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## EDITORIAL

### WEST NEW GUINEA- AUSTRALIA'S CUBA?

In a recent address Congressman John Rhodes, of Arizona, a member of the Republican Policy Committee of the American House of Representatives, said that the Kennedy Administration was making West New Guinea "Australia's Cuba." Congressman Rhodes, who has obviously made a close study of the West New Guinea issue and its background, has asked the following pertinent question: "Why is it that the Australian Government isn't disclosing something of the answers they received from the American Government on New Guinea?" He continued, "I'm sure the American people would like to know what we told Australia." And we can assure Congressman Rhodes that the Australian people would be even more interested to know exactly what the Australian Government has been told.

Although we make no pretence of knowing in detail what the policy-makers in the U.S.A. have told the Australian Government, we do know that it has been made clear to the Australian Government that the U.S.A. would not support any military resistance to the Indonesian campaign against the Dutch in West New Guinea. Exploiting the well-known phobia of many Americans concerning the Western colonial nations, the American State Department, which played a vital role in assisting Castro to power in Cuba, has consistently encouraged the Indonesians on the West New Guinea issue. And while it has been widely publicised that Indonesia has been getting much modern military equipment from Soviet Russia, there has been comparatively little publicity given to the fact that Indonesia has been using American dollars to pay for this equipment.

In spite of the fact that the record of Communist appeasement by Washington cannot be disputed, and has been thoroughly exposed by American patriotic groups, there are still some sincere anti-Communists in Australia who turn a blind eye to the record, who insist that the U.S.A. will not assist Australia until Australia makes a bigger effort to increase her military preparedness. Melbourne *Herald* foreign correspondent, Mr. Denis Warner, has been publicising this dangerous nonsense, and is being assisted by people like Mr. B. A. Santamaria, who appear to have a blind spot concerning American policy. It may be very desirable that Australia improve her military defences (we would like to see some nuclear weapons from Britain based in Australia), but it is a delusion that the present controllers of policy in the U.S.A. would take any greater interest in Australia's future because of any increase in defence expenditure.

### DOLLAR DIPLOMACY AND COMMUNISM

The dollar diplomats responsible for the large dollar credits for Indonesia attempt to justify this policy on the grounds that the assistance is necessary to help stabilise Indonesia and to prevent the Communists from coming to power. The same type of puerile argument has been used to justify huge dollar credits for Communist Poland and Communist Yugoslavia. It is claimed that dollar aid enables these Communist countries to remain independent of Moscow. But dollars for Poland are in fact more dollar support for Moscow, while Tito uses a big part of his dollar credits to provide assistance to countries in which the Communists are attempting to win power. For example, Tito has provided assistance for Indonesia. It is impossible to believe that those providing dollar credits, both directly and indirectly, for Indonesia, are not fully aware of the ultimate end of this policy.

The reality behind the current double-talk concerning American "mediation" between the Dutch and Indonesia is the same reality, which has seen all past mediations finish with a further expansion of the Communist Empire.

### INDONESIA'S PRO-SOVIET RECORD

It is blatantly dishonest to argue that Indonesia will be kept out of the Communist orbit by pouring in dollar aid and by forcing the Dutch to yield in West New Guinea. We wonder how many Australians are aware that, with the exception of Cuba, Indonesia has voted more consistently with the Communist bloc in the "United" Nations than has any other nation. The fact that at the moment General Nasution controls the Indonesian armed forces, and that he is anti-Communist, is used too often as a smokescreen to hide Indonesia's consistent pro-Soviet record. We suggest that those who have any doubts about the official pro-Communist record of the Indonesian Government should carefully study the performance of the Indonesian delegate to the "United" Nations when the Communist bloc moved the motion of censure of the U.S.A. over Cuba. Any Australian, who suggests that an Indonesian Government, which gains control of West New Guinea, will make no further claims in New Guinea, or elsewhere, is menacing the future of Australia.

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## NEWS COMMENTARY

**Setback for Fluoridationists:** Although the daily press in most capital cities publicised the fact that the recent conference of State Ministers of Health in Adelaide was to discuss the possibility of a common pro-fluoridation campaign, the prime mover being the N.S.W. Department of Health, we have seen no reference in the daily press to what happened about this matter. Tasmania was the only other State to support N.S.W. If a common programme could have been agreed upon, the press would have featured this in headlines. However, the fluoridationists are still intensely active, particularly in N.S.W., where all municipalities were recently invited to send representatives to a special Sydney seminar on fluoridation. Many of those who attended this seminar have returned to their own communities keen advocates of mass-dosing their fellows with sodium fluoride.

**U.S.A. Policy-makers and the Common Market:** The visit of Australia's Minister for Trade, Mr. John McEwen, to the U.S.A. for talks concerning the proposed entry of Britain into the European Common Market should convince even the most sceptical that the policy-makers in the U.S.A. are applying pressure to force economic and political integration in Western Europe. Mr. McEwen appears to realise where real power resides. Thus his rather abject appeal to U.S.A. policy-makers to help ensure that there is no serious impairment of Australia's present access to the British market. If the Common Market only concerns the Western European nations, why should Mr. McEwen have to visit the U.S.A. to discuss what will be the future of Australian exports to Britain?

One press report of last week stated that Mr. McEwen has been told of U.S.A. opposition to the present Commonwealth preferential system, "which is regarded as a form of discrimination against outside nations." The British nations' preferential trade system has been one of the targets of the international Money Power ever since it was introduced in the "thirties" as a result of the Great Depression. Every U.S.A. administration from Roosevelt's onwards has worked to destroy the economic sovereignty of the British nations, a significant fact which is but part of the evidence supporting the view that the complete destruction of the British world system is one of the major objectives of the policy-makers in the U.S.A. President Kennedy is but a tool of these policy-makers.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Lord Balfour of Inchrye has added his voice to the growing volume of protest against the proposed betrayal of the whole British world. Lord Balfour has called for another Ottawa Conference. Any move towards a policy of preserving and extending the economic and political sovereignty of the British nations will meet with bitter opposition from the international Money Power and its stooges. But this move can be made if sufficient people throughout the whole British world raise their voices in protest against the proposed betrayal of the British heritage.

**"Sir" Jomo Kenyatta?:** Every new day now brings further evidence of the decay that is rotting the very heart of civilisation. The thugs, murderers and torturers of yesterday become the respected leaders of today. Who would have thought yesterday that Jomo Kenyatta, the foul creature associated with the Mau Mau horror in Kenya, would be today accepted in Britain as a civilised person fit to accept political responsibilities. But Kenyatta has not only been whitewashed in Britain by sections of the press; the Archbishop of Canterbury allowed himself to be photographed shaking hands with the brute. The caption to the photo of the Archbishop and Kenyatta read: "It had to happen eventually. The final accolade of the Establishment for one of Britain's former political prisoners." Kenyatta was not a political prisoner. He was convicted of crimes so evil that the normal person's mind revolts when they are listed. But now that the Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the "final accolade," no doubt the Queen herself will be requested to greet Kenyatta and perhaps to confer a knighthood upon him. In the meantime there is news from Kenya of a new terrorist organisation. One title being used is "Soldiers of Kenyatta." The terrorists will no doubt be heartened by the photo of Kenyatta shaking hands with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**"Role of Jews" in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament:** The *Jewish Chronicle*, England, quotes the Rev. Saul Amias, co-chairman of the Jewish Group for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, as stating that two-thirds of the London Committee of the C.N.D. were Jews and that there was strong Jewish representation in local groups. This report will be of special significance to those who have noted that a disproportionate number of Jews are attracted to revolutionary movements. Those who raise the silly cry about "anti-Semitism" are advised to take the matter up with the *Jewish Chronicle*, which first drew attention to the fact that there was such strong Jewish influence in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Nuclear Disarmament by the Western nations at present would be tantamount to an immediate surrender to Communism.

**Electoral Censure of Federal Government Continues:** Even Mr. Menzies' best friends must admit that his reply to the recent Labor censure motion did neither he nor his Government any credit. He devoted a big portion of his address to an attack upon *The Sydney Morning Herald*, with the result that many of his national audience gained the impression that he was attempting to blame the one Australian city daily which supported Labor for the severe electoral censure of his Government. The truth is that the Government was censured because of its financial policies.

While voting in State elections does not necessarily follow the same pattern as in Federal elections, the election results in the recent N.S.W. and S.A. elections exploded the theory that many voted against the Menzies Government merely "to give it a fright" and would now revert

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# SHAM DEMOCRACY

By D. WATTS

**It seems as though everywhere the democratic experiment is failing, and that often those loudest in praise of that form of government are the very ones bringing the experiment to naught. The idea seems to be that if we keep repeating the word and affirming our devotion we, modern Glendowers, can call democracy from the political deep; and that a desperate clutching at the rags and tatters of democratic institutions will prevent it from escaping. The sacred word, democracy, is cover from behind which preach those who deceive.**

Recently, during a visit to Australia, Mr. Dean Acheson remarked that we must accept it that there are many different kinds of government in the Western world. There are, of course; but this statement, coming from an American, has a significance that was missed by the journals that quoted him.

After the second world war America sponsored such action as would, it was thought, create an ideological uniformity said to be democratic; but it was this action which has brought into being a diversity of governmental forms, some of which, grossly undemocratic, were established at the expense of imperial democracy. The words "self-determination" and "universal suffrage" have veiled the anti-democratic nature of the developments.

## VOTING AND DEMOCRACY

A fact to face is that universal suffrage is not synonymous with democracy, though it can lend that form of government some support in certain circumstances. Theorists, presenting it as the foundation of a democratic system, or even as the whole of it, are really offering brummagem instead of genuine democracy. Universal suffrage can assist in the maintenance of democracy only if democracy be already established. It does not, by itself, enable the people in the body of an organisation to have any say in the determining of policies. If there be more than one political party, then in an election an enfranchised people has the freedom to vote for one or another of the already formulated policies, so that, though the policies are worked out by a few, thought must be given to their general acceptability. From that it can be seen that the governing power given the masses by universal suffrage is regulating, not ruling, power; and that it is not even regulating power unless there be more than one strong party.

Because democracy, itself, is essentially regulation of government action, and is not directly ruling action, it follows that universal suffrage is democratic only when it can regulate. If there be offered only one policy, with perhaps a choice between minor variations, or if the general policy be not offered at all, but be kept secret, then universal suffrage is not democratic. It merely allows the people to assent to that from which they have not the chance to dissent, or to assent to they know not what.

## FIRST ESSENTIALS FOR DEMOCRACY

Before suffrage was made universal in the democratic countries, the conditions of democracy — freedom of thought, speech and conscience, freedom from unlawful coercion, and the right of private ownership of property - had already been recognised. It was taken for granted

by those advocating the making of suffrage universal that where those conditions existed they would continue to prevail. The assurance of those pressing for the adoption of the measure was that people could be trusted to know what is best for themselves. There is room for argument there; but even taking the assumption to be true within certain limits, it is surely obvious that people must be fully and correctly informed if they are able to judge what is best for themselves and, since the judgment is overall, what is best for others. That is, the democratic freedom to present all facts, opinions and arguments must be actual as well as theoretical if universal suffrage is to be of any use.

How does that square with the present widespread practice of slanting news and partially suppressing truth by the shapers of public opinion? Why, if the people can be trusted to know what is best for themselves, does an organised press not trust them to judge for themselves, but instead sets out to form their opinions for them? That decreeing of what shall be public opinion is not democratic, and it makes nonsense of the best argument for universal suffrage.

## DICTATORSHIP VIA THE BALLOT BOX

Universal suffrage can be a support to dictatorship as easily as it can be an assistance to democratic action. That has been practically demonstrated in Communist Russia and Nazi Germany and in many of the coloured dictatorships that have been set up more recently. Democracy depends upon distribution of wealth and power. Universal suffrage is democratic when there is that distribution; but it is only mass support for absolutism when power is centralised and wealth is enjoyed only by the grace of a governing plutocracy or of the State.

Moreover, it is a piece of tomfoolery for ignorant primitives solemnly to cast votes on policies dealing with matters beyond their knowledge and comprehension. That universal suffrage in such countries as, say, India or Africa, can be called democratic shows that too many have given but superficial thought to democratic realities. For primitive illiterates, living in different communities, democracy would be, not participation in a general election run on party lines, but local government within a national organisation, with check by the inhabitants of the district upon the conduct of local affairs. Such communities might send elected members to more general assemblies; but these members should represent their districts, not political parties. That kind of organisation and action might tend to bring about a true distribution of power without disrupting the national organisation.

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### FREEDOM AND LAW

The other substitute for democracy, self-determination, is not in fact democratic unless there be with it powers of judgment and self-discipline. The great virtue of democracy is that in it abide together freedom and law. Self-determination, with arbitrariness and caprice, is certainly freedom; but it is autocratic, not democratic, freedom. The practical results of granting political independence to culturally backward peoples give proof of that in both the national and the international fields.

Many people, ready to face the realities of political situations, are not ready, or not able, to face the implications of those realities. As a consequence, political theory has degenerated into mere wordiness. Without saying why, we want this: we won't have that: this is intolerable; that is wrong but excusable: universal suffrage and self-determination are the same as democracy: to question the theory of racial equality is as bad as to sin against the Holy Ghost.

All those flat, political didactics, unsupported by logic, come from attempts to fit inadequate theories to inescapable facts. There is, behind the dogmatism, a hunger for idealism; but true idealism is, above all else, logical; so that if what is taken for idealism be not logical, we can be sure that it is really emotionalism or egotism pretending to be rational or altruistic. Such pretence is not usually conscious hypocrisy. It comes from inability to be detached: but being of sincere belief does not make it genuine idealism. Even when not recognised for what they are, shams are always parasitic; and the poor host, democracy, is nearly devoured by them.

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If Indonesia is permitted to take over West New Guinea because it is "unrealistic" to resist, then it will, of course, be just as "unrealistic" to resist when the time comes for Australia to be removed from East New Guinea and other areas to the north. And then when the revolutionaries demand that the "selfish" Australians give up part of their "under-developed" continent in order to help solve the problem of over-population in Asia, it will also be "unrealistic" to dispute this demand. Time is running out fast for Australia. There is no future in looking to the present policy-makers in the U.S.A., who have consistently betrayed the Western European peoples everywhere. Australia must evolve a policy of survival based upon fundamental principles, and boldly publicise those principles in an attempt to influence public opinion in other Western European countries, including the U.S.A. West New Guinea could be Australia's Cuba unless action is taken soon.

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to support for anti-Labor. The voting in both N.S.W. and S.A. left no doubt that, in spite of the modification of financial policy by the Menzies Government, the electoral support for Labor continues to grow. A Gallup Poll suggests that even in Victoria there has been a further drift towards Labor since the Federal elections, and that another Federal election at present would bring about the defeat of the Menzies Government.

The strong electoral support for Labor does not mean that an increasing number of electors are supporting Labor policies. What is happening is an expression of opposition to the present Federal Government policies. Mr. Menzies and his colleagues would be well advised to face the realities of the Australian electoral situation and give earnest thought to the implementation of financial and economic policies, which will enable the individual to gain some real benefits from the free economy. One of the main problems is how to expand financial credit without in the process intensifying inflation.

### FLUORIDATION ILLEGAL IN SWEDEN

The highest court in Sweden has ruled that fluoridation of public water supplies is illegal in Sweden because "it is not done to purify the water or otherwise to make it more suitable for drinking." The court further said that there is the possibility "that fluoridation will involve certain risks or disadvantages with regard to the health of those who are constrained to . . . use this water . . ." The court's decision is final. The little village of Norrkorpdng in Sweden has now been freed from unwanted fluoridation. A group of opponents of fluoridation in Sweden have protested formally to the U.S.A. Embassy in Stockholm concerning the promotion of fluoridation with American money.

### WINTER SOCIAL CREDIT TRAINING COURSE

The annual Social Credit training course, which consists of eight weekly lectures, will start in May. The date and place will be announced later. This advance notice is for the special benefit of our many new readers who may be interested in doing this course. Students will find the course of great interest and benefit. The course may also be done by correspondence. Students will have the benefit of a team of first-class lecturers. In order that preliminary organisational arrangements can be made, we would appreciate hearing from those who desire to undertake the course as soon as practical. Any information concerning the course will be supplied upon request.

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