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EDITORIAL

THE TRADE WAR AND THE COMMUNIST ADVANCE

The recent statement by prominent Australian businessman, Sir John Allison, that Australia should vigorously seek trade with Red China and other Communist countries, and that Australian exporters should be supplied with export credits if necessary, was a major victory for the Communists. It closely followed the victory achieved by the Communists when they persuaded the "anti-Communist" Menzies Government that the Kremlin should be allowed to establish its agents in Australia again. There is no doubt that this Communist victory was also achieved primarily by the influence of possible trade developments.

Directly related to the above two incidents is the statement by the Australian Minister for Trade, Mr. John McEwan that American disposal practices and restrictive policies had raised "unparalleled obstructions" to Australia's ability to sell its primary products. As a result of its internal financial policies, and its rapid development of automation in production. America is forced more and more to try and solve its internal problems by exporting more while at the same time increasing restrictions against imports. Not only Mr. McEwan, but also British and European complaining politicians have been America's restrictive policies.

One of the major results of American policy is to foster the campaign to persuade Australian and British producers that they can solve their problems by exporting to Communist countries. While there is as much stupidity in America as any other country concerning the true purpose of a production system, we cannot believe that the controllers of financial policy in the U.S.A. do not understand that their policies make America's anti-Communism sound as hypocritical as Mr. Menzies', and that perseverance with these policies must continue to drive their "allies" to accept the Communists" offers of export markets.

It is no secret that large numbers of influential British businessmen trust that Mr. MacMillan's dealings with the Communists will pave the way for large exports of British heavy equipment to Russia. Canadian businessmen have been urged by leading bankers and businessmen not to fall behind in the race to obtain access to the "vast Chinese market." And now Sir John Allison boldly proclaims that Australian producers should also prepare to export to Communist countries. We have not the slightest doubt that Mr. McEwan welcomes the support of prominent Australian businessmen and producers for a policy which he

has long advocated. And he can use America's policies to justify this policy as an outlet for "surplus" Australian production.

There is much loose talk at present concerning the alleged passing of "Stalinism", but a re-study of Stalin's teachings concerning the exploitation by the Communists of "inevitable" trade conflict between the "capitalist" nations, makes it strikingly clear that the traditional Communist use of trade as a major form of warfare is now reaching the stage where the non-Communist world must either modify its internal financial and economic policies, or help aid in its own destruction. While we can applaud the attitude of those who express their disgust of policies which seek a short term profit at the expense of long-term security—it was particularly refreshing, for example, to note the Victorian Country Party Conference's condemnation of trade with Communist countries—the fact must be faced that economic pressure must ultimately force the great majority to conform to a specific policy irrespective of what may be thought concerning the desirability of that policy.

The Communists understand the importance of trade warfare, and over the past two years they have intensified their efforts in this form of warfare. This matter is dealt with in considerable detail in a recently published book entitled *The Third World War*, by Harry Welton. Welton's central thesis is that Communism is waging the fight for world victory through export drives, political infiltration and industrial sabotage. Welton confirms our own views, expressed time and time again, that armed conflict on a global scale is not part of Communist strategy. The Communists have every reason for believing that they are winning without the risk of major military conflict.

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NEWS SECTION

Onwards To Socialism: Recent figures released by the Commonwealth Statistician reveal that Government employment in Australia expanded at seven times the rate of private employment in the year ended February 28 last. The number of private employees in the period increased by 9700 to a total of 2,144,600—a rise of 0.4 percent. But the number of Government employees increased by 22.100 to a total of 772.900—a rise of 2.9 percent. These figures exclude the defence forces.

While a policy of "full employment" is followed religiously, it is inevitable that an increasing number of people must find work with Government organisations. Every increase in real efficiency in the private sector of the economy—and the development of automation is intensifying the rate of increase—means that less employees are required. "Full employment" requires the Government to ensure that sufficient new credits are created to provide work for all. This is the direct road to Socialism. And every Government, irrespective of its label, which accepts the policy of "full employment", cannot help but follow this road.

Fluoridation And The Moral Law: While it is note that opposition encouraging to fluoridation is at present sufficiently strong in Victoria to make it most unlikely that the present State will introduce legislation on the question, it is distressing to note that the Victorian Health Minister's reasons for not acting made no mention whatever of the fundamental moral issue. With the exception of one excellent letter from the Rev. Norman Hill in *The Age* the Christian clergy has remained silent. The basic objection to fluoridation is that it is mass medication taking from the individual the right and the responsibility to control his own body. If the fluoridation controversy can be used primarily to draw attention to the fact that fluoridation is merely one of many policies of a collectivist and anti-Christian philosophy, it may help advance the cause of freedom. But to defeat fluoridation primarily on material grounds while ignoring the philosophical issue, would in reality be a victory for the materialists.

A Church Paper On The Richardson Report: The editorial in *The Anglican* of April 10, which deals with the Richardson Report on Parliamentary salaries, makes the following important comment concerning the role of Parliament:

The basic defects of the Report, and its recommendations as a whole, spring from two implicit and closely connected assumptions, both of which are invalid. The first is that by making a political career more attractive—or less unattractive—in down-to-earth financial terms, better men will be encouraged to enter Parliament. As a corollary to this assumption, the Report states explicitly that membership of the Parliament is and should be a full-time occupation! The second basic assumption, equally invalid as the first, is that the function of politicians is *to govern!* The Report thus quotes with approval the statement of one Member paragraph 25) who speaks of "... the community they (the politicians) are meant ... to govern."

The argument that better men will come forward to serve their country if more money is offered seems to us dubious. Consider the Parliaments of the great Elizabeth and the Stuarts. It is recorded that men would go into hiding, and even flee from the country, in order to avoid a writ of summons to the Parliament at Westminster! Where these the Parliaments of Coke, Hampden, Wentworth, Pym, inferior to the assemblies in Canberra today? So far from being paid, it cost these bold men much in time and treasure, not to "govern" England, but to watch like hawks those who did.

To this day the catalytic agent which makes the British system of parliamentary democracy function is the amateur, part-time member who is prepared to make every conceivable sacrifice in the public interest; not that monstrosity of monstrosities, the "full-time politician."

We consider it is vital for the protection of generations to come that Australian citizens to-day should perceive the proper distinction between the functions of the Parliament and the Executive, and that these should be scrupulously maintained.

It is not, and never has been at any time in any British community, the function of the Parliament to govern.

That is the job of the Executive.

We elect a Parliament for one purpose, and that only: to criticise the Executive, watch it, check it, bring it tumbling down when it persists in encroaching on the rights of the individual.

For the Report's framers to suggest that Parliament should govern is a novel, revolutionary and completely unacceptable proposal in a British community: it amounts to advocacy of the unitary state.

(Italics in original.)

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Lord Montgomery's Poor Intelligence System: If Lord Montgomery followed the same principles which brought him success as a military leader, he would have not bothered going to Moscow to try and obtain an understanding of the purposes of the Communist leaders. He would have done a little intelligence work, making use of the numerous basic Communist documents available in any good public library. Having studied these documents he would know that the Communists seek world conquest and have clear-cut methods of obtaining this objective. He would not then have allowed himself to be used for Communist purposes by spreading the idea that "peaceful coexistence" was possible between the Communist and non-Communist world.

It is clear, however, that when Lord Montgomery leaves the military sphere for the political sphere, he is a mere babe. If he were not a political innocent, why would he be still asking why he was not allowed to end the war in Europe much quicker? He does not appear to have discovered yet that behind the inept leadership of General Eisenhower there were powerful international groups determined to bring the military fighting to a conclusion only with the Communists deeply penetrating right into the heart of Europe. If only Lord Montgomery would make a study of the realities behind international politics, he might then provide some real leadership to the British world.

Twenty-five Trial Subscriptions From One Reader

Since our last issue one of our Queensland supporters has given an inspiring lead in expanding our trial subscription campaign to the stage where it will be completely successful by the end of next month. Our Queensland friend has paid for 25 trial subscriptions. Have we any other readers who can equal, or better, this contribution to our expansion campaign?

Although the rate of expansion of our trial subscription campaign has increased since we warned that there was a serious lag, there is still a long way to go to reach the objective of 500 trial subscriptions by the end of May. This is a campaign in which every supporter can take part. All that we ask is that readers should send the names and addresses of responsible people whom they feel might be interested in the work we are doing, together with 10/- for the first subscription, 7/6 for the second, and 5/- for the third and any in excess of three.

Responsible Government

Public resentment regarding the "self-service" of M.P.'s concerning their financial incomes extends throughout the Australian States. The electors may observe the absence of competition between the parties and the contemptuous attitude of many of the members towards the wishes of their constituents. We may thus realize that matters are in urgent need of adjustment.

Action taken by the taxpayers should be designed to repel Dictatorship and to stimulate Democracy. Prior to the next election, each party should state the cost in taxation of its proposals. Any increase in taxation should be paid by the voters who voted the winning party into office. The electors and the political aspirants would then find it necessary to think carefully, since responsibility would be thrust upon them.

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Trade War and The Communist Advance

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Ever since Communism was established with a base in Russia in 1917, its leaders have regarded the British Empire as the main barrier to the expansion of Communism. Authorities on Communism like Dallin have drawn attention to the fact that Communist expansion was, prior to World War Two contained by British influence right around the globe. The last war and the years since have seen the British forced to abandon their positions of influence, not by the Communists, but by economic and financial pressure exercised by the international financial groups who have their headquarters in the U.S.A., and who have used the American economy to further their objectives. It is the policies of this group, which have disrupted the sovereignty of the British nations and prevented them from trading amongst themselves to their own mutual advantage. The Communists have been the chief benefactors of this policy of breaking up the sovereignty of the British world.

Although it is now going to mean a desperate fight, there is still time to reject the deadly suggestion that rather than encourage Empire trade and adjust our economic policies to realities, we should surrender to Communist strategy by exporting production to aid our enemies. And we should ask for the support of the American people to deal with the common enemy. There is no real need for trade conflict between the British and American people. It is an unnecessary conflict promoted for our common destruction. We do wish that businessmen like Sir John Allison might see this before giving any more encouragement to the Communist conspirators and their Wall Street allies.

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SERIES OF HOUSE MEETINGS TO EXPAND MELBOURNE ACTIVITIES

Mr. Ron Dyason, Campaign Director of the Action Group Secretariat, announces the start on May 26 of a series of Melbourne house meetings as part of a most comprehensive campaign of expansion. These meetings are designed to influence new people, and all Melbourne readers of "The New Times" are requested to co-operate fully by both attending these meetings themselves and by bringing along selected people likely to be interested.

The following meetings have already been arranged:

Tuesday, May 26—Mr. J. Ryan, 827 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. Phone: FU 5654.

Tuesday, June 2—Mr. Leo Brown, 45 Springfield Road, Box Hill. Phone: WX8413.

Tuesday, June 9—Mr. Les Wilson, 12 Bolden Street, Heidelberg. Phone: 455941.

Tuesday, June 16—Mr. Keith McLennan, Beales Lane. Greensborough. Phone: JF 1985.

Saturday, May —Mr. J. Lennie, 47 Spruzen Avenue. North Kew Phone: WM 9052.

Tuesday. July 7 —Mr. T. Tamas. 206 Auburn Road. Hawthorn. Phone: WB 2886.

Tuesday. July 14 -- Mr. John O'Connor, Browne Crescent, Eltham. Phone: JL 9348.

Tuesday, July 21—Mr. Noel Cahill, 219 Banks Street. South Melbourne. Phone: MX 6073.

Other meetings will be announced later. If there is any other Melbourne supporters who would like to make their homes available for a meeting Mr. Dyason would be pleased to hear from them as soon as possible.

These house meeting will be kept as informal as possible, with some suitable entertainment when this can be arranged. Speakers will provide the basis for discussion with a short talk on some subject. Supporters attending: these meetings would assist if they could brine along a small plate in order that the provision of supper will not bear too heavily upon those making their homes available. There is no doubt that these meetings will provide an excellent means of extending influence. All that is required is co-operation by Melbourne supporters.

LEAGUE OF RIGHTS SPEAKERS BUSY

The demand for League of Rights speakers from Church groups, Rotary Clubs, and similar organisations, continues to keep the League panel of speakers under heavy pressure. It is particularly pleasing that the reputation of the League in Church circles is such that some groups are asking for speakers on the advice of other groups. As a matter of interest, two Church groups asking for League speakers last week said that they were keen to hear the address on the Middle East One of Mr. Butler's most important addresses recently was to the South Melbourne Rotary

Club, where a large attendance heard an exposition of the philosophy underlying Communism and the urgent necessity for the application of the philosophy of Christianity if the Communist challenge was to be met. Mr. Butler exposed trade with Red China and other Communist countries as a deadly trap, and that prominent businessmen advocating such policies were in reality serving the Communist cause.

LETTERS TO THE PRESS

New Times readers have in recent weeks achieved a comparatively large-scale "break through" in the columns of the Melbourne press on a number of issues. We know that many letters sent did not make print. But it must be realised that only a small percentage of letters on any issue can be published. It is significant that there has apparently been no attempt to take issue with any of the letters published from supporters. This is further confirmation of our repeated claim that one competent actionist can by a suitably worded letter at the right time, wield tremendous influence. Advice and guidance is readily available for those who would like to use their initiative in the field of letter writing to the press, either daily or local.

WINTER STUDY CLASS

Mr. Butler plans to start his annual Social Credit study course early next month. The class will, as usual, meet weekly, and proceed for eight weeks. All those intending to do the course are requested to note that unless too large, the class will meet at the offices of *The New Times*. Newcomers are specially invited and we request present supporters to make every endeavour between now and next month to try and discover at least one non-Social Crediter to study the course.

The course has been further expanded since last year, and once again those requiring to do the course by correspondence may do so. The charge for the course by correspondence is £1. This includes postage. Those desirous of doing the course by correspondence should write in immediately.

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