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EDITORIAL.

TOTALITARIANISM DEFEATED IN ALBURY

On Saturday, September 23, the people of the city of Albury, N.S.W., not only dealt the policy of mass medication called fluoridation a severe blow; they demonstrated in a most heartening manner that the Australian people still possess a deeply-rooted antipathy to all forms of totalitarianism. It is significant that one section of the Melbourne press which has been advocating fluoridation of public water supplies, and which has been claiming that public opinion polls show that a majority of people favour fluoridation, ignored the overwhelming vote against mass medication by the people of Albury.

The referendum held in Albury was the second held in Australia on the fluoridation issue. The first was held at the small Queensland centre of Chinchilla, and the result was an unpleasant pill for the totalitarians who believe that a Government has the right to compel people to submit to mass medication. However, it was suggested that the result at Chinchilla was insignificant; that it was only a small country centre, and that the vote could not be regarded as a true reflection of Australian public opinion. But the decision at Albury, a large provincial city, has obviously come as a crushing blow to the fluoridationists. The vote against fluoridation was overwhelming, 6888 people being in opposition and only 1753 in favour.

The large opposition vote was recorded in the face of a highly organised campaign to which the N.S.W. Minister of Health gave his personal support. The Albury medical, dental and pharmaceutical professions supported the campaign for fluoridation. The City Health Inspector and the Water and Sewerage Engineer also gave their support. And the N.S.W. Department of Health strongly backed the pro-fluoridation campaign. Against this massive and impressive campaign, a small group of Albury citizens gallantly upheld the principle of the right of the individual to decide freely for himself whether or not he was going to consume fluorides with his water.

The defeat of fluoridation in Albury does not mean of course, that the advocates of compulsory mass medication will cease their efforts. The totalitarian virus is deeply seated in Australia, as in all other countries, and there are many people who are convinced that they know what is best for people and that they should have the right to impose their policies on their fellows. An example of the virulence of the disease is provided by an editorial, which appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, commenting upon the anti-fluoridation vote in Albury.

The editorial, which appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald* of September 27, provides a most illuminating picture of the thinking of many editorial writers for the Australian daily press. It is headed, "Emotion Wins In Albury", and, after observing that propagandists against

fluoridation "stirred up" the community, sarcastically states that, "The people of Albury have gone on record as insisting on the sacred right to let their own teeth—and, more importantly, those of their children—rot". This insulting rubbish implies that the officials of the N.S.W. Health Department—which deplores the holding of referendums on fluoridation—are more interested in the teeth of Albury parents than are the parents. The truth is that the parents of Albury have not voted in favour of tooth decay; they have refused to accept the policy of fluoridation as an alleged means of preventing decay. Tooth decay admittedly is a serious problem. But much more serious is the decay of a sense of freedom and personal responsibility.

Having delivered himself of his views on the wicked irresponsibility of Albury parents, the leader writer then proceeds to reveal his totalitarian philosophy. Parents must "take the consequences. They must pay for this 'freedom'." And how must they pay for not accepting mass medication? ". . . if a dental benefits scheme ever becomes a practical proposition, committees which reject fluoridation of their water supplies should be specifically excluded from it. Then there might be an agonising reappraisal of anti-fluoridation arguments". Without discussing here the question of Government dental benefits schemes, we point out that any such schemes would be financed out of the pockets of taxpayers, including the people of Albury. And the leader writer for *The Sydney Morning Herald* bluntly urges that any people who have the audacity to reject fluoridation should be denied the return of any of their own taxation under a dental benefits scheme.

We would not be surprised to learn that the person responsible for this classic piece of totalitarian advocacy describes himself as an anti-Communist. And this highlights the truth that labels and words today no longer reflect reality. The basic struggle in the world is not between those who call themselves Communists and anti-Communists, but between those who believe that the freedom of the individual—to make free choices and

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NEWS COMMENTARY.

A Common Market Myth: The propagandists for the European Common Market make the claim that the prosperity in the present six members of the Market is the result of their start towards economic and political union. All economic activities are governed by financial policies, and the greater degree of economic expansion in the Common Market countries has been primarily brought about by a more liberal financial policy.

The myth that the Common Market has been primarily responsible for the greater economic activity has been destroyed by one of the Common Market's own economists, Mr. Alexander Lamfalussy, who stated recently that Europe's present prosperity started a long time before the Market was formed. The rate of rebuilding of Germany after the war was determined largely by the dollar finance supplied by the U.S.A. The same dollar policy was responsible for the rehabilitation of Japan. Credit policy dictates the rate and purposes of economic activities, not political and economic centralism.

If the whole of Europe, including Britain, is integrated into one political and economic union, how much easier it would be to impose restrictive financial policies upon all the Western European peoples. Centralisation has never produced strength anywhere at any time. Those who believe that a large market automatically makes an economy operate more satisfactorily might care to explain what happened in the United States of America during the Great Depression. The fact of Federation could not save the American people from the results of a centralised and restrictive credit policy.

International Finance is backing the European Common Market project, knowing full well that it will enable an even greater control of the European peoples.

Mr. Y. S. Brenner and "Anti-Semitism": Dr. J. J. Cairns, Labor Member for Yarra in the Federal Parliament, made a most distinctive contribution towards the campaign attacking the Federal Government for not allowing Mr. Y. S. Brenner into Australia. Dr. Cairns charged the Government with "anti-Semitism". Mr. Brenner, a German-born Jew, who has been lecturing at the London University, was to have taught economic history at the Adelaide University.

As the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Downer, has stated that his refusal to grant Brenner a visa was not because he had been a member of the terrorist Stern gang, or because he had tried to join the Communist Party, it would appear that Dr. Cairns' charge of "anti-Semitism" is a claim that Jews should have special privileges. Mr. Downer cannot be held responsible for the fact that the information he relies upon to make decisions indicated that both Professor Gluckman, who was prevented from

going to New Guinea, and Mr. Brenner, were security risks. Neither can Mr. Downer be held responsible for the fact that both Gluckman and Brenner are Jews.

The late Senator McCarthy was also labelled an "anti-Semite", not because of anything he said concerning Jews, but because the overwhelming majority of the suspects he had to examine were Jews.

We trust that responsible people in this country have carefully noted the individuals and papers attempting to confuse the basic issues in the Brenner case. Judging from some of the comment, it would appear that Australia is doomed unless the Gluckmans and Brenners are allowed "academic freedom". We have no fears that the education of Adelaide University students will be stunted in any way because Mr. Brenner is not permitted to teach economic history.

D. J. Killen Delivers the "Knock-Out": Even if Members of the Opposition did not know it, Liberal M.P. Killen delivered the "knock-out" in the discussion on the Brenner case when, in response to the nonsense about how Mr. Brenner had been employed for so many years in Britain without question, he observed, "George Blake was employed for ten years by the Foreign Office without being questioned".

Dr. H. C. Coombs in China: We notice with interest that the Communist *Guardian* of October 12 reports that Dr. H. C. Coombs, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, arrived in Peking on October 2, and that he is visiting China at the invitation of the President of China, Mr. Tsao Chu-ju. The same issue of *The Guardian* claims that the Australian wheat farmers have been saved from a serious depression by China's importation of Australian wheat. We are sure that there is a very close connection between these two items in the Communist press. Other reports make it clear that Dr. Coombs is discussing the financial mechanics concerning wheat deals with Australia. It would be instructive to learn whether Dr. Coombs is acting with the full knowledge and support of the Australian Government. If he is, then this Government is allowing the Communists to use trade to further the ultimate destruction of this country.

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U.S. BACKS WORLD REVOLUTION

The following is extracted from an article in the Washington journal, "Human Events", of June 23:

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. policy has been anti-colonial; that is, our government has brought steady and unremitting pressure on its European allies to get rid of their overseas possessions. This policy has had the enthusiastic and unwavering support of our leading liberals outside government and also of tremendously influential newspapers such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. Joining in have been columnists like Walter Lippmann and Marquis Childs, and TV and radio commentators like Edward R. Murrow. These have fortified government policy and have been instrumental in shaping public opinion.

Not only that, the liberal press, columnists and commentators have waged incessant war on rightwing dictatorships such as that of Franco in Spain and Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. These assaults largely have been on moral grounds; the dictators censored the press, abridged freedom, squelched the opposition by using violent means, etc. Also there has been the argument, most persuasive on the surface, that we should support liberal, democratic and progressive movements.

The failure of many of our aid programmes, according to the liberals, is that we have helped the wrong people; the reactionaries. They insist, in effect, on massive interference in the internal affairs of friendly countries, ignoring the difficulties involved.

The instances where aid to the so-called liberal forces flopped dismally, and there are many, are ignored for the most part. A case in point is Bolivia, for years under a left-wing regime. Since 1952, that unhappy country has had more help in the form of outright grants than any other Latin-American country. Yet, the country's situation grows worse every year. No right-wing dictator could have wasted our money any more flagrantly than Bolivia's leftists.

What is the standard, which the liberals use for attacks on dictators?

1. The dictator must be anti-Communist and friendly to the United States.
2. He must have some respect for private property.
3. He must maintain order and keep his economy in fairly good shape.

If this yardstick is held inadequate and misleading, one has only to reflect that the principal liberal targets over the years have been Franco in Spain, Batista in Cuba (ousted), Somoza in Nicaragua (dead), Chiang Kai-Shek in Formosa, Rhee in Korea (ousted), Trujillo in the Dominican Republic (dead), and now Salazar in Portugal.

Peron, the busted dictator of Argentina, probably would not meet the standards outlined above, but then Peron had a profound contempt for the democratic press, and so drew the wrath of the *New York Times*, the *New York Post*, etc., upon himself.

Occasionally, our liberals do hit at Khrushchev, Mao Tse-tung and the lesser Soviet dictators. Nevertheless, there is no sustained campaign such as that which helped overthrow Batista, and which is now aimed at Salazar.

Tito of Yugoslavia furnishes an example of gentle treatment by our liberals. He is a dictator, and a Communist dictator. After World War II, his airmen murdered, without provocation, some American fliers. There was an outcry in America, but this died down with the revelation that Tito was not completely subservient to Soviet Russia. On the doubtful theory that he might be an ally, we have given him hundreds of millions of dollars. This has had the strong approval of our liberals, press and all.

But Salazar, long-time friend and ally who has given us valuable bases in the Azores, becomes our target.

Batista's downfall and the rise of Castro illustrate the effectiveness of the liberal propaganda campaigns. The *New York Times* led the verbal assault on Batista. His faults were sharply outlined. The purges, repressions and graft of his regime were megaphoned. There were articles about the embattled revolutionists in the mountains; Fidel being portrayed as a saintly, selfless man. When Batista fell under the onslaught, one of the *New York Times* editors helped in the briefing of the American diplomats who were to go to Cuba.

We have had little but trouble in our anti-colonial policy. This policy, admirable in theory, becomes ridiculous when it results in the Congo mess. The aftermath is at once farcical and ridiculous. The futility and impotency of the United Nations is etched in the area from which we helped force the Belgians. Yet many of our liberals continue to act as if the U.N. were the last hope and refuge of the world, and as if anti-colonialism was one of the Ten Commandments. Apparently, our fixation about the importance of the U.N. accounted, in part, for our votes on the Angola matter. We were out to win a popularity contest no matter the consequences.

The position of the West is deteriorating steadily, the Communist position growing stronger all the time. All the brave words of the President cannot hide the extent of the Cuban and Laos catastrophes, nor the gloating of Khrushchev.

In all probability, there is more to come. Under such circumstances the situation in Angola must be examined with a view to the consequences of forcing Portugal to turn it loose.

On this point, the testimony of the liberal publication, *The Reporter*—no friend of Salazar—must be given a lot of weight. It concludes that if Angola is turned loose,

the Russians will probably take it over and turn it into the "Soviet version of an ideal African pilot state under bi-racial rule."

The Reporter adds that if Angola goes, Portugal will be "left alone to face the massive assault of African nationalism and Soviet imperialism—or worse, be left with Spain as its only ally." Finally, the magazine concludes that, if the conservatives go down in Portugal through the loss of Angola, Franco is doomed.

Nobody knows what we want for Portugal. The Adlai Stevenson speech in the U.N. on the question at the time of the first vote spewed confusion as a cuttlefish does ink. Stevenson was absent when the third vote was taken, having been sent to Latin America on a good will mission.

Nobody knows just what we want, but it is evident that our vote in the U.N. means that we are co-operating in the Soviet campaign aimed at Portugal. No wonder then that even good liberals like Dean Acheson are reported to be dismayed over our Angola stand. Robert Murphy, former Undersecretary of State and president of the United States Council on NATO, is said to view our stand as calamitous. There are others.

With the way things are going, even the doctrinaire liberals soon reach a fundamental conclusion: that the time has come for all good Americans to concentrate on one objective—how to save the United States of America. Anyone who can help us toward this goal, we should help. Anyone who stands in our way, we should oppose. It is a simple, but fundamental, doctrine. If we do not adhere to it, we could commit national suicide.

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to accept personal responsibility for those choices—is the most important thing in the world. The Western world is retreating against the Communist advance because many people have surrendered to the totalitarian virus. All forms of collectivism help weaken resistance to Communism. Every increase in the power of the State is a weakening of the power of the individual. And every weakening of the individual's sense of freedom and responsibility makes the Communists' task so much easier. Every defeat of totalitarianism is therefore an event to be warmly welcomed and applauded.

The salvation of Western Civilization must start with the individual, who through action in his own local community can demonstrate how totalitarianism can be defeated and freedom upheld. Those responsible for the lead against fluoridation of the public water supply in Albury demonstrated what could be accomplished by a dedicated few that serves a principle. They have also demonstrated that the dedicated few can defeat the massed battalions of Government agencies and associated interests. They have provided both inspiration and hope to those fighting the totalitarianism challenge everywhere.

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