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## EDITORIAL

### ANOTHER SOCIALIST BUDGET

We do not suppose that the Federal Treasurer, Mr. Harold Holt, has ever made a study of the Communists' economic and financial proposals for destroying the free society. It may be that even his economic "advisers" have not studied these proposals either — at least not at first hand. If these "advisers" were charged with fostering two basic Communist principles — "A heavy progressive or graduated income tax," and "Centralisation of credit in the hands of the State" — they would reply that they were merely applying accepted Keynesian principles. But as Mr. Eric Butler has clearly demonstrated in his book, "The Fabian Socialist Contribution to the Communist Advance," Keynesian economic and financial teachings are not preserving the free society, but are doing exactly what the Communists desire.

When Karl Marx outlined his famous ten points for Communising a State in *The Communist Manifesto*, he made it clear that they were only means to an end, not an end in themselves. He said that while these measures "appear economically insufficient and provisional", they will "in the course of the movement . . . necessitate further inroads upon the old social order..."

#### Centralising Power

The essence of Communist tactics has been to foster the progressive centralisation of power, or to exploit the inevitable results of power centralised by others. Just as dangerous as the Communists are the Socialists who, while claiming that they are opposing Communism, are in fact doing exactly the opposite. The late Professor Harold Laski, one of the most influential Socialist writers and lecturers of this century, in his *Appreciation of the Communist Manifesto for the Labour Party*, published in 1948, asked "who, remembering that these (policies of high taxation and centralisation of credit) were the demands of the (Communist) Manifesto, can doubt our common inspiration." Laski was a colleague of Keynes.

When the present Federal Government parties attempted in 1960 to deal with inflation by a severe restrictive financial policy, we warned of the inevitable economic results. The Australian economy was dealt a severe body blow, with the Socialists of all types using the situation to advance their programme. When near political disaster helped to force the Government to try to correct the situation by a more liberal credit expansion policy, we also warned that this in turn must result in yet another inflationary cycle. Credit expansion under present financial and economic rules must inevitably increase the price level. Instead of dealing with the basic causes of inflation, one of which is high taxation, Mr. Holt and his "advisers" have decided to deal with the problem by still more taxation. We can predict now that, whatever the short-term effects may be, the price level will continue to move upwards.

"Controlled inflation" is a basic concept of Keynesian economics. Inflation is a most destructive economic and

social policy, as stressed by the late John Strachey, famous Socialist theoretician who was prominent in both the Fabian Socialist and the Communist movements. In *A Programme for Progress*, Strachey said that inflationary credit expansion policies were "an indispensable step in the right direction" because "the loss of objectivity, and the intrinsic value of the currency which is involved will sooner or later make necessary, on pain of ever-increasing dislocation, a growing degree of social control . . . For the partial character of the policy will itself lead on to further measures. The very fact that no stability, no permanently workable solution can be found within the limits of this policy will ensure that once a community has been driven by events to tackle its problems in this way, it cannot halt at the first stage, but must of necessity push on to a more thorough going measure of re-organisation."

#### The Results of Centralisation

Irrespective of the label of the Government at Canberra, it will be "driven by events" to impose more and more centralisation while no challenge is offered to present financial rules. In the economic sphere, the financial pressure on the smaller business organisation will intensify the development of economic monopoly, while in the political sphere there will be further progressive erosion of the powers of State and Local Government. If the individual loses faith in his own power to halt policies, which he dislikes, he will become more apathetic about the whole concept of self-government. As the very foundations of the free society crumble, so the way is cleared for the Communist advance - - even if not labelled as Communism.

In spite of the obvious fact that both increased wages and increased taxes must be ultimately reflected in higher prices, as they must be recovered by the businessman if he is to remain solvent, the Government's claim that there is no alternative to increased taxation is a striking manifestation of the philosophical rot so widespread today. Such a claim appears to confirm what the Communists teach

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# THE LEFTISTS MEET SENATOR GOLDWATER

By D. Watts

The distress voiced by American Democrats and their sympathisers over the unhappy fate, which they predict will befall the Republican Party under the leadership of Senator Goldwater, might lead one to think that chivalry has entered into Party politics. The moan is that his leadership will split the Republican Party. Also, though unsaid, it will split the Democratic Party. That is what really perturbs the Democrats. After a long time the American people are once again to vote for a policy instead of merely for an empty Party name.

It was taken for granted by the Leftists that the choice put before the electors was to be, as usual, between Leftism and Leftism. The only real contest, of course, was to have been between rival individuals ambitious to hold office. The Communist pattern of one-Party government under this or that President was almost perfected. No wonder the Leftists are dismayed by a relapse into democracy, for Leftism has ceased to be democratic.

## People Thinking For Themselves

It is not alone the choice of a Rightist leader for the challenging Party that has disconcerted both Democratic and Republican Leftists. The amount of support for such leadership is evidently greater than was thought possible. The Leftist publicists had been certain that they had yarded all but a few rogues into the Leftist enclosure and firmly closed the gate on them. From the tone of the comment it seems that it is hard for them to believe that a big mob has got away. Apparently they have not succeeded in fooling all the people all the time. Some have presumed to think for themselves. Perhaps, after all, it was a mistake to have taken the doctrine of human equality too seriously and to have shaped political propaganda on the supposition that the mush and emotion which passes for thinking among the least intelligent is good enough also for the more intelligent.

To tell the truth I was, myself, surprised that Senator Goldwater won the selection. The most I hoped for was that he would gain enough support to indicate that the political weather is changing. I did not doubt the ability of a very large number of people to think independently, but it appeared to me that these were being kept too well under to be able to make themselves felt. As a writer in *The New Times*, Mrs. D. Phelps, recently pointed out, there can be no freedom without mental independence; and Leftism has come to look upon mental freedom as an enemy.

## Verbalism Versus Reason

For one reason or another, most people do not think independently except about their own personal affairs. At our low stage of evolution it cannot be otherwise. What has nullified the value of the franchise, however, has been the fact that those who should be the leaders of thought have not, themselves, in these last decades, been capable of anything but assimilation and repetition. They have, without anything more than a cursory examination,

accepted and exploited ideas already accepted. They have never even sought the larger truth that always beckons beyond the discovered truth. The relative truths of Leftism have been treated as though final truths and thus have become badly tainted with error; and for lack of a complementing opposite, political thought has become unbalanced. Leftism has become a mania. Under political expositions can be heard, at times, the babbling of the idiot. Verbalism has ousted reason, and words have become so disconnected from thought that even the by no means unintelligent intellectuals do not bother to analyse stock arguments.

That mania and babble is discernible in the Leftist comment on the present American political situation. Leftists are dodging the explanation that the strength of the Goldwater revolt is that they, themselves, have gone too far. They are characteristically covering up with words. Mr. Rockefeller's divorce, a belief in an inevitable return to power of the Democratic Party, making leadership of the Republican Party seem not worth contending for by moderate and liberal (i.e. Leftist) Republican politicians, pure American orneriness — anything but a growing discontent with the Leftists' extremist policy, with their collaboration with Communism and with their despotic tactics -- is the explanation offered by the escapists.

I do not know if the Leftists are too far gone to learn anything from the Republican swing to the right or if, understanding that democracy is government for the people and not just for underdogs and backward groups, they will make some concession to the strong conservative elements in the body of the nation. At least one can hope that expediency will counsel what intelligence has so far failed to suggest.

## COMMONWEALTH THEME FOR SEMINAR

This year's Annual League of Rights Seminar will be held in the Empire Room, Federal Hotel, Collins Street, Melbourne, on Saturday, September 19, starting at 2.15 p.m. The theme will be most appropriate: "A New British Commonwealth."

*New Times* readers are urged not only to attend themselves, but also to bring the Seminar to the attention of other people who should be interested. Those attending will be given a real feast. The first paper will be given by Mr. Karl Moeller, "A Non-British Migrant Looks at the British Commonwealth"; the second by Mr. Eric D. Butler, "The British Commonwealth or the United Nations"; and the third by Mr. D. J. Killen, M.P., on positive proposals to meet the changing nature of the British Commonwealth. Mr. Killen's paper will be given during the evening session.

Afternoon tea will be served at approximately 3.45 p.m., between the first and second papers. In order that this Annual Seminar may be run more efficiently, a charge for entrance will be made, the charge also covering afternoon tea. The charge is 10/- per single person, 17/6 for a married couple, and 5/- for students and pensioners. Further details about the Seminar may be obtained from The Australian League of Rights, Box 1052J, G.P.O. Bookings for the Seminar may be made in advance.

## **ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE ANOTHER MILESTONE OF PROGRESS**

### **IMMEDIATE BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED**

Every supporter who can possibly attend this year's Annual Dinner must be present to participate in the highlight of the year's activities. Every Annual Dinner is an event, which those attending long remember, but supporters are assured that this year's Dinner will surpass anything of the past.

The following are a few of the highlights of this year's Dinner:

- There will be a full display of cuttings and sensational press stories concerning Mr. Butler's tour of Canada, the U.S.A., the United Kingdom, Southern Rhodesia and South Africa.
- The toast to "The New Times" will this year link the past with the future.
- In his report the Chairman will outline the tremendous progress of the past twelve months and make a major announcement of vital importance concerning the future of "The New Times."
- Mr. Eric Butler's annual address will deal with his first hand experiences during his recent international tour. Supporters will be both shocked and delighted.

It is anticipated that a large number of messages will be received from right around the British Commonwealth.

Guests will enjoy the usual excellent food and entertainment. Those attending will not only meet old friends, they will meet many new supporters. It is the duty of every supporter to make every effort to be present at this annual re-dedication evening. As there will be many young people present, all supporters are urged to bring their own young people along.

### **COUNTRY AND INTERSTATE SUPPORTERS PLEASE NOTE**

Interstate and country supporters desirous of attending the Dinner and requiring accommodation, should let us know immediately so that we may assist them. No country or interstate supporter should miss the Dinner because he or she is concerned about accommodation problems. We would also appreciate hearing from Melbourne and Metropolitan supporters prepared to take country or interstate guests.

### **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED**

When supporters book for the Dinner, they should indicate whether they require a fish Dinner. Every effort is made to seat friends together, or to seat guests with fellow-guests of their own choice. The donation for the Dinner is 35/- per person.

### **DINNER MESSAGES WELCOMED**

Those who find that they cannot attend, particularly our interstate supporters, are cordially invited to be present at the Dinner in the form of a message. All messages will be either read or on display, and will be published in the special Dinner and Seminar issue of "The New Times."

**Make Your Booking Today -Time is Short**

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about "economic determinism"; that policies of higher taxation are inevitable. It would be instructive to learn from Mr. Holt where he envisages a halt being called to the process of increasing taxation. Is there some limit? Or does such a question pose the too-difficult question of whether or not the Government has any clearly defined principles concerning finance and economics?

### Basic Realities

It is elementary that Governments require finance in order to draw upon the nation's productive capacity, its real credit, to fulfill their legitimate functions on behalf of the people. If productive capacity were being used to the maximum, which is, however, not the case at the moment, then taxation would be the logical means of transferring demand on the nation's real credit from individuals to the Government. But if productive capacity is not being used to the maximum, then the Government can easily draw upon this by issuing new financial credits, without increased taxation or inflation, for the purpose.

We are satisfied that the Government's "advisers" could easily advocate and implement a much different financial and economic policy than the one they are imposing at present. But we are also satisfied that these "advisers" are in fact Socialists who believe in increasing their own power through the centralising of Government power. They will continue until such time as sufficient electors revolt against all Socialist policies, policies that clear the way for the Communist advance.

### LUNG CANCER, TAXATION AND FLUORIDATION

Unless halted by a majority of Members of the National Parliament, the present Commonwealth Government, which claims to believe in individual freedom and individual rights, is determined to force everyone in Canberra to accept the policy of mass medication known as fluoridation. The Government ignores those medical and scientific experts who warn about the long-term health hazards of fluoridation of public water supplies, and accepts the views of those who claim that fluoridation is not only necessary to eliminate tooth decay in children, but is quite safe.

Now the very groups, which the Government accepts as being reliable on fluoridation, have also said that smoking increases the incidence of lung cancer. Does the Government therefore take the logical step of being consistent with the view it adopts on fluoridation, by prohibiting smoking? After all, lung cancer is a killer. But instead of applying to the smoking question the same approach adopted towards the fluoridation question, the Government decides to increase its revenue out of a cancer-producing substance! Sales tax on cigarettes has been increased by Mr. Holt's 1964 Budget.

## SOCIAL CREDIT STRATEGY TODAY

Social Credit is the policy of a philosophy, the philosophy of freedom as understood by Christians. But the advancement of Social Credit policies requires an appropriate strategy and tactics. Quite clearly the strategy and tactics of the pre-war era are not those, which are realistic in the changed circumstances produced by the war and post-war policies. These policies can now be seen to have been designed to further World Revolution as a means of creating World Government. While we have continued to make available the knowledge of how Social Credit policies could lead to a much better world, we have constantly stressed that these policies cannot be advanced in the face of the progressive concentration of all power, and the development of what is in fact an international conspiracy against Civilisation. This conspiracy, of which International Finance is the major factor, must first be defeated before there can be any rectification of present financial and economic policies.

During and after the war, the author of Social Credit, C. H. Douglas, made it clear that the changed situation, brought about by the advance of the international conspiracy under the cover of a war deliberately promoted for this very purpose, required a change in Social Credit strategy and tactics. As there are still some who ask, in spite of events, why should Social Crediters concern themselves primarily in opposing Communism, we publish the following note from Douglas to a prominent Social Creditor in England in April 1948: —

"What someone has got to do — it may take time — is to make it clear that we are fighting Communism. In one sense everyone knows that, but saying it is not understanding what it means. What is not understood is that Communism is a Constitution, a World Constitution. What has to be done is to show that the whole matter is, therefore, one Constitution against another. It is going to be one or the other."

### MADAM NHU REFUSED VISA TO VISIT U.S.A.

When Madam Nhu, former first lady of South Vietnam, was in the U.S.A. at the time of the assassination of former President Ngo Dinh Diem, American policy-makers made desperate efforts to prevent Madam Nhu from telling her story about South Vietnam. Madam Nhu was starting to reach the American people with the truth. Subsequent developments since the assassination of President Diem have contradicted the prediction that the position in South Vietnam would improve with the removal of the Diem regime, and have tended to confirm Madam Nhu's charge that the American policy-makers were delivering South Vietnam to Communism.

A recent report states that Madam Nhu has been refused an American visa to go to the U.S.A. to fulfill an invitation to speak in New York. Obviously someone is afraid of Americans hearing some more of the truth about South Vietnam.