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MONOPOLY THE POLICY DESTROYING THE FARMER AND THE BUSINESSMAN

The Australian farmer is being subjected to advice from experts, which has one recurring theme, "Get big or get out". Mr. Anthony has endorsed this policy, as has Mr. John McEwen, and men like Sir William Gunn. The Country Party, which has a platform for increasing the numbers in farm ownership, in the belief that farming as a way of life should be extended to as many as possible, is now consciously endorsing through official literature a policy of what can only be described as political suicide. The Liberal Party endorses similar policies in the business world.

The farmer is being told he must get bigger; he must buy out his fellow farmer and increase the size of his holding. In other words we are being told that the best policy is the policy of monopoly. Monopoly being that condition arrived at when control of an industry is in the hands of either one individual or a small number of individuals.

Neither is the bigger farmer or grazier, or the businessman, who understands what is going on very happy about what is happening at present. Such a man if he uses his common sense realizes that a happy, economically independent rural community and small businessmen, the buffer between himself and economic attack. The fact is the big man is being exposed, and when the small man is dealt with, the bigger man will be much easier to control by the highly centralized political and economic structure, which is evolving.

The evidence is overwhelming that the fate of the man on the land, whether he be dairyman, wheat grower, wool grower or whatever he is, his destiny is increasingly in the hands of a relatively small number of individuals who control the economic and financial policies of the nation.

At the apex of the situation there are those back-room advisers whose advice is the backbone of government policy. Some of these men were recently referred to by Sir Arthur Rylah when he said, "There were some extraordinary men of the Commonwealth Treasury" running Australia. Economic and agricultural advisers whose only concept of the farmer is that he is an economic unit who should be moved like sheep from one paddock to another, abound in increasing numbers, and are paid extraordinarily high salaries for the advice they give. Strangely enough the same advisers are often retained by rural organizations, and they are consequently given advice, which compounds their problems.

For many years farmers have been getting strange advice from both politicians and agricultural experts

who are usually so expert they manage to stay clear of the cow yard or the wool shed.

100,000 Redundant Farmers

A Dr. Henry Schapper, Reader in Agricultural Economics at the University of Western Australia, as a result of his "reading" and his grasp of the mysterious subject of economics enthusiastically proposed that 100,000 Australian farmers should be eliminated from the land. He was so enthusiastic about his proposal he sent a copy of his screed to every Commonwealth and W.A. State Member of Parliament.

This was reported by Mr. Ronald Anderson who also, in the same article in which he quoted Dr. Schapper, quoted Professor Derek Tribe, Dean of Melbourne University's Faculty of Agriculture, when he also said that as many as 100,000 of Australia's farmers would have to move out of agriculture in the years ahead. "They can go in one or two ways . . . painfully through bankruptcy . . . or relatively painlessly through planned operation of a policy such as that advocated by Dr. Schapper."

Professor Tribe was running true to form as he had made it clear last year in a report printed in the Queensland *Country Man* in November of a talk he gave to the National Farmers Union in Hobart. He said, "This problem of clearing the country of clodhoppers and hay-seeds is a human problem. We're caught in forces, which are international, and enormous—if we stand up and try to stop them, they will overwhelm us, we have to soften the blow in economic and human terms. The people who remain on the farms are also going to be syndicated, corporations, companies, etc. What has happened to the broiler industry is setting the pattern for other industries."

But Professor Tribe and Dr. Schapper are small time compared to another gentleman who has recently been to Australia at the invitation of the Department of Trade, which is headed by the leader of the Country Party, Mr. John McEwen.

Five Million Redundant in Europe

Dr. Mansholt, Vice-President of the European Economic Community Commission, has recently been in Australia advising us to organize agriculture on the same lines as he is doing under his plan entitled "Agriculture 1980". Anyone who has read George Orwell's *1984* will realize that Dr. Mansholt has only moved the date forward four years. He aims at the complete socialization of farming. His first objective is to move five million European farmers who have a history of farming going back 400 years. But that doesn't mean anything to Dr. Mansholt, they are an economic stumbling block to his concept of a collective farming policy so they must go. They also have this frightful problem of over-production so he is offering a bonus to every farmer of \$U.S.300 for every cow slaughtered! He is also going to pension off farmers when they reach the age of 55, and to quote his own words, "Younger men would be retrained in Regional Industrial Programmes".

The crime of these European farmers is that they are "backward". But like their Australian farming brothers who are termed "uneconomic" by Dr. Mansholt's counterparts here, they are producing more than the population of Europe can eat, therefore, they must be eliminated, there is no other answer. Not to a Socialist and a planner anyway.

One of the main charges levelled at the farmer is that he is becoming an increasing economic burden. They need money to subsidize them, they are increasingly going into debt, and now the community has to find money to buy them out of their uneconomic farms.

If this is true—and there is a modicum of truth in the assertions—why is it true? Are farmers entitled to subsidization or any special treatment?

Inflationary Credit Policy

For years when the farmer has complained about rising costs and the problem of obtaining a just return for his product he has been assailed with the advice that he must become more efficient and produce more. Well he has done just that, and it has not got him out of his troubles. In fact it has only got him in deeper. He has gone increasingly into debt as his income fails, and the dribbles of financial support to offset rising costs are obliterated by an overall credit policy of financing rising costs. As illustrative of this fact take the following figures. In 1960 the Net Current Expenditure for Goods and Services in Australia was \$10,270 million. By 1968 it had risen to \$17,973 million. A rise of \$7,703 million. That is the sum it was necessary to find to finance rising costs of production such as wage rises, price increases and other increased costs, such as parliamentary salaries. It would also include the increased indebtedness of farmers, which in 1961 was \$76 million, and in 1967 was \$629 million.

In other words the Government of the nation is engaged in a deliberate policy of economic sabotage. As this procedure goes on more and more individuals will find

it increasingly difficult to survive, and there is not one section of either primary or secondary industry which is not affected today. All are the victims of financial policies which are leading to monopoly—State and bureaucratic monopoly—with the ultimate realization of the collective State which the Communists have never lost sight of as their ultimate objective.

Why is the individual Australian farmer being driven off his farm, and being forced to merge with bigger units? Why is the smaller business being absorbed by the larger on the road to ultimate monopoly?

The cause is not the natural greediness of man as social moralists would have us believe. The businessman and the farmer operate in the economic climate dictated by rules over which he has no control and very little understanding. It is those rules, which dictate what his policy of survival will be. The present policy is monopoly dictated by the financial and economic bureaucrats, which control the Treasury and the Reserve Bank of Australia.

That policy is one of continuous inflation through the financing of rising costs. It is a policy of vicious taxation, with its death duties and probate, its company tax and land tax, its sales tax and gift tax, its purchase tax and turnover tax, its increasing rates, rents and monopoly charges for public utilities for electricity, postal, transport and other services. It has erected a political and economic empire on the principle of soaking the producer to fatten the parasites, who are steadily weakening the host body on which they have fed so long that it is at the point of collapse.

Is there any alternative to the disastrous financial policies being foisted on the Australian community today? There is, and it is a relatively simple alternative. As with all major problems, there is always a key cause which must be rectified before the minor problems will sort themselves out. The key problem facing the Australian public is the policy determining the creation, control and distribution of the financial credit of the community.

Causes Of Economic Sabotage

When confronted with justifiable demands, Mr. McMahan, the Treasurer, will tell you the only source from which funds can be found to finance such demands, whether it be the abolition of the Means Test, the increasing of Child Endowment, the payment of a much needed subsidy, or any proposal which will release purchasing power directly into the hands of the community in such a way to offset rising costs; Mr. McMahan will tell us there is only one source from which any project can be financed, from the **Consolidated Revenue Fund**, which obtains its funds from taxation and other sources of revenue collections. Yet at the same time he is responsible through the Treasury Department for releasing into the Australian community millions of dollars, which do not give us increased purchasing power, but which dilute the currency and force up costs causing the Australian community to indulge in a mad scramble to

salvage their economic security. In short the Government's policy is a policy of economic sabotage.

This sabotage takes place every time there is a wage increase granted by the Arbitration Court. Or when there are other pressures on the economy so strong due to rising prices that the Reserve Bank is forced to appease the clamour for relief by allowing the banks to grant increased overdrafts and general indebtedness, which only again compounds the problem as such debts become another part of the inflated economy. The futility of this procedure was pointed out by Mr. J. Robinson, advocate representing Australian Employers at the 1967 National Wages Case, when he said to the Court that it was time it "dropped its notion that a wage booster by the Commission will assist the economy. As I said to you Mr. Commissioner Winter, you tried it twice within six months and that increase represented \$435 million per annum." That \$435 million was part of the \$7,703 million increase in the Net Current Expenditure for Goods and Services in Australia mentioned earlier, released by the Treasury into the Australian community, not through tax funds, but through its powers to create credit, and which as Mr. Robinson remarked, benefited no one, but merely forced up prices.

Alternative Policies

How can such credit be used to give increased purchasing power and bring down prices? Two simple examples are sufficient. In recent weeks the dairy industry has been granted an increase in the price of butterfat of approximately 5 cents. The increase will benefit no one. Even blind Billy on a stormy night knows that. What will happen is with the increased price of butter there will be increased demands for wage rises, the wage rises will cancel out the rise in the cost of butter and increase the cost of every other commodity in the community. It is as automatic as night follows day. But as the impact of the price increases result in new wage rises as Mr. Robinson pointed out, the Treasury and the Reserve Bank will bring fresh credit into existence to cope with the demand. This money will finance rising costs only. But if the same money were made available to the community in the payment of a subsidy every time a customer bought a pound of butter at the shop counter then the whole of society would benefit. The subsidy could be split according to an agreed formula between the various sections of the industry, and at the same time the customer would pay less for butter instead of more. Judging by the screams in the city press the recent rise will only increase buyer resistance to butter.

A second example of reversing the present disastrous credit policy of the nation.

In 1947 the rural community of Victoria paid the sum of \$2,715,094 in rates to their shires and provincial councils. By 1966 the same rural community, but with fewer numbers on the land, paid \$54,177,235 to the same authorities. The increase of \$51,462,141 was the result of shires and councils faced with increased expenditure

of which rising costs are undoubtedly the greatest factor. That increased credit was made available through Government credit policy. There is no physical reason why the same credit could not have been used to keep down costs. Had the money been made available to the community in the form of consumer subsidies paid at the counter for goods and services needed, the money would never have gone through the cost structure, but would have been used purely and simply as a consumer credit. The wages of council employees would not have risen, because their cost of living would not have risen. So also would other costs to the Council remained stable or even reduced in cost, thus giving scope for reduced rates and a consequent increased value of the dollar. A process, which after all is a natural, or should be, result of increased technological efficiency.

Destiny Of Man

Coming back to the overall problem of the farmer and the producer. Because of increased production resulting from the whip of economic coercion through rising costs and falling incomes, there is less room for the number of producers, which have operated in the past.

Reverse the process, and reduce costs, and increase the value of the dollar by an automatic subsidy paid at the counter where the quantity of production needed is determined. That subsidy will pull down costs, not increase them. The producer is made economically secure, while reducing the incentive for cut-throat over-production. Thus more producers, instead of less could produce the requirements of the community. All sections of the community would benefit and gain the real fruits of their labours in increased leisure and activity outside the purely materialist function of producing goods and services. Surely this is an objective in keeping with man's ascendancy over the problems of production. The greatest opposition comes from those who see man as purely an economic unit concerned with material results.

Men who value freedom have no alternative but to fight through their political organizations and other institutions for increased freedom, the right to own his own property or business, and the fulfilment of a life outside purely material terms.

COMMUNISTS AND THE COMMON MARKET

An authority on E.E.C. affairs writes about the appreciable change taking place in the Communist attitude on the Common Market. Originally the party line towards the Rome Treaty, and the growth of Community institutions, was one of uniform and unremitting hostility. Communists condemned E.E.C. for a wide group of reasons: it was an alliance of monopolies seeking to resolve the capitalist crisis at the expense of workers, peasants and small proprietors; it was an attack on the

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\$5000 DEFICIENCY FUND - IT MUST BE FILLED

Commenting upon the reactions to his recent tour of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia, Mr. Jeremy Lee said, "The rural revolution against discredited economic and political policies is now in full swing." He then asked the leading question. "Can we consolidate this reaction into constructive policies?" This is a question we must answer in the affirmative, because every strata of society, primary and secondary industry, the cultural, economic and religious fields are the battleground for the work of the League. Every day there are indications that the catalytic contribution of the League, through its working structure, the Voters Policy Associations in every part of Australia, The Institute of Economic Democracy, the spiritual support given by faithful Christians through the Church Committee's activities; are biting deep into the Australian community.

More people are realising it is not enough for a political party to stand behind labels, falsely representing themselves as protagonists for free enterprise, individual initiative and foes of Communism.

Many Australians are now realising they must take constructive action themselves, as individuals, not hiding behind the false promises of party politicians. In such a situation the strains imposed upon the League to service the growing demands upon it are enormous.

FULFIL 1969 NEEDS NOW!

Our immediate problem is to ensure the budget for the League's activities in 1969 are fulfilled. In this regard although under considerable pressure, we believe the physical demands will be met in every respect. However, there is still need for additional funds to be subscribed to meet the financial obligations of the League. We well realise that due to the inflationary economic policies of the Federal Government the individual is under increasing financial pressure to meet the demands of life. Nevertheless that very factor is greater reason for the League's fund to be fulfilled. Without the necessary ammunition we cannot maintain the increasing attack on these economic policies through which the chains of slavery are being forged.

\$2,400 STILL NEEDED

As we go to press, donations to the Deficiency Fund continue to come in, but we still require nearly \$2,400. There is no doubt as Mr. Edward Rock, Assistant National Director has found continuously when travelling and contacting supporters personally, that many people procrastinate in this important matter. When they make personal contact with a League officer they do what they have intended to do through the mail, and make a donation towards the fund. However, it is impossible for all such supporters to be contacted personally and, therefore, we ask that you overcome this trait of putting such matters aside. Sit down and send your donation now, in whatever form or amount suitable to you. We do ask, however, when considering this important matter to remember the seriousness of the challenge to both yourself and the League. If you do so you will give as generously as possible.

ALL MAINLAND STATES ACTIVE

The work you will be supporting is Australia wide. As mentioned previously Mr. Jeremy Lee has just concluded a tour of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. His report is one of increased interest and activities. One of the main features of his experience was the opening up of many new centres of interest. This is natural organic growth taking place. Our task in the near future will be to supply Western Australia and South Australia with their own permanent staff. The existing structure is now supplying increased drive in both States, and it is natural as our educational programme deepens the understanding of those people concerned with applying the fundamental principles of liberty, of challenging economic and political centralism and its Marxist education, that they will expand their influence and activities. This is what is happening in both South Australia and Western Australia. Mr. Eric Butler will spend a prolonged period in Western Australia in July and August to consolidate the recent tour of Mr. Lee. He will also spend some time in South Australia on his way home to Victoria. This campaigning he will do after his arrival from South Africa after his overseas lecturing tour. Mr. Edward Rock will also spend some time in South Australia within the next two months.

In New South Wales the reorganisation of the State Council has led to a new enthusiasm and an increase of activity, but here again we look forward to the day when there is a greater flowering of activity through the consolidation of the wonderful efforts of a purely voluntary organisation.

Queensland and northern New South Wales goes on apace under the capable direction of Don Martin and Jeremy Lee. Here is a pattern, which we must emulate all over Australia. In Queensland there are vast areas waiting to be pioneered, as there are in New South Wales.

FORWARD PROGRESS ESSENTIAL

We must continue to go forward at all costs. This we can do with your help. This appeal must conclude by the end of June. We trust we can announce then that the fund has been filled to overflowing, allowing the work of the League to continue and expand, that we may bring fulfilment to the hopes and aspirations of all those staunch supporters who have already supported us, often at great personal sacrifice.

PLANNED UNAWARENESS VIA THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

BY A. V. MCNEIL

The following article, presented in the form of a dialogue, is by a veteran Social Crediter from British Columbia, Canada, who was a School Principal before his retirement.

"What was that you were saying yesterday about the use of the schools to prevent the spread of knowledge?" asked Peter. "I didn't have time to listen then."

Do you remember Socrates' insistence that the man who doesn't realize that he doesn't know is dangerously ignorant?" I said. "It follows for me that as long as knowledge is power and departments of education can use the school system either to disseminate or to withhold knowledge without attracting attention, the school curriculum can be looked upon as a reliable guide to a government's willingness to share power with the electorate, to govern 'with the consent of the governed' or without it. Consent in this context obviously implies informed consent, i.e., consent with the previous knowledge of an informed electorate. 'I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves', said Thomas Jefferson nearly two centuries ago, 'and if we think them not enlightened to exercise this control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion by education'. Apparently Jefferson regarded the education of the citizen as the most important function of government after his physical protection. In any case education, i.e., first-hand knowledge, next to religion or part of it, has been a man's chief pathway to self-emancipation since the beginning of things—or to his downfall at his own free choice. One need not wonder then what Jefferson would think of our popular education today in which by government control of the high school curriculum the youths of the community are still excluded at the community's expense in taxation from contact with first-hand knowledge now in every high school library about the origin of money. 'Banks create the means of payment out of nothing'—claims the *Britannica*, which I interpret to mean that banks manufacture money at no cost just as other factories manufacture boots, clothing, furniture, etc., but that, unlike other factories, they get their raw material for nothing, have negligible factory and distribution costs and charge interest for the use of their output, bank credit, which they receive back without deterioration. How many cents does the printing of a \$100 bill cost, whether the bank prints it itself or get it from a printer? How many times can it lend the same bill at its face value? If I sign a cheque I don't manufacture money. If a bank draws a cheque on itself, or makes a book entry, it apparently creates bank credit at no cost. Should taxpayers not be in a position to interpret for themselves such an authoritative claim? Should there not be courses on the elements of banking to clarify this claim for future taxpayers still in senior high schools?"

Teachers Wrongly Assess Education

"Well" rejoined Peter, who had once been a bank teller, "if you are right, as far as I can see that means some men of ill will who have discovered by devilish ingenuity a means of free access to the wealth of the community have devised an equally clever means of keeping a monopoly of power in their own hands at the community's expense without appearing on the scene themselves. But why should elected governments place themselves in such a vulnerable position as to show such a practice? They cannot actually plan to do so. I cannot believe that M.P.s, M.L.A.s and teachers who presumably advise them on the school curriculum are so intentionally stupid and irresponsible, not to say conspirators against the public well-being, in the light of day."

"But what if people in key positions don't know that they don't know, and if the public, who, by abuse of the school curriculum can easily be prevented from knowing, trust them? Doctors and nurses are sometimes unconscious carriers of the plague they unite to avert. We teachers can advocate the untimely spending of more public funds on class-rooms, school buildings, equipment, etc., and ignore the omission in the curriculum of a high school course on banking, as the B. C. Teachers' Federation executive does today, falling like politicians into the habit of evaluating education by the amount of money spent on it, and not by the light it gives the pupil for self-emancipation, and that is the tragedy in a nutshell."

"You are arguing that it is irresponsible control of the school curriculum through what you call unconscious carriers or agents that makes it possible to eliminate the ordinary citizen as a factor in politics except as a taxpayer and spectator of the results of decisions already made?"

"Exactly. As I see it, we are now confronted with two facts: (1) On the one hand the existence of much good will among teachers generally and in the community at large, socialists and non-socialists, churchmen and non-churchmen, many voluntary first-aiders in things of the mind, of whose services the community is deprived in times of financial crises simply through lack of contact with first-hand knowledge. Imagine first-aiders who have not been taught to swim or resuscitate and whose skill is required at a drowning accident! Some of us, too, like willing Trojans, unable to believe that the school curriculum can be abused to prevent the spread of knowledge, actually help to drag into the community the Trojan Horse of "free education" at the taxpayers' expense. (2) On the other hand the fact that the Department of Education at Victoria has taken no action about my brief

to the Chant Royal Commission on Education ten years ago, and the editor of the B. C. Teacher has not published it."

"How do you account for the last?"

Mind Conditioning

"Well, I know that I myself can look at familiar facts for years without seeing their significance until suddenly something brings them into focus. And I simply can't believe that either the minister or the editor wants citizens to live in suspended animation between financial crises, wars and the piling up of unpayable debt, incapable of informed mutual aid, the chief enemy of centralized power. However, if the crown jewels had been stolen and I had been able to report their whereabouts to Scotland Yard and to the secretary of the police union, and had been told to mind my own business and to shut up, I could not be more interested. Where I see a hidden censorship over knowledge, the worst kind of censorship, i.e., a censorship unknown to exist by the community, a censorship serviced quite unintentionally by teachers—of all people—excluded from knowing these educators see as yet only routine, and heavier burdens for taxpayers. Apparently it is still traditional and automatic to regard the taxpayer's pocket as the only source of public funds, and inflation as a natural phenomenon like the weather. We have never been taught otherwise at school. That the same lack of initiative or automatic response should be shared between a minister of education and the secretary of a teachers' organization acting independently is, unfortunately, not unusual. I think neither realizes that 'conditioning of the mind' can easily replace the rule of 'loving one's neighbour as oneself in the dissemination of knowledge. Neither can suspect yet that a community may become both the victim and, through taxation for schools, the unconscious accomplice of its own victimization by a technique of what might be called slow mental genocide for the community and group Sisyphism for any survivors. Think of Great Britain since 1914. I am more than ever convinced that it is only through abuse of education—which seems not only innocuous but a bulwark against treachery—that hidden government has got a stranglehold over that freedom of association for mutual aid which, since the beginning of history, has been the basis of all informed or instinctive co-operation of birds, animals and men, flocks, herds, trade unions, employers' groups and teachers' federations, too, all for self-preservation. From Socrates' axiom I infer that when we teachers are mentally incarcerated, so to speak, without realizing it, we can easily become the unconscious agents of conspirators:

'Tis education forms the common mind

Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined'.

"Can we who do the bending feel satisfied with the result? Have we ourselves grown straight? Everywhere today I see students and parents baffled by our quite unintentional and unthinkable co-operation with evil. I hope that I shall never forget that Shakespeare makes it plain in the *Tempest* that just because treason was un-

thinkable to Prospero, a ruler of supreme genius and of good will to all, he became a victim of his brother's treachery, and subjected his people to loss of sovereignty, increased taxation and forced federation with a larger state."

Compulsory Education Cloaked Sinister Design

"Do you actually suggest that the Education Act in 1870 and following Acts in England have brought the world to the brink of disaster?"

"Definitely not, but their abuse has; compulsory education, the achievement of idealists, offered an almost impenetrable disguise to cloak sinister designs, and made planned unawareness of the community a viable policy for conspirators. The citadel of the mind must be carried from within, i.e., by an undetected omission in the curriculum. Since then, almost without challenge a small group of men from London and Wall Street, using their communities' credit as their own property, financed Japan and Hitler long before the last war. Over 30,000 million dollars to Germany—see *Congressional Record*, December 15, 1931. A recent Philby book *The Third Man* by F. H. Cookridge gives 2,000 million dollars as the financial cost of dropping the first two atomic bombs on Japan. Tell me, Peter, does the Commandment 'Thou shall not steal' not refer pre-eminently to stealing from men's minds and secondly to thefts of physical property?"

"Of course it must. But what about other people in key positions, M.L.A.s, M.P.s?"

"Just this. When I see M.P.s and M.L.A.s who can adjust their salaries to meet contingencies they themselves have helped to create—they unconsciously and automatically impose taxation for schools which withhold, in some small group's private interest, knowledge about bank credits, and simultaneously consciously imposing taxation for the upkeep of prisons for citizens found guilty of stealing money or other physical property, I smoulder and burn to make them aware of the discrepancy in their conduct, and to charge them with neglect in public affairs and pre-occupation elsewhere for which the law has no penalty.

"This extract from an editorial in *Branch Banking* of July, 1938, illustrates how freely professional bankers write on a topic which the B. C. school curriculum still treats as if it came under the Official Secrets Act. *Branch Banking* claims 'the largest circulation of any British technical banking paper'.

"There are enough substantial quotations in existence to prove to the uninitiated that banks do create credit without restraint and that they do create within themselves the means of repayment'.

"Then it names several authorities.

"If you, Peter, were convinced that B, an M.L.A. or M.P., was ignorant of such claims, was legally imposing school taxation which would leave future potential taxpayers while still at school equally ignorant, would you draw B's attention to it?"

"Certainly I would, and ask the riddle, 'When is a salaried employee not an employee?' and suggest the

answer, 'When he pays himself out of taxation'."

"And if you saw that C, a teacher in a key position, a custodian of the open book of knowledge, was sitting on it unconcerned, unaware that it might contain evidence substantiating the right of every citizen—simply as a member of the community and apart altogether from the wages, salaries, dividends or pension he gets as a participant in industry—to be the rightful heir or co-heir of all the knowledge or skill by brain or hand of his ancestors, would you tell him to stand up?"

"I would gladly, and stick a pin in him, too." "Thanks, you make me feel a lot better, more reassured, more like Oliver Twist asking for more than Galileo confronting the inquisitors of the Holy Office. "But the most tragic result of what seems a plot to prostitute education in order to keep the electorate uninformed at their own expense, is that as yet few professing Christians find themselves in a position to challenge the 'sceptred myth' that the taxpayers' pocket is the only source of public funds, though the clergy, still the worst paid profession by far, and many Church workers are untiring in mutual aid. Is their silence our fault or theirs? To me as a professing Christian and student of the rudiments of banking, the concept that man's road to freedom does not lie through taxation or inflation is a self-evident inference from Our Lord's second Commandment. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. No informed Christian would challenge that, I feel." "Well, what do you propose to do?" "According to a report in the *Vancouver Province* of December 20, 1968 the cost of education last year in British Columbia was \$585 per pupil. I shall try to get this diagnosis of the situation printed and distributed in order that any constituent who wishes may send a copy to his M.L.A. and M.P. requiring him to challenge any assumption or statement in it and to state his objections, if any, to the introduction into the curriculum of a high school course on the origin and history of bank credit. The policy of taxing a nation to exclude it from knowledge at its own expense, originates only with the Devil's disciples. 'Oh. Education, what crimes are committed in thy name?'"

A Constructive Proposal

"Then you believe in the existence of a planned conspiracy?"

"Yes, firmly. To what other conclusion can the concept of treating one's fellow man as cannon fodder in time of war, and taxation fodder all his life, lead? I forget how many hundred dollars even Canadian baby owes the day it is born. To find a parallel to the monopoly of credit one must imagine a monopoly of medical knowledge shared by a handful of doctors who through unconscious agents, can scatter plague germs at will and afterward supply a 'remedy' to survivors on its own terms. If you think that mental atrophy—i.e., atrophy through disuse of the mind through the withholding of the light of knowledge—is not as firm an established fact as atrophy through disuse of a limb, ask yourself

how many people you have met in your whole life who are aware that in paying school taxes today they are contributing to the electorate's exclusion from knowledge. How many editorials, school textbooks, periodicals, stress this universally verifiable fact? Though well acquainted with the facts about bank credit, I taught school for 30 years in Vancouver without realizing the mentally suffocating significance of an undetected omission in the school curriculum. Here was tyranny's perfect instrument, imperceptible, with no movement. However, as citizens we can make our M.L.A.s aware of the abuse of this most important social service. If you want to study financial and economic realities, send \$5 to the Institute of Economic Democracy, P.O. Box 2797, Vancouver, B.C., for a correspondence course.

"It is obvious that if sanity is to prevail in policy, if the elimination of the citizen as a factor in public affairs is to be thwarted, and the electorate put in the position to protect its own purchasing power from erosion as effectively as our M.P.s and M.L.A.s protect theirs, that the existing relationship between the government and the governed as regards policy must be reversed. The government is responsible for administration only. But as regards policy, the electorate does not exist because of the government but the government exists because of the electorate. To bring this self-evident truth home to our present representatives in public is, thanks to our cultural heritage, within the reach of all.

"It is essential that estimates of the financial cost of proposed legislation be published by each party well in advance of any general election and, to begin with, estimates of the additional school taxation required to put a course on modern banking in the high school curriculum so that no future taxpayer will be denied a chance of assimilating while still at school the meaning of the claim that Banks lend by creating credit; they create the means of payment out of nothing. Tenders to be opened in public by the Lieutenant-Governor, and published 60 days before any provincial election."

WHO ARE THE MARCUSIANS?

Herbert Marcuse, born in Berlin in 1898, became a member of the fanatical Spartacist Communist movement, and left Germany when Hitler came to power, taking up residence in the United States. Marcuse has now emerged as the "philosopher" of the New Left. He is the apostle of destruction. Marcuse is today the idol of large and growing numbers of radical youth, who are shouting his name right around the world. The importance of Herbert Marcuse in the international Student Power movement will be examined by former Royal Canadian Mounted Police undercover agent Patrick Walsh at the Annual League of Rights Seminar in Melbourne on Saturday, September 20. The significance of student unrest will be the central theme of this year's League Seminar. Every reader should make a note now of the date and plan to be present. Remember, Saturday, September 20.

CREDIT SQUEEZE IN CANADA AND U.S.A.

Under present financial rules, inflation can only be halted by a "credit squeeze". But this leads then to a slow down in the economy to the point where serious unemployment develops. The eventual result is an easing of the "squeeze", with a consequent increase once again in inflation. Canadian Minister for Finance Benson claims that Canada is "beginning to win the battle against inflation" as a result of the Federal Government's restrictive financial policies. Mr. Benson observes, "The major problem in the economy today is inflation and the belief that prices will continually go up". Unfortunately this belief is based upon harsh realities, realities that the peoples of all Western nations are experiencing as a result of similar financial policies.

In the U.S.A. the Federal Reserve Board's restrictive policy has produced a chorus of protests, many from the trading banks who have been compelled to cut back on their lending activities. Eventually this restrictive policy will be reversed, with another further inflationary period. Unrealistic financial policy is the basic cause of the internal friction of all industrialized nations. Until that cause is corrected, the disintegration of the West will continue, with Communist subversion so much easier to promote.

FORMER ALBERTAN PREMIER ACCEPTS BANK DIRECTORSHIP

Almost immediately after resigning as Premier of Alberta, Mr. Ernest Manning became a director of The Canadian Imperial Bank. This would appear to be a most appropriate act by the man who has done so much to subvert and betray Social Credit. Mr. Manning has presented himself as a man of high moral principles, and in years gone by has at least made some verbal attacks on financial orthodoxy. But now he obviously sees nothing wrong in presiding over, or accepting financial rewards from the system, which many Social Creditors thought he was opposing.

We have previously commented on the failure of those calling themselves a Social Credit government in Alberta, to encourage the development of an informed and articulate electorate. It is significant that in the by-election in Mr. Manning's own constituency, the "Social Credit" candidate was soundly defeated by a Conservative. The Government of Alberta continues to experience growing financial problems, with talk of further debt and taxation.

The main lesson of the Albertan affair is that no government can or will challenge the enormous power of financial centralism in the absence of an informed and determined electorate associating to exert its power over institutions.

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national sovereignty of the peoples of Europe; an attempt to extend the economic basis of NATO and to undermine the growth of the "socialist" Eastern bloc; and a part of a U.S.-inspired anti-Communist crusade. Whilst some of these criticisms were genuine to a point, and others wholly specious, there can be no doubt that their main strategic line was all along determined by Russian interests.

The seeming permanence of the Community and its impact on economic growth and prosperity—particularly in Italy—has forced Communists to rethink their attitude during the 1960s. The Italian Communists, pressed by the Socialist wing of their union federation (the CGIL), have been in conflict with both the World Federation of Trade Unions and the French Communist Party on this issue. On an Italian initiative a joint CGIL-CGT office has been opened in Brussels to liaise with Community organizations. Now, both French and Italian parties are pressing for full representation on E.E.C. bodies and claiming the representation in the European Parliament at present denied them.

As yet, the main pressure has still come from the Italians rather than from the French Communists.

Significantly, Italy's Prime Minister, Giovanni Leone, in his investiture speech last July after the general election, announced that his government had no objection to Communists forming part of the Italian delegation to the European Parliament.

Hitherto, on nationalist and pro-Russian grounds, the Communists in the Community have acted as an important obstacle to progress towards a United Europe. Should Moscow's direct control weaken, and Communist parties secure representation in the E.E.C. Assembly, this attitude could change. Soviet-inspired divisions have undoubtedly been a major cause of political instability in post-war Europe, and bear great responsibility for the limited successes gained in achieving working-class demands. Many European Socialists believe that Britain's entry into the Community, by bringing a mass, unified labour movement on to the European scene, could significantly shift the balance in favour of working-class forces.

Meantime, it is worth recording the strength of Communist Parties in the Community. The percentage of votes for lower legislative houses in the most recent general elections have been:

	Year	% of total poll
Italy	1968	26.9
France	1968	20.0
Luxembourg	1964	12.0
Netherlands	1967	3.6
Belgium	1968	3.3
West Germany	Banned since 1956	

(N.B. Germany, until Hitler's rise to power, had the largest Communist Party in the world outside Russia; efforts to lift the ban are now being made.)