by using the £110 million for substantial price subsidisation schemes. These would genuinely increase purchasing power without ultimately increasing prices.

Another Attack on the Taxpayers: Rather than face up to the basic cause of its financial problems, the Victorian Government is proposing to increase State taxation. This means a further attack upon the harassed taxpayer. It is true that the present State Government has made some attempt to fight the Canberra financial tyranny. But apparently it now believes that it need not bother to fight any further, and should ask the Victorian taxpayers to accept the consequences of this decision. Taxes are, of course, only a part of the State Government's income. There is also loan money. At present the loan policy is controlled from Canberra. The States could break this Canberra financial dictatorship by the use of their own State banking powers. Until the State Governments have made a serious attempt to use their own banking powers, they cannot claim to have done all in their power to represent the interests of their taxpayers. Readers are again requested to take this matter up with their State Members of Parliament.

Sherman Adams and Senator McCarthy: In spite of further disclosures concerning the relations between Mr. Sherman Adams, President Eisenhower's unofficial adviser, and Mr. Barney Goldfine, President Eisenhower has again defended Adams and again claimed that he "needs him." The fact that President Eisenhower continues to defend Adams, in spite of the consequent loss of electoral support, indicates that Adams is serving powerful forces operating behind the American political scenes. Adams was the man who directed the White House campaign against the late Senator McCarthy when the great American patriot was pushing his campaign of exposing Communists in high places to the stage where he was getting close to the real policy-makers in America. Sherman Adams obviously knows too much for the President to remove him. The case of Adams is further evidence of the fact that there is "Hidden Government" in the U.S.A. as in other Western countries.

Mr. Walter Lippman's Poison: The American Jew, Mr. Walter Lippman, whose articles on international affairs are widely featured throughout the world, has made his contribution to an "understanding" of the Middle East situation. Russia cannot be excluded, states this "expert," because the West is "not strong enough to do it." Lippman poses the question of whether the West should allow the Middle East to become a Russian sphere of influence, only to observe, "This would be an unnecessarily abject surrender." But he then goes on to suggest a much more insidious form of surrender, namely, a policy of "overall neutralisation." This policy would be ideal from the Communist viewpoint, allowing them to continue their subversion without fear of prevention. Mr. Lippman is notorious as a missionary for policies designed to weaken the West.

The Untold Story of Little Rock: A study of the official transcript of the recent investigation of the results of twelve months of forced integration in Little Rock's High School, held because of a petition by the Little Rock School Board for a suspension of integration until 1961, clearly reveals that the policy of integration has got nothing whatever to do with providing Negro children with better educational facilities. The Superintendent of the Little Rock High School testified that the Horace Mann High School for Negroes "was on a par with any other school. The truth of the business is it was better than most high schools in this State, white or colored." We have not seen any reports of this investigation in those papers that have persistently misrepresented the racial question in the U.S.A.

Anti-European Campaign in Ceylon: Those advocating the breaking down of the White Australia policy do not appear to have noticed what is happening in Ceylon, where there is a move to eliminate European influence. All the white plantation companies have been told by the Government's Food and Agricultural Minister "they must pack up and get out without trying to dictate terms to us." Without the capital and knowledge of the Europeans, these plantations would never have been developed. It will be instructive to see what happens as the European influence is eliminated.

ARTICLE ON MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IS HAVING IMPACT

We can report that the distribution of the article, *The Basic Cause of the Middle East Crisis*, is already having an impact and causing considerable discussion. But the distribution campaign must be intensified. Adequate supplies of the article are still available to meet all requirements. Send for a supply today. Make certain that local clergymen, schoolteachers, local Councillors, police, editors of local papers, and similar people receive copies. Copies should also be placed in the hands of as many senior officers as possible of the armed forces. Make a survey of all the newspaper and radio commentators in their State and also ensure that they receive a copy. Keep this campaign moving.

Book For Dinner And Seminar

We request all those supporters intending to attend this year's Annual Dinner, to be held on Friday, September 19, to let us know immediately in order that organisational arrangements can be made. We would also appreciate it if those attending the dinner would also indicate if they are attending the Seminar on the Saturday. This information is necessary for the arranging of afternoon tea at the afternoon session of the Seminar. The donation to this year's dinner will be 35/- per person. Seminar costs will be covered by a collection at the door.

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even worse state of affairs if no action was taken to deal with the basic issue. But to intervene militarily, only to recognise in a matter of days the murderers of the West's allies in Iraq, and then to withdraw without any attempt to deal with the Israel-Arab issue, would further convince the Arabs that the West could be challenged with impunity. And whatever is the real role of Israel in the grand scheme of things, it is certain that the directors of International Zionism, the international financial groups, are pleased with the manner in which the West is retreating from the possibility of any decisive action to defend its sovereignty.

It is also important to note that, just as the release of the information concerning the Communist murder of the Hungarian leaders was timed to ensure that little attention was paid to what was being done in the Middle East, so now a new crisis develops in the Far East and will no doubt be used to direct attention away from further developments in the Middle East. These crises are generally produced for a specific purpose. And because the West lacks a positive policy, which it is prepared to back, it retreats from one crisis to the next. Patriots everywhere throughout the West must increase their efforts to stem the retreat before the point of no return is reached.

TAPE RECORDING OF ADDRESS ON MIDDLE EAST

The League of Rights announces that an excellent tape recording was made of Mr. Eric Butler's comprehensive address on the basic cause of the Middle East crisis, given to a well-attended and representative meeting of Melbourne citizens on Tuesday, August 5. The tape also carries Mr. Butler's answers to the questions, which followed his address. The address and questions took approximately two hours. Those desirous of obtaining the tape for use should apply to the Victorian League of Rights, Box 1052J, Melbourne.

SEMINAR BROCHURE AVAILABLE

A supply of brochures dealing with this year's Social Credit Seminar, at which three Papers will be presented on the subject of Leisure, is available for readers to use in interesting people in the Seminar. This year's Seminar should be of particular interest to the clergy and those concerned with education.

THE COURAGE OF D. J. KILLEN,

M.H.R.

It is encouraging that there is at least one Member of the Commonwealth Parliament who is not afraid to mention publicly the basic problem in the Middle East. In his latest "Digest of Events," which he sends to prominent electors in his electorate, Mr. D. J. Killen, Liberal Member for Moreton, writes:

The one vital clue to a real understanding of the Middle East crisis has been but casually referred to. This was a statement prepared by the Iraqi Premier, Nuri Al Said, before he was murdered. His statement refers to the desperate plight of Arab refugees, and inferentially to the circumstances surrounding the creation of the State of Israel. It is utterly futile to grasp what is happening in the Middle East if no account is made of (i) the Balfour Declaration of 1917; (ii) the history of the British mandate over Palestine; (iii) the U.N.O. partitioning of Palestine; (iv) the Soviet's attitude to Israel and Arab countries; and (v) the developed suspicion in Arab countries to everything Western.

In 1917 the Balfour Declaration was issued. This was a conditional grant to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine without prejudice to the political and economic rights of existing Arab communities. For thirty years the British administered a mandate over Palestine under terrific difficulties. Bomb outrages, the activities of the Irgun Zvei Leumi, the hanging of British troops, insults - that was just part of the general provocation. British patience withered. In 1947 the United Nations voted to recommend the partition of the Holy Land into an Arab and a Jewish State. Israel became an independent State on May 15th the next year.

Of the political and economic rights of the Arab, as "guaranteed" by the Balfour Declaration — the forcible partitioning of Palestine just evaporated them. More than one million Arab refugees poured into Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. Remember these refugees, for they have become the fuel to the flame of most of the Middle East unrest. It is absurd to think that one million people could be uprooted from their homes without some reaction. And in this case there has been reaction, and a violent one. The Middle East became a Mecca for Communism.

The Soviet's role in the Middle East has been skilfully played. Becoming one of the first countries to recognise Israel, the Soviet permitted the Skoda works in Czechoslovakia to supply arms and planes to the Israelis. For the sake of creating discord, the Soviet Union risked a temporary loss of prestige in the Arab world. Even when Gromyko, the Soviet envoy to the United Nations, gave the Soviet vote for partition, there was "a looking to the future." Gromyko declared: "The Soviet people still entertain a feeling of sympathy for the national aspirations of the Arab East -- the U.S.S.R. is convinced that the Arab States will still, on more than one occasion, be looking toward Moscow expecting the U.S.S.R. to help them . . ."

What, in effect, has happened in the Middle East, is that the Soviet has (a) exacerbated discord between Arab and Jew, and (b) impacted Communism on Nationalism, that has as a result of the creation of Israel reached terrific heights of emotionalism and bitter resentment.

One of the very real difficulties of analysing the Middle East is that any reference to the problem of Israeli/Arabic

relations, exposes one to the charge of being anti-Semitic. Only this morning, I spoke to Australia's best-known writer on foreign affairs, and he admitted this inhibition. Why should that be? Surely when the peace of the world is involved, we are entitled to discuss frankly all the issues. If this civilisation is to be preserved, then truth must be sought, and once discovered, uncompromisingly protected. Sir John Glubb, former commander-in-chief of Jordan's Arab Legion, has not been inhibited by charges of anti-Semitism. On July 16th, he wrote: "Fear of further Israeli expansion is an ever-present anxiety, particularly in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. The impression that the Western Powers are more likely to support than to restrain Israel is a powerful incentive to Arabs to seek help from Moscow."

Whatever historians may write about the present crisis, one fact will be heavily embedded in their writings: the fundamental cause of unrest in the Middle East lies in the establishment of the State of Israel.

Until such time as Israel, the United Kingdom and the United States recompense the Arabs for the terrific loss they suffered in the creation of Israel, and guarantee to the Arabs protection against Zionist aggression, then the world will lumber on from one crag of crisis to another, until the ultimate in destruction is achieved.

If there lingers any doubt about Arab suspicion of the West and of Israel, then there is the evidence of Henry A. Byroade, former United States Ambassador to the Middle East, and an expert on Middle East affairs. Before a Congressional Committee in 1956, he said: "The Arabs' first hatred and renewed passions are against Israel. But, on second thought, they say 'Well, there would not be an Israel but for the United States'. And they find a United States cartridge shell and they say 'Well look, who is really our enemy? Who has done this? The United States has done it'."

Of Arab Nationalism, Nasser is only a symbol. Destroy Nasser, and countless others will offer to take his place. The cause of the grievous intensity of Arab Nationalism lies not in personalities, but in policies. Nothing will rent the fabric of world peace more violently than our failure to concede the reasons why Arab Nationalism has become what it is, and the reasons why the Soviet has cultivated that Nationalism.

The bitterness of the dilemma is that the only nation who has gained out of the conflict has been the U.S.S.R. All along she has stacked the pack dealing lay down bizarre hands, while the West has struggled hard without getting even a "prop and cop."

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