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EDITORIAL

OUR FIRST MAJOR TASK FOR 1959

Just over twelve months ago we changed the format of "The New Times" because we believed that the situation demanded a better quality journal in order to intensify our programme of attempting to reach and to influence the more responsible members of the community. Our views have, we are pleased to report, been confirmed by results. We now appeal to all supporters to co-operate with us in expanding upon the base established last year. We believe that our first major task for 1959 is to increase substantially the present circulation of "The New Times."

Present total publishing, distribution and administration costs are approximately covered by subscriptions, book profits and a small amount of advertising. As the publishing of increased copies is relatively much cheaper, every increase in the subscription rate from now on enables us to improve the paper and to increase our general activities. This is apart from the fact that an increased circulation means an increased influence in the community. At present we are publishing our Article Section every second issue. We have so much valuable material to publish that we desire to publish the Article Section every issue. We could do this immediately if we had only another 250 subscribers.

While we have never pretended that it is possible to obtain a large circulation for journals of realism like *The New Times*, and have stressed the fact that we must look for readers primarily amongst a small minority of the community, we are convinced from experience that there is a substantial number of potential readers of our journal if only it can be introduced to them. And this is one of the major problems with which we believe every supporter should be concerning himself. What we propose is that over the next three months, every existing reader selects one or more people whom he feels may be responsive to our ideas, and pays a trial subscription for them. Some of the finest supporters of this journal were first introduced to it through a trial subscription.

There are *New Times* readers in nearly every part of Australia, so co-operation in this expansion project should result in an expansion of our influence on a nation-wide basis. We are proposing a conservative objective for our campaign: 500 trial subscriptions by the end of May. A percentage of these trial subscriptions will result in permanent subscribers. Now every present reader can participate in this campaign. Often the question is asked: "What can I do?" Here is one of the answers. We are very conscious of the fact that a minority of our readers are contributing magnificently to the Action Group's Self-Assessment Scheme. But the trial subscription scheme will not place a great financial burden on any one person if all co-operate.

Our special trial subscription rate for six months is only 10/-. A reader sending two subscriptions need only send 7/6 for the second subscriptions, and 5/- for all additional subscriptions. A letter will be sent with the first issue of *The New Times* to every trial subscriber, and a second letter asking for permanent support at the end of the six months. We will publish progress reports on this first special campaign for 1959. If we can achieve the target we have suggested, it will be a substantial contribution towards improving our financial position and an expansion of the base from which further campaigns can be launched later this year.

NEWS SECTION

Senator McCarthy and Mr. David Schine: In our last issue we commented upon the welcome given to the Soviet leader, Mr. Mikoyan, by Wall Street bankers. Since then we have received from America a report concerning Mr. Mikoyan's visit to Los Angeles. This report is much more important than the news that Mr. Mikoyan did a little burlesque in Hollywood. While in Los Angeles, Mr. Mikoyan and his party stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, which is managed by Mr. David Schine, the Jew who worked on Senator McCarthy's committee investigating Communist subversion. The hotel is owned by Schine's father and was selected by the Russians on the American State Department's advice.

Although Senator McCarthy became increasingly aware of the predominant Jewish influence in Communism in the U.S.A., he decided for tactical reasons not to mention the matter publicly. In fact he was persuaded that it was essential that he have anti-Communist Jews on his staff. This resulted in the appointment of Schine, whom many believed was in reality a "plant" on McCarthy. If this were true, it would explain many unexplained developments. The fact that Mikoyan accepted Schine's hotel as the best security risk in Los Angeles, appears to provide further doubts concerning Schine's bona fides as an anti-Communist.

Communist Penetration of Iraq: Recent news reports that Communist penetration of Iraq is increasing, provides further confirmation of the view that the bloody revolution in Iraq last year was allowed to happen by the policy makers in the U.S.A. The success of the revolution, which resulted in the murder of the pro-Western leaders, was guaranteed when Washington and London quickly recognised the new regime. The landing of British and American troops in the Middle East, and their subsequent withdrawal without any action being taken to deal with the worsening situation, resulted in the way being cleared for further Communist penetration of the Middle East. Time and time again during and since the last war dollar diplomacy, always under the "anti-colonial" banner, has driven the Western European nations from their spheres of influence with the subsequent result that Communist influence has expanded.

Soviet arms are now arriving in Iraq in greater quantities, and Communist technicians and traders are being openly welcomed. The arrival of a strong Chinese Communist delegation to discuss trade is further evidence of just how much attention the Communists are giving Iraq.

Liberal M.P. Criticises Bank Bills: At least one member of the Government Parties has openly drawn attention to the fact that the Government's Banking Bills could lead to a complete banking monopoly. We have pointed this out in our analysis of the proposed legislation. Mr. R. C. Wheeler, Liberal M.H.R. for Mitchell, has warned that the proposed Development Bank would be "a wonderful instrument" in the hands of a Socialist Government. He has also made the penetrating observation that the Development Bank is "a time-bomb planted by those Government advisers who have always wanted a Socialist banking monopoly."

We will wait with interest to see how Mr. Wheeler and those who think like him vote in the Parliament when the legislation is introduced. Only action, not words, will have any impact upon developments towards complete monopoly.

Hephzibah Menuhin and The Race Question: When we read in a press report that the Jewess Hephzibah Menuhin, the well-known violinist, had arranged an English Christmas party with her husband, Mr. Richard Hauser, for 200 white and coloured children, as part of a sociological experiment, our minds went back to another sociological experiment by the same couple in Australia. But when this experiment took place Hephzibah Menuhin was not Mrs. Hauser, but Mrs. Lindsay Nicholas. The experiment, which took place at Lilydale, Victoria, was to be an example of "community living," two families living together in the same house. A well-known Australian women's paper featured the experiment with much gush and ballyhoo, stressing how even the two families shared the responsibilities of looking after their children. But the same paper discreetly ignored the fact that shortly afterwards this wonderful example of "community living" came to an end with a divorce action against Hephzibah Menuhin by her husband on the grounds of adultery. Mr. Nicholas won the case and Hephzibah Menuhin apparently decided then that she and Mr. Hauser should leave Australia.

Most of Hephzibah Menuhin's public activities in Australia always generously featured by the press, either consciously or unconsciously furthered the disease undermining Western Christendom today. More than one person has informed us that much of the literature she distributed through her travelling library would inevitably help the cause of Communism. Needless to say, she was an ardent supporter of Zionism.

THE CHRISTIAN AND POLITICS

We commend the following article by Mr. Aiden Mackey in "Candour" of January 30 to the close attention of our readers, who in turn might introduce it to their clergy:

For the Christian all activity in this world should be directed to the service of God, for he believes that the principal object of this life is the attainment of union with God in Heaven. Any social or political system must, therefore, always keep this end in view if it is to conform to Christian principles.

It is true, of course, that a man may save his soul under any form of government, however oppressive and materialist, and that a man may lose his soul under any form of government, however just and benevolent. There are, however, certain forms of government, which tend to hamper man's spiritual development or to divert his attention from the true purposes of his life. These forms of government are to be deplored and if they become flagrantly destructive of Christian life and observance, they must be desisted.

It is obvious that a man cannot be held responsible for actions or omissions wherein he had no choice. A man in prison cannot be held culpable for failure to attend church services; a man "brainwashed" cannot be expected to resist untruth. To the Christian sin is *wilful* offence against God, and he who cannot act against his own will—the lunatic, the infant, the enslaved, the stupefied—cannot be held responsible for his own actions for he is not his own master. From this it also follows that if we are to serve God we must remain masters of ourselves, we must retain our will and our liberty to act in accord with the dictates of conscience.

An illustration of this may be found in the cases of drunkenness and drugging. It is commonly thought that the sin lies in the injustice which may be done to others—in squandering money needed to feed and clothe a family, or in wife-beating, or in neglect of one's work. But these evils are incidentals. A wealthy man to whom the cost is of no significance, who lies in a stupor in the privacy of his own home is still at fault, for the sin lies in the fact that the addict is no longer a responsible person. If he has voluntarily handed himself over to an influence outside himself which will control him rather than be controlled by him, then he has surrendered his free will, his integrity, his personal sovereignty. He is less than a man.

There is great significance in that word "sovereignty." For that reason it requires definition and clarification, the more especially because it is prominent in so much political controversy today. Sovereignty does *not* mean licence and power to reject all outside authority, or to flout the just

laws made by man. It *does* imply the retention of the power of decision and of the right to regulate one's life to the service of God—the retention of responsibility for one's own actions. The Christian believes that God gave free will to a man so that he may serve Him as a responsible being, not as a puppet. We may not hand over that responsibility; we may not surrender our conscience. Just as we cannot commit sin except by the free action of our own will, so we cannot save our souls except by the same free action of will. This retention of responsibility for, and mastery over, our own actions we call sovereignty, and it is of paramount importance.

It is because of the vital importance of this concept of sovereignty that I have spent so long upon it. Without some understanding of its nature, it would be almost impossible to formulate a firm Christian approach to politics. With an understanding of it, many things become clear.

Firstly, the Christian must *demand* certain things of any government. There must be freedom for the positive observance of faith, not merely for attendance at a place of worship, but the right to preach the word of God to the unconverted, the right to pass the faith on to one's children, the right to respect for the dictates of the Christian conscience. If these things were lacking, then that government has failed in a primary duty and can have no validity. A government, which rejects God, cannot justly claim the allegiance of the children of God.

It is, I believe, essential to retain a firm grasp of these issues even when dealing with seemingly transitory and topical affairs, and it is also well not to lose sight of the vital concept of sovereignty, for it will provide a touchstone by which we may readily judge systems of government.

In international politics the issue of sovereignty is the major issue facing the world today. Are we to throw in our lot with World Government, or should we insist on retaining our national sovereignty? It seems to me self-evident that we can accent World Government only at the expense of our Christian values. I say this because there is at present no possibility of any form of World Government except one, which would meet with the approval of Soviet Russia, Communist China, and their satellites, and without their participation it would not be World Government. Those powers would, both numerically and ideologically, dominate such a system at the expense of Christendom. Indeed, were they to signify readiness to participate in such a world order it would be an infallible sign that they were convinced of their ability to dictate its policies and to reap its chief benefits.

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LADY EVE BALFOUR CRITICISES FLUORIDATION

Fluoridation of the public water supplies was "mass medication" and "unbelievably unscientific", said Lady Eve Balfour, famous organic farming authority, upon her arrival in Melbourne from Tasmania last week. She was answering a question by the Editor of "The New Times" at the press and radio interview given at the Essendon airport.

Lady Eve said:

"Even if you can overlook the fact that fluoridation is mass medication and an interference with the rights and liberties of the individual, you must realise that fluorine is a poison and that an overdose of it can be serious for many people." She pointed out that elderly people can tolerate far less than younger people, that fluoridated water was harmful to people with arthritis and kidney complaints. Pregnant women are also seriously affected.

"Not enough research had been done before introducing fluoridation," said Lady Eve. Many were having "second thoughts" in the U.S.A., where 25 percent of the children in the age groups, which allegedly benefit most from fluoridation, had mottled teeth. This was an indication of fluorine poisoning. It had now been demonstrated that fluoridation did not prevent decay, but merely postponed it.

Lady Balfour drew attention to the significant fact that New York had rejected fluoridation after its water engineers reported that it was impossible to guarantee that the same percentage of fluorine would be in the water coming out of each tap. Experience has demonstrated in cities where fluoridation had been introduced, that hardly any fluorine reached some taps while the water from other taps contained an excess of fluorine. Fluoridation did not touch the basic cause of tooth decay, which was nutritional.

PRAISE FOR KEYLINE FARMING

Lady Eve said that one of her main reasons for visiting Australia was to make a thorough investigation of keyline farming, pioneered by Mr. P. A. Yeomans in N.S.W. She claimed that keyline farming was the "most important contribution to world agriculture this century." She briefly outlined the principles of keyline and recommended the book, *The Challenge of Landscape* (reviewed by *The New Times* last year) as a classic.

Lady Balfour readily agreed that the application of organic principles had to be governed by local conditions. She also admitted that quite often it was also a question of economics. Many landowners had insufficient capital to do what should be done.

SOIL AND HEALTH

In spite of the trying heat and the length of the press and radio interview, Lady Eve readily answered all questions. She gave almost a lecture on the relationship between soil and health, and said that increasing numbers of medical men all over the world were beginning to realise that most of the degenerate diseases were caused by nutritional factors. The work of the Soil Association in England was starting to be appreciated by agricultural scientists, who were beginning to realise that more and more powerful poison sprays and drugs were not the answer to the growing incidence of disease in both stock and plants.

VICTORIAN TOUR

As reported in our last issue, Lady Balfour is covering most of Victoria during her visit. She is keen to learn as much as she can. Melbourne and near-Melbourne readers should make a note of the field day at the property of Mr. W. J. Carruthers, Marlborough Road, Ringwood, on February 28 at 3 p.m., the public meeting in the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on March 3, and the Victorian Compost Society Annual Exhibition at the Old Colonists' Homes, Rushall Crescent, North Fitzroy, on March 7, at 3 p.m.

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Evidence in support of this may be seen from a study of Unesco, chief propaganda vehicle of the United Nations. In all that organisation's outpourings there is nothing, which does not meet with the approval of Communism, much that is scarcely veiled Communist propaganda, and much that is offensive to the Christian—and especially to the Christian patriot.

I maintain, then, that to submerge our national identity in that of a World Government would be to abdicate our right to decide and regulate, from time to time, what should be our course of action and policy as a Christian nation; that we should be forever barred from any action which could not secure the sanction of the huge Communist bloc; that, in other words, we would have relinquished our responsibilities as a free nation, we would have surrendered our identity, our national integrity, and the divine gift of free will.

It may be argued that this nation has already lost much of its Christianity and is to some extent sunk in materialism. I agree. But we Christians are still free to exert ourselves to guide our country and to restore it to its status and duty as a Christian nation carrying great influence throughout the world. As a sub-area in a World State we would have lost any hope of such control. We would not be sovereign, but submerged.

Social Credit Pioneer to Lecture

Mr. John Malan, one of the pioneers of Social Credit Victoria, has recently returned home after a stay of two years in Great Britain. During his stay he made contact with many prominent Social Crediters and with Mr. A. K. Chesterton and other personalities in the League of Empire Loyalists. Mr. Malan will give his impressions of his trip at the Douglas Credit Rooms, The Block, Elizabeth Street, on Monday, February 23. All readers are welcome.