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*"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"*

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## EDITORIAL.

### THE EXPORT MANIA AND THE STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD

The promoters of the campaign to integrate Europe, including Britain, into a highly centralised structure not unlike the type of structure erected by the Communists in Russia, persistently claim that this centralisation is necessary in order to "strengthen" the economies of the European peoples. The British economy is allegedly in a very sick plight primarily because it requires a bigger market for its exports. The European Common Market will, it is suggested, solve this problem. But if it is mainly a question of exports, then why cannot Britain freely export to other British countries like Australia? And this brings us to a consideration of how the export mania is being used to drive the whole world towards the centralisation of all power.

Strange as it sounds to many people, the true and sane purpose of production is consumption. And the true purpose of exports must be an exchange of a genuine surplus of production in one country for the genuine surpluses of other countries. To suggest that a nation's internal prosperity, the well-being and freedom of its citizens, should be geared directly to what is termed a "favourable balance of trade", is certainly one of the most dangerous of the numerous delusions which are making possible the communisation of the whole world.

It is surely elementary that every nation cannot have a "favourable balance of trade": export more than it imports. Because of this fact it is, for example, physically impossible for Britain to have a "favourable balance of trade" with Australia at the same time that Australia is attempting to adopt a similar policy in Britain. One obvious result of this attempt by both countries to export more than they import, is that Australia finds it increasingly difficult to sell primary production in Britain while the British find it difficult to sell their manufactured goods in Australia. And yet sane financial policies in both countries would enable them to freely exchange their surpluses with benefit to both the British and Australian people.

The difficulty which at present prevents the British and Australian people from freely exchanging their own surpluses, would in no way be removed if both countries were brought under one centralised control. Such centralised control does not in any way deal with the financial problem. It would merely lead to further centralisation in the economy in an attempt to make it work. The uniting of all the countries of Europe will not of itself increase the total purchasing power of the peoples of Europe by one penny. But it is significant that financial policy is invariably modified to enable centralisation to be made more attractive than a decentralised, genuinely free enterprise economy.

Under the guise of defeating Communism, the Americans are being continually exhorted to pour out their real wealth, their production, in various forms of exports. Realistically, of course, the "favourable balance of trade" policy followed by the American policy makers, means that the American people are sending an increasing proportion of their own production out of the country and receiving nothing in exchange for it. One of the results of this policy is to rob the Americans of the potential results of their free economy. In fact the export drive, under various headings, is used to impose more and more centralisation of control upon the American people. Taxation is kept at a high level and has become an instrument of control.

In spite of all the loose talk about the rapid development of the backward nations of the world being necessary primarily to defeat Communism, the truth is that the Communists have no real objections to the non-Communist countries establishing "favourable balances of trade" with these backward nations. This ensures that the non-Communist countries progressively exhaust themselves economically, while the process actually enables the Communists to make advances in the countries to which the exports are being sent. There is, for example, no evidence that India is further away from Communist domination because of the enormous production poured into the country from America and other Western countries.

The export mania stems from unrealistic internal financial and economic policies. Until these policies are challenged and modified, the drive for exports must be intensified. If only America, which possesses an economy which is virtually self-contained, or the British Commonwealth, which is also self-contained, would so adjust their own internal policies that their international policies were less governed by the export mania, the way would be cleared for a real advance against the threat of a complete Communist World State.

## SOCIAL CREDIT AND CENTRALIZATION

**The following article by the French-Canadian Social Crediter, Mr. Louis Even, in the June issue of "The Union of Electors", is most opportune at the present time when the worldwide drive towards the centralization of all power is being progressively intensified.**

Those who work for centralization and those who help spread their doctrine, whether consciously or otherwise, are fond of repeating that the present drift of mankind is towards federation, towards centralization; it is towards the disappearance of small groups or, at least, towards the diminution of their sovereignty. And these apostles of centralization hasten to add that this drift is in the best interests of humanity.

When these gentlemen speak of federation they are really thinking of fusion. They want to federate nations by causing nations to disappear; in our country they would like to federate the provinces by, to all effects, suppressing them, by mixing them together in a giant mortar bowl in such a way that they would end up being nothing more than so many geographical divisions - - like the departments in France.

It is false to say that humanity tends towards centralization, if by humanity you mean men, individual men. This tendency exists only on the part of certain individuals who would very much like to exercise supreme power over the "masses". In fact, this tendency is something which is being imposed, or stealthily foisted upon men.

The best proof that this tendency is not natural to men, to individual men globally considered, is that, in spite of all the resources which world centralisers possess — finance, the press, the help of central governments — they have not yet succeeded in imposing complete centralization upon men. They have been working systematically and vigorously towards this end for more than forty years. They have fomented wars and created crises to set up those conditions, which would throw men into the hands of a central state, and still they have not succeeded.

And they have failed precisely because centralization goes against the grain of the individual. The individual wants no part of it. On the contrary, he sincerely wants to be master of his own life. The further a government is from the individual (that is, the more central it is) the less chance the individual has of making his voice heard. Such a condition is diametrically opposed to a flourishing democracy.

The Social Crediters — all true Social Crediters — resist this movement towards centralization. They resist it just as they resist all that which goes contrary to the interests of the individual, as an individual; as they resist the attempts of governments and institutions to lay hands upon the in-

dividual. That is why, for example, they combat conscription. Such resistance may appear, at times, like a fighting retreat, especially when few people engage in it while the mass of the people remain passive and apathetic with a "Well, what can I do about it?" air.

But it must never be forgotten that those who resist bear within their hearts the most ardent and intimate aspirations of the individual, not only for themselves but for their fellow men. And while liberty has often been beaten to its knees it has always struggled to its feet and resumed the fight. History bears witness to this fact. There have been great and bloody tyrants who have grasped in their hands the most awesome powers for the centralization of entire nations. They have been defied. They have made their victims in an unnumbered multitude. But they in turn have become victims of their own lust for power and have fallen before men who would not give up the contest to be free. Each act of resistance strengthens the one resisting and creates a new obstacle in the path of the centralisers. Each act of resistance encourages others to acts of resistance. So each act of resistance develops the resistance of the one resisting and provokes others to resist.

But the fight is a never-ending one. For there are always those who are hungry for power over others. And a people, which sleeps is a people easily put in chains.

The outstanding characteristic of Social Credit teaching is the pursuit of liberty for the individual; liberty to grow and develop by the means which the individual himself will choose. Major Douglas, the founder of the Social Credit School, has said that Social Credit is a new strategy in the great and ancient struggle between the will to domination of the tyrant and the will to liberty of the individual.

If Social Credit places such emphasis upon the return of the control of credit into the hands of the members of society, it is because finance has become the prime weapon for domination. Those centralisers who have had the greatest success are those who have been working for financial centralization. They hold almost all the civilized and advanced nations in the palms of their hands through the centralization of finance. Where finance is concerned, everyone is obliged to keep in step. Everyone is plunged into economic crises at the same time without there being any justification whatsoever for such crises.

But now even the centralisers of finance are beginning to find opposition — a little to begin with, but a "little" which slowly but surely is growing into something big and formidable. The tyranny of the financiers is being more and more unmasked to the eyes of the people and is becoming more and more understood by individuals who previously thought finance to be some holy mystery which must not be probed by lay minds. Finance is finding it more and more necessary to go to governments for help in combating this resistance, this opposition from the individuals who make up society. The centralisers of finance now seek a world government, which would arrange the private lives of men by legislation, just as these dictators of finance dominate the economic lives of men through the control of credit and the threat of hunger.

Social Crediters no more admit political centralization than they admit — though they may be obliged to suffer - financial centralization.

Party politics, the bolstering of old or the formation of new parties, is futile when it comes to resisting centralization. Political parties seek power. But power corrupts. The more power that is had, the more power is sought. The provinces, which speak out the most loudly against federal centralization, are the provinces, which at home exercise the greatest centralization.

The battle against centralization can only be waged effectively by those who are not seeking power for themselves. Hence it must be fought by citizens who are not seeking power for themselves alone. The only outstanding group who are waging the fight against centralization under this condition are the true Social Crediters.

### BRUCE H. BROWN'S BOOK

We regret to announce that there has been a slight delay in the publication of Bruce H. Brown's book *The World's Troublemakers*. But it is anticipated that the first orders will start to be met early in September.

### NEW OFFICE

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## PLEASE DON'T DELAY THAT DINNER BOOKING ANY LONGER

While we are pleased that a much larger number of supporters are making their bookings for the Annual Dinner earlier this year, we again stress the fact that those intending to be present can lighten the burden of the organisers by making their bookings as soon as practicable. The donation towards the Annual Dinner will be the same as last year, 35/- per head. The Dinner this year will be held at the Federal Hotel (not the Victoria as in previous years) on Friday, September 22. Guests may arrive from 6 p.m. onwards. When booking, supporters should state whether they desire to sit with particular friends. As far as possible, seating at the tables is arranged to meet all requests. Those attending should also state whether or not they desire a fish dinner.

Every effort is being made to make the Dinner even better than in the past. That very distinguished Australian, Sir Raphael Cilento, will be the guest of honour this year. Mr. Eric Butler will deliver his annual message and briefly survey the progress of activities. The toast to *The New Times* will be proposed this year by Mr. John Ball and Mr. Kevin Hanger.

Interstate and country visitors who cannot attend the Dinner in person are invited to be present in spirit by sending appropriate messages. This year a new arrangement is being devised for more effective presentation of messages.

First class entertainment has been arranged and guests are assured of a most enjoyable and stimulating evening.

Intending country and interstate visitors should write immediately if they would like to accept the hospitality of Melbourne supporters. We would also appreciate hearing from those intending to attend the League of Rights' Seminar on the Saturday, September 23. This will enable arrangements to be made for afternoon tea, to be taken after the presentation of the first Paper, by the Rev. Norman Hill.

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## VIGOROUS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOUR

When Mr. Eric Butler returned to Melbourne from Adelaide last Friday morning, he had covered hundreds of miles in South Australia, addressed 14 meetings in 11 days, and conducted numerous personal interviews. After being home for only three days, Mr. Butler left for Perth on Sunday evening to start another intensive lecturing and organisational tour which will continue for three weeks.

Mr. Butler reports that the impact of the League of Rights is growing everywhere, but that the increasing activities are throwing increasing strain on to the few and that increased physical, as well as financial support is necessary to keep the mounting wave of activities moving forwards.

One of the features of the South Australian tour was the closer contacts established with many clergymen and Christian groups. Mr. Butler gave four addresses in one day last week in Adelaide, two of these to special meetings of clergymen from two different denominations, and one to a Men's Fellowship. The fourth address was to the Port Adelaide Junior Chamber of Commerce. The highlight of this address was reported in *The Advertiser*.

Mr. Frank Bawden, a member of the South Australian Council of the League, accompanied Mr. Butler on his tour of the West Coast, which concluded with a most enthusiastic meeting at Port Lincoln. The smallest meeting on this tour was at Whyalla, where the majority of the audience was either Communists or Communist dupes. But some of the dupes were shaken. A highlight of this meeting was the announcement by a Jew present that the only true Communism was in Israel. When Mr. Butler thanked him for this information, but refused to allow him to make a speech under the guise of asking a question, he arrogantly said he would not stay at the meeting any longer.

All meetings were adequately covered by the local press. Some valuable new contacts were made, and a large amount of literature distributed. A tape recording of Mr. Butler's address at Port Lincoln was made in order that he could be heard by many who were unable to attend.

The South Australian tour finished with a public meeting on the significance of the British Government's proposal to join the European Common Market. This meeting was the best attended yet held by the Australian League of Rights in Adelaide. A resolution was carried at the meeting requesting the Australian Government to make every endeavour to have a conference of the leaders of the Crown Commonwealth called immediately to examine the whole question. It is probable that a further and

much better organised public meeting will be held in Adelaide later.

Mr. Butler will be making a short visit to Adelaide in October to address a Methodist Men's Fellowship meeting. This meeting will be of importance because an attempt has been made to smear the League of Rights in Methodist circles. *The South Australian Methodist* has actually given a directive that Methodist Men's groups should not hear League speakers. The Fellowship group inviting Mr. Butler has taken the attitude that it is not going to be dictated to concerning speakers.

The South Australian Council of the League urgently requires more support for its activities. Will supporters who can assist in any way whatever please contact Mr. F. Bawden, Box 12971. Adelaide.

## BIGGER RESPONSE REQUIRED TO SPECIAL FINANCIAL APPEAL

Although there has been a most heartening response to the special twelve-months self-assessment scheme launched in the last issue of *The New Times*, we are certain that those who have not yet contributed will not fail to justify our faith in them. The various activities associated with our work are being pushed forward vigorously, those responsible being confident that supporters will not fail to ensure that lack of finance does not hamper these activities in any way.

Will all supporters not yet contributing to the self-assessment scheme please treat this matter as urgent. As pointed out in our last issue, those who for various reasons do not feel able to pledge themselves may make whatever donations they feel possible.

## BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENTS

Harry Dexter White, top secret Communist in the Roosevelt Government, was the chief architect of the Bretton Woods financial agreements. Even after being exposed as a top Communist, the Truman Government appointed White as first American director of the International Monetary Fund. He later committed suicide rather than be investigated.

The League of Rights has issued a special article, "The Credit Squeeze and The Drive Towards the Communist World State", in which this matter is dealt with. Order from The Australian League of Rights, 430 Bourke Street, Melbourne. Price 10d. per single copy; 12 copies, 8/-.