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THE DESPERATE MEN AT CANBERRA National Anti-League Of Rights Campaign Intensified

The front-page headline of the Melbourne "Age" of Saturday, August 7, read: "Extremists Threaten CP, says Anthony." The latest attack on the League of Rights was made by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Doug Anthony, at the Country Party's South Australian branch annual meeting. In a speech obviously reflecting the desperate feeling at Canberra as the League's grass roots campaign continues to gain momentum, the Federal Country Party leader charged that the League of Rights had been pro-Nazi. Mr. Anthony's attack, featured nationally, was followed by an attack by the Victorian State Country Party leader, Mr. Ross Edwards, M.L.A.

The latest attack on the League of Rights resulted in League National Director being called at short notice to appear once again on the ABC national TV programme, "This Day Tonight". Mr. Roy Earle, Queensland State Director of the League's specialist division, The Institute of Economic Democracy, also appeared in the TV programme.

In answer to press questioning, Mr. Butler says that he has made it clear that he does not intend to enter into a national public "slandering match" with Mr. Anthony, as he believes that the Country Party has been badly advised. He has first written privately to Mr. Anthony offering him the opportunity to correct some of the unfounded smearing allegations about the League. Mr. Butler states that he is of the opinion that the current national anti-League campaign has been carefully fostered by Marxists operating in key positions. He observes, "Desperate politicians are always ready to grasp at any instrument which they hope will silence or render ineffectual, critics of their policies. The truth is that events are now catching up with the double-talk of the Liberal-Country Party coalition. They are being found out. And their own traditional supporters are asking searching questions."

COUNTRY PARTY DOCUMENT BEING CIRCULATED

The Queensland Country Party Premier, Mr. Bjelke - Petersen is attempting to create the impression that the League is not really concerning the Country Party. But at the same time another national news story reveals that the Federal Secretariat of the Country Party has widely circulated a document setting out what is alleged to be the "background" of the League. As we go to press we have not seen a copy of this document, but if press reports are any indication, it is another typical smear effort. The press also reports that the central executive of the Country Party recently carried a motion "which virtually instructed its members to have nothing to do

with the League". The President of the N.S.W. Country Party criticised the League at the recent West Australian State Country Party Conference, where the influence of the League was pronounced. In a TV discussion, Mr. R. Nixon, West Australian State Secretary of The Institute of Economic Democracy, a delegate to the W.A. Country

ONLY LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANNUAL DINNER

The organisers of "The New Times" Annual Dinner, to be held on Friday, September 17, announce that the interest is so great that they have had to establish a system of strict priorities. A limited number of seats are being held now to meet the anticipated requirements of some of our supporters of many years standing. But it must be stressed that these seats will not be held after the end of August. \$5 donation for each person must be sent with bookings. Those who have booked but not sent their \$5 must do so immediately, otherwise their seat could be re-allocated. No receipts sent unless requested. The Dinner is at the Victoria, Little Collins Street, and guests may arrive from 6 p.m. onwards. Dinner will be served just prior to 7 p.m. Immediately upon arriving guests should examine list of guests to ascertain the number of their table.

A highlight of the Dinner will be an address by Mr. Eric Butler, exposing the nature and significance of the mounting nation-wide campaign being conducted against The Australian League of Rights,

Dinner messages will be welcomed from readers and movements around the English-speaking world. These will also be printed in the special Dinner issue of "The New Times".

Party Conference, effectively dealt with the anti-League criticism. One thing that is emerging as the national debate on the League intensifies, is the high calibre of League actionists. They have proved a credit to themselves and to The Australian League of Rights, described by Mr. Butler in one press interview as "the fastest growing political movement in Australia".

The momentum of the break up of Civilisation is now so great that it is becoming clear for all to see. Events are forcing increasing numbers of people to look at those truths, which the late C. H. Douglas warned could only be ignored by man at his peril. The League of Rights is scoring one major break-through after another. Its views on finance-economics are being taken seriously. Recently Mr. Eric Butler was invited to give an address to the Queensland division of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand. There was an extremely favourable response, particularly amongst University students. Mr.

Butler's address will be published in our next issue. Shortly afterwards Mr. Butler was invited to submit a comment on an article by Brisbane economist, Mr. W. H. Herbert, in the Brisbane *Sunday Mail*, which purported to deal with Social Credit and League financial policies. Mr. Butler's article was featured in the *Sunday Mail*, presenting perhaps the finest exposition of what Social Credit really is yet seen in an Australian newspaper.

The demand for League speakers is now so great that it cannot be met. But every competent League speaker has been pressed into service from one end of Australia to the other. Australia is rushing towards one of the most crucial periods in its history. The battle lines have been drawn. The party hacks are becoming desperate as they feel the growing wrath of an informed electorate. They are beginning to realise that they either have to challenge the financial policies destroying society, or risk being removed from Parliament.

“A FAILURE OF ECONOMICS” - Revealing, frank admission by London School of Economics Professor

In a comment on Mr. Eric Butler's "Programme for Reversing Inflation", one of Mr. B. M. Snedden's officials took exception to Mr. Butler's observation that the economic "experts" have a long record of failures over the past fifty years. But at last one eminent economist, Professor A. A. Walters, Cassel Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics, has admitted that finance-economic developments are contradicting what the economists have been teaching. Professor Walters offers no realistic solution to the continuing problem of inflation, which he states is "the main problem facing Western Democracy". But his admission that the economists have failed does clear the way for a constructive approach to the problem of inflation and associated evils. Perhaps even some of our tamer politicians may cease to be over-awed by the "reputable economists".

Professor Waters made his admissions in the 1971 Monash Economics Lecture, given at the Monash University, Victoria, on July 26. It is reasonable to assume that such admissions by a Professor of Economics of the status of Professor Waters would have been regarded as extremely newsworthy by the press. But the failure to inform the general public that the economic "experts" had lost their way suggests that someone felt that this news would shake any remaining faith people may have in those responsible for their economic plight.

It is often stated that wage increases are the major primary cause of inflation. Under the Keynesian concept of "controlled" inflation, the price level is allegedly reduced by "monetary restraints". If these restraints, such as cutting back severely on the rate of credit expansion, are imposed severely enough, there is serious unemployment. If wages are the basic cause of inflation, then a drastic reduction in the national wage bill should end inflation. But as Professor Waters admits, "Recently in both Britain and the United States we observed the

combination of rapid inflation and exceptionally high levels of unemployment. . . stagnation and inflation (or 'stagflation') is thought to be a new phenomenon and needs explaining."

KEYNESIANS PROVED WRONG

Professor Waters continued, stating that "the association of a raging inflation with record rates of unemployment, has been the most puzzling feature for both economists and the authorities . . . theories of the inflation-unemployment process have been convincingly discredited by the experience of the last two years." Referring to John Maynard Keynes, Professor Waters said that he had pointed out "that if there was full employment an increase in aggregate demand must be manifest in rising prices. Consequently, many Keynesians, like Professor Paish, expect that high unemployment is associated with stable prices, and low unemployment with rising prices. Alas, neither the classical economists nor Keynesians can produce predictions, which even remotely approximate to

those events which we now observe. There is perhaps more excuse for the failure of the classical economists since they are concerned only with the long run. For Keynesians there is no such excuse. They purport to give a theory suitable for short run predictions and policy. Yet Keynesians have also failed to explain the cohabitation of those strange bedfellows inflation and unemployment."

The truth is that the momentum of the present mis-directed economic system is so great that any major attempt to end inflation through credit restrictions, higher taxation and higher interest charges, would produce economic chaos which would make the Great Depression of the 'thirties look like a Sunday school picnic. Prophecy is the test of science, and the one man who has correctly predicted what is happening in the world today was the late C. H. Douglas. But enormous propaganda has been devoted to persuading people that the "reputable economists" had proved that he was quite wrong. The desperate plight of the world is the product of the theories of these "reputable economists", some of them well aware that their policies are destroying the free society everywhere. Less than twelve months after publicly admitting that he had become a convert to Keynesian economics, President Richard Nixon is admitting that he is deeply concerned about the inflation problem. Inflation is destroying the U.S.A. internally and making a realistic foreign possible in the face of Communist expansion increasingly impossible.

EVENTS HAVE CONTRADICTED TEXT BOOKS

Professor Waters says, "The failure of modern economics to account for stagnation and inflation is alas not a single isolated incident. It is I believe symptomatic of a general endemic malaise." He went on to point out that there has been "a ready supply of economists who have been fairly sure" that they knew what would happen they subjected an "inflating economy to a squeeze. Indeed a description of the reactions is to be found in many textbooks. There we read that a reduction in the money supply and an increase in the budgetary surplus will first reduce excess demand, then arrest the growth of the price level and then, after a while it will reduce employment and output. The facts, however, are quite different. Such evidence as I have seen convincingly discredits the text book model." Professor Waters then examined some of this evidence. We have been drawing attention to it for years. We predicted, for example, that the Wilson Government in the United Kingdom could not solve the inflation problem by a Government controlled policy of prices, wages and profits, and that such a policy if persevered with was like tightening down all the valves on a steam boiler while still keeping the heat on underneath. If continued there must be an explosion. It is now only twelve months ago that the Liberal-Country Party coalition Government at Canberra brought down a budget, which they claimed, would be anti-inflationary.

Events over the past twelve months have proved the "experts" wrong as usual. But the same politicians who endorsed what the "experts" had to advise bitterly resent any suggestion by the electors that it is time they challenged the policies of those whom events have clearly demonstrated to be disastrously wrong.

After referring to the failure of Keynesian predictions Professor Waters concluded the second section of his Paper by stating, "The lessons for the last twenty years are clear. The events are quite different from, indeed almost the opposite of, those described in the text books." But we have no doubt that the text books will continue to be used to continue producing a stream of "reputable economists" from the Universities to staff the growing Government bureaucracies and to give advice to those business organisations which may still believe that a man possessing a degree in economics must be a fountain

URGENT ACTION NECESSARY

All "New Times" readers, irrespective of whether or not they are League of Rights actionists, who are members of the Country Party are requested to write immediately to their State officials asking why the Federal leader of the party, Mr. Doug Anthony, described the League of Rights as "pro-Nazi" in his South Australian address.

Those readers who have Country Party representatives in their Federal Electorates, should ask them to state unequivocally where they stand on Mr. Anthony's charge that the League of Rights is "pro-Nazi". State Country Party Members should also be approached.

Readers living in electorates represented by a Liberal Party Member should draw their attention to the Deputy Prime Minister's South Australian allegations, and ask if the Government has any evidence to support such a serious allegation.

It is urgently necessary that the Coalition Government be forced to face up to the anti-League of Rights campaign. We ask for the cooperation of every reader.

All replies to correspondence should be sent to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001.

Country Party Members should be sent Mr. Eric Butler's "Programme for Reversing Inflation" (31 cents post-free from Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne) a Paper he gave early this year at a Queensland Country Party Seminar, asking for an explanation of how the implementation of the limited policy steps recommended could lead to inflation. And if the Member disagrees with the steps proposed, will he state clearly what is the Country Party's policy for ending inflation. Remind him that the Country Party has been a member of the Federal Coalition for over twenty years, which is surely sufficient time in which to come up with a solution.

of wisdom on the economy. In fact these victims of the textbooks know nothing whatever about real economics.

"ECONOMICS HAS EXPERIENCED A HUMILIATING FAILURE"

While it is obvious that Professor Waters has no solution to the dilemma in which he finds himself, at least he does create the impression of a man sufficiently honest to admit the truth as he sees it. For example, "The perverse paths pursued by the economy have foxed us all." And, "Let us admit simply that we do not have a valid and tested theory of the monetary dynamics of the short run adjustment in the price-output process . . . This is a council of honesty but not of despair." Professor Waters concluded by saying, "I believe that over the last few years, economics has experienced a humiliating failure." The failure has stemmed from the fact that the economists have been primarily concerned with trying to "tune", to use one of Professor Waters' terms, a finance-

economic system which can only be made to work at all by increasingly over-driving it. Inflation is inherent in the system and the false purposes for which it is being used. It is these purposes, which must be challenged if a major disaster for mankind is to be averted. Men and women of commonsense, whose minds have not been warped with the text books referred to by Professor Waters, should now have less inhibitions about challenging the nonsense flowing from the "reputable economists", including these at present advising on their programme of monopoly to solve the rural crisis. Electors must insist the Government's advisers implement a genuine inflation programme. If these advisers are so "hooked" on the text books that their minds have become rigid and claim they have no solution, then they should be removed in favour of those who will undertake the task of reversing policies of growing disaster. Mankind cannot survive another twenty years of "humiliating failure" by the "reputable economists".

DARK HELL

*"For who can tell into what dark hell
His sightless soul may stray."*

— Oscar Wilde

Mr. Stephen Danzansky, who was general counsel and operations coordinator for the White House Conference on Youth and Children, is here at the invitation of the Australian Young Liberals "representing the youth of America at home and in Australia". Among other soothing words he says that only 8 percent of young people on U.S. campuses engage in protests.

That statement will comfort those who have been pleading that only a minority of youth is delinquent and only a minority of students demonstrates violently. The figure provided by Mr. Danzansky will doubtless assure those who wish to believe that law breaking and violence are nothing about which to be unduly alarmed and that if their complacent apology be supported by figures it is mathematically demonstrated to be correct.

These periwinkles need to be pricked out of their shells. If the community suffer disruption and this disruption be caused by 8 percent of any group while the orderly 92 percent be powerless to prevent the misbehaviour, then of the total only the 8 percent count. Would anyone say that terror and bloodshed decreed by one horrible Emperor is less dreadful because only one Emperor, who is perhaps only one five-millionth of the population, is responsible?

According to report, Mr. Danzansky said that campus violence by American youth is only a myth. (?) What was probably an intended explanation of the violence, which is not mythical, was the statement that young people are kept at school too long, thus perpetuating their immaturity. One can agree that that is the case of many who reach their full mental age when they are about fourteen or fifteen years old. For those in this category further academic education becomes little more than a matter of memorising. It would be better to set them to work and, if they can, learn from experience

what they cannot learn from books or computers — their rightful and honoured place in an ordered community.

THE CREATORS OF PERMISSIVENESS

However, something grimly amusing is the way in which both officially and self-appointed investigators into the social ills of our time dodge naming the maleficent creators of social deterioration. They blame control and suppression of young children by parents and the failure of parents to exercise control over teenagers; the difficulty experienced by youth to adapt itself to a technological age (young people should not find that as difficult as do older people, since they were born into it); too long a school life; too little education; the indignation of youthful idealism on finding that society is not perfect; the adjustment by not so idealistic youths to an imperfect social environment etc. What they seldom blame is the kind of propaganda by privileged writers and entertainers that has created a bad cultural atmosphere. The culprits, the creators of a permissiveness, which is not alone sexual, but generally moral, are more often than not the investigators and thus their own judges and juries. It is not surprising that they either bring in a verdict of "not guilty" for themselves or never bring any charges against themselves. A further great advantage they enjoy is that they are able to use the mass media almost as though they were their own personal possessions and so are able to present their critics as narrow-minded, starchy killjoys.

They, themselves, feel full of virtue in the face of the social ugliness for which they, above all others, are responsible.

A virtue can be carried to a point where it becomes a vice as, for instance, when a puritan's revulsion against gross physical gratification brings him to see evil in all physical gratification, however moderate and clothed in dignity it be — that is to prurience. The puritan will see his vice as a virtue because it stemmed from virtue. Revulsion against puritanical prurience can take a man to the defence of the prurience of the debauchee and the pornographer. He will see indulgence in vice as a kind of virtue because it began as tolerance and as a love of natural clean-mindedness. It is through following this line leading to moral decadence that so many promoters of inferior social behaviour have come to rest on the bosom of the Lucifer into whose mouth Milton put the words: let evil be my good.

THE POWERS OF GOOD AND EVIL

Today, serious mention outside a church of God and the Devil in relation to personal or organisational affairs is commonly looked on as a solecism and an expression of ignorance's silly superstition. It could be that the real superstition is that of those whose materialism is a form of ignorance. The Powers of Good and Evil referred to in this essay are not the mediaeval God and Devil, but great, Universe-filling Realities who live, not within the confines of human living, but as the source of life, and who are conscious, not just with the murky consciousness of men, but in ways beyond the reach of human imagination. The suggestion, here, is that this is not merely a debatable religious dogma, but a scientific fact. Something closer to proof of this than is afforded by human behaviour lies in the very pattern of that much of reality as we perceive and experience.

Before impatiently passing over those propositions as having but little value in relation to practical affairs, a swift glance over past attitudes towards non-conformist ideas might persuade the cautious to suspend positive disbelief. Once upon a time most people, including those with the greatest power to influence popular thought, believed that the world is flat and that all experience and reason told sane people that it is impossible for it to be round. Once it was thought by people with common sense that the idea that carriages could go without horses was as ridiculous as the notion that men could travel through the air in flying machines. In my time the majority of the scientists believed it to be impossible to split the atom and that between the stars and their planets was nothing but empty space. Theory after theory, hypothesis after hypothesis, can be instanced as showing how often opinion, thought to be authoritative and rational, has proved to be fallacious. Are the materialistic disbelievers of today so vain that they think that, unlike the generations that have gone before, that they are infallible when they reject possibilities, which have never been investigated? Positive rejection of the actuality of the existence

of conscious Cosmic Powers may be from ignorance of a more extensive reality than that ordinarily shown by our senses, as was rejection by our predecessors of things which have since proved to be facts. If, in truth, there be these great spiritual Forces, dare we, by ignoring them, risk falling into the movement which would carry us to sub-human experience in some spiritually alien region? It does sometimes seem that many of the more influential of our cultural leaders have fallen into the clutches of the anti-evolutionary spiritual Power so that members of civilised societies are on the way to dabbling in Satanism. There is not reference there to silly Black Masses and other ritualistic forms of worship of a Devil who probably does not exist. Reference is to the real thing — to accepting evil as something good and in this way being caught in a contracting psychical and spiritual movement.

SIGNIFICANCE OF GROWING CRIME RATE

There is evidence of that last. In our society the crime rate is mounting. It is not just the big, spectacular crimes that should cause concern, but especially the comparatively petty crimes which have permeated the whole civil body and with which the police force is unable to cope. The spicy diet of violence which has for a long time been fed to children, youths and adults, together with the near-enshrinement of criminals and other wrongdoers, has educated too many to believe that those who attack or prey upon the weak and defenceless are being anti-hero heroes. From that anti-heroism the corrupted come to indulge in violence and law-breaking generally, not as joyous daredevils, but simply because it has become their way of life. Such a low-grade outlook is becoming so prevalent that the whole of society is suffering a deterioration of quality. The moral bulwarks are tottering and the flood from the outer darkness is ready to pour in. Who must be blamed if we be lost?

Drug addiction has become more than an individual tragedy. It is now a social problem; and whose fault is that? It is part of the permissiveness, which has been cultivated by those imagining themselves to be emancipated from cramping moral inhibitions. These have offered the populace a culturally numbing sensationalism, which is an emotional habit-forming drug. Like all such drugs, the doses must be increasingly larger or stronger as the user becomes tolerant to them. The point is reached where the victim is callous to all described or pictured orgies of sex and violence and craves for first-hand experience of the exciting acts, or turns to a new sensation such as is found in drug taking. Often the drug addict feels at first that he is a very sophisticated person in indulging in his vice. His evil takes on the glamour of good.

The far too great a percentage of matrimonial failures is obviously to be traced to the presentation of sex as being very little more than a physical exercise and pleasure, and to regarding the destruction of family life as something good. Years ago all that began as a defence of love against legally imposed loveless unions and the

rescue of individual freedom from family tyranny; but it has been fast moving to a general quenching of married and family love. The good has been becoming evil and already by many the evil is being looked upon as being good. That is a form of Satanism.

There are other instances of social regression; but perhaps the three here described are the gravest, being as they are at the foundations of civilised society. They are not just individual lapses, but are becoming standard measures of social values. Permitted or condoned in the names of tolerance and freedom, they are evils often honestly believed to be good.

VALUES DEPEND UPON FRAME OF REFERENCE

As has been said in other places, the discovery that values of good and bad are relative and depend upon "the frame of reference" has led to self-excusing conclusions that one conception of right and wrong is as good as another or, to the Satanism, that all moral values are illusory. That is slick and shoddy thinking. Values attached to concrete things and actions do depend upon circumstances, which form a frame of reference, but within the frame are points of reference — points that separate good from evil on different levels. On the highest moral level are, in any man's judgment, the final points of reference.

A simple illustration of this is that of a body of policemen trying to reduce a riotous mob to order. If the police control the mob, that is good from the valuing point of the police, but bad from the valuing point of the violence-intoxicated mob. On the other hand, if the mob overcome the police, that is good from the mob's point of view, but bad from that of the police. Clearly, with such balanced contradiction of good and bad, the reference point must be moved to a different level and value be determined by the point which separates social good from social evil.

We can raise our valuing point to a still higher level — that of civilisation. Many in our time have thought it good to destroy a civilised society for the sake of semi-civilised or uncivilised people. That is tantamount to offering up human sacrifices to a barbarous god, no matter how piously it be done. The god may be called equality or majority rule, or it may be some favoured race. Indeed, that evil good is worse even than offering up human sacrifices. It is sacrificing a higher good to a lower good, and that, in a final analysis, is sacrificing God to the Devil.

There is a reference point on a still higher level — the spiritual level. The frame of reference may be mental, moral, emotional or aesthetic or a combination of any or all kinds of perception. Here the good is spiritual expansion and the evil spiritual contraction. Although the spiritual is the highest point separating good from evil, yet it is to be found on all planes of development. When, for instance, in the barbarian awakens the knowledge that there are higher values of good than those of slaughter, cruelty and lust, he experiences a spiritual expansion.

On the other hand, if with a knowledge of civilised values, a person gives himself over to enjoyments which may be good on a lower level, but which become bad when a greater god is known, that is spiritual contraction, even though the values at that level be superior to these appreciated on still lower levels.

THE GOOD WAY

The human good way is that of cultural and spiritual expansion. Somewhere in a large Universe than that known to men, cultural contraction must be the good way, or it could never appear to anybody to be good; but the human point of cultural, and therefore of moral, reference is not there. To place it in a sphere of cultural contraction, there finding good in what should be evil to men is to be in danger of being caught up in some cosmic movement in which the spirit is quenched and men and women become merely things. To what extent are people, in a technological age, becoming less than persons and merely things? Putting the above paragraph philosophically: nature has no mercy on failures. To destroy physically or damn spiritually is equally self-preserving elimination in some whole scheme of creation.

Look at Western civilisation as it is being submerged beneath the tides of primitiveness and barbarity and ask whose reckless doctrine of self-indulgence, whose adoration of social and civilisational inferiority, has edged men towards a spiritual abyss. Yet in men the impulse to seek good is strong and there are indications that many are looking for a better cultural leadership than the false prophets have lately given. They seek the prophets who are now despised and rejected but who, by the grace of the Spirit of Good, are the saviours.

"SOCIAL CREDIT AND CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY"

Now Back in Print

After being out of print for several years, Eric D. Butler's booklet "Social Credit and Christian Philosophy" has been reprinted in Canada. The new edition of this most valuable work contains an Introduction by the author and a Postscript. With the increasing new interest in Social Credit in recent years, there has been a growing demand for a new edition of a work which presents Social Credit as it really is: a policy of a philosophy, that philosophy being Christian.

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"ECONOMIC GROWTH" DOGMA THREATENS CIVILISATION

Our English contributor, Mr. John Mitchell, recently forwarded the following letter to the Rt. Rev. G. R. Reindorp, Bishop of Guilford:

Dear Bishop,

Quite predictably you have come out in favour of this country joining the E.E.C. You will therefore have some responsibility for the consequences. The consequences can be spelt out fairly clearly. They follow naturally from the declared objects of our joining.

These objects, described as "two great prizes" by the Foreign Secretary, are (1) "greater economic expansion", (2) reasons of national defence, which has been elaborated into meaning the formation of a third great military power bloc to match that of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

It has recently been shown that going back over a long period every half-century the number of people who die in wars rises between four and five times, and, extrapolating from the past into the future, 400 million will die between now and the end of the century; and between the year 2,000 and 2,050 war deaths would become 4,000 million (which would be 40% of the then world population if it continues to increase at the present rate).

Before shrugging this information off as farcical you might consider five very significant facts.

The first is that senior military experts have said that modern weaponry would kill off several hundred million people if a world war started now, and that the efficiency of these weapons is increasing rapidly.

The second is that a major portion of the products of economic expansion is for war and allied projects. The evidence goes to show that the American worker produces nearly three times as much as his counterpart here, but the standard of living is only about 25% higher.

The third is that the preservation of the present financial system makes it necessary to have constant economic expansion. A former member of the American Administration, a well known economist who now sees the danger of constant expansion, has said that to keep the American economy from collapsing a world war is necessary every quarter century, or, failing this, it is necessary to have the constant threat of it in order to provide the excuse for military expenditure.

The fourth is that the controllers of the financial system throughout the world are determined at all costs to preserve that system as it is, because their power depends on it. I know a lot about this determination because I have spent a great deal of time over the last forty years trying to expose the faults of the system.

The fifth is that the average annual growth rate of the economy of the six Common Market countries over the last 13 years has been about 5%. At this rate of growth production will double in 15 years and multiply nine times in 45 years. Taken in conjunction with the fact that the controllers of the system are determined to keep

the population dependent on EMPLOYMENT, this ensures not only that the means of worldwide destruction will be available, but that the pressure will build up to boiling point. It is predicted that by the end of the century as much will be spent on war or defence purposes as the whole of the world economic output today.

Looked at in the light of these facts the trend to greater and greater war explosions does not appear farcical at all; it appears as a deadly threat. It is quite possible, even easy, to argue that the momentum of events is now so great that nothing can stop catastrophe. But, no one has to side with the forces which are producing the conditions which ensure that the catastrophe will happen. *You are siding with these forces by supporting entry into the E.E.C.* You are siding with Big Business and International Finance, from whence the real pressure on the Government is coming.

If there is any hope in averting catastrophe it is in taking the MUST, the COMPULSION, out of economic expansion. This can be done at the same time as providing the consumer with greater purchasing power, in fact only by providing the consumer with higher purchasing power. Bishops are, of course, not fearful of death, so I can tell you this without frightening you off; coincidence or not, a friend of mine (now dead) spent some time closeted privately with the late Archbishop Temple explaining the true position about the financial system to him. Before he left the Archbishop assured him that he would take early steps to speak out on the subject. The Archbishop was dead within 24 hours of the interview.

At least we don't have to be silent about this or on the wrong side, don't have to share the guilt. Individually, or as a nation, we can do the right thing. The right thing is for this country to stay outside the E.E.C. and set an example to the world by doing the right thing financially and economically.

Nearly eight hundred years ago I believe in what is now your diocese a great churchman, Archbishop Stephen Langton, took the right action. When you come to this village shortly to take part in the eight hundredth anniversary of Crondall church I hope you will remember that example.

Yours sincerely,

COMMON MARKET BATTLE APPROACHES DECISION

It is anticipated that a major decision will be reached in the Common Market battle on October 28, when a vote will be taken in The House of Commons. In our next issue, September, we will be publishing a special article by our English contributor, Mr. John Mitchell, together with suggestions for constructive united action by our many readers throughout Australia, New Zealand and Canada. All readers are requested to watch for this. The proposed action could help tip the balance against the Heath Government in the House of Commons.

THE PENTAGON PAPERS

(A Correction, Please! article from *The Review of the News*, July 7, 1971)

ITEM: From an article in *Newsweek* magazine for June 28, 1971:

The top echelon of the [New York] Times—managing editor Abraham M. Rosenthal, Washington bureau chief Max Frankel, foreign editor James Greenfield, and columnists James Reston and Tom Wicker . . . strongly urged publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger to let them give the Pentagon papers maximum coverage.

CORRECTION: There is no mention that Sulzberger, Rosenthal, Frankel, Greenfield (who had charge of this project), and Reston are all members of the Establishment *Insiders'* elitist Council of Foreign Relations—as is the now famous Daniel Ellsberg, who admits releasing the secret papers. Nor does *Newsweek* mention the fact that Ellsberg's present employer is the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, set up with a multi-million-dollar grant from the Central Intelligence Agency.

But the hypocrisy does not end there. Not long ago the *New York Times* led a bitter attack on Otto F. Otepka, a patriotic State Department security evaluator. Otepka's crime? He had dared to deliver three "confidential"—not "top secret"—inter-office documents to the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee to prove he was telling the truth about the lax security in the State Department. As nationally syndicated columnist Clark Mollenhoff noted on June 27, 1971: "The *Times* found a 'dangerous departure' from normal procedures on Otepka's delivery to a Senate staff lawyer who was cleared for security matters. Otepka didn't make the papers public. His only deviation from proper procedure is that he did not clear delivery of the three documents with the man he was proving was a liar". What was to the *Times* a "dangerous departure" for the anti-Communist Otepka has become an act of crusading journalism now that the *Times* has done it to serve the interests of the Establishment Left.

If the *Times* is really so anxious that the public be given all the facts about every vital issue, why did it so readily acquiesce when the Warren Commission announced that vast amounts of its evidence dealing with Communist assassin Lee Harvey Oswald would be locked up in government archives for seventy-five years? Obviously the *Times'* vaunted preachments about the right of the public to know the truth are as phony as a three-dollar bill.

Already many observers have noted that no really new information has been published by the *Times* or the other newspapers, which obtained access to the government documents "stolen" and distributed by Daniel Ellsberg. In fact, the *Times* itself published a series of articles five months ago about the Vietnam contingency plans exposed in the Pentagon papers without any stir being

created. Why the furore now? And why is the Liberal Establishment behind it?

It was Edwin A. Roberts who asked in the *National Observer* for June 28, 1971: "Why didn't the Justice Department move against the *New York Times* immediately, instead of waiting a couple of days?" Certainly the government had ample warning that something was going to break, for radical journalist Nat Hentoff revealed in the *Village Voice* for May twenty-first that he had "reliable information that the *New York Times* has a breakthrough unpublished story concerning the White House, the Pentagon and South East Asia". The government chose to sit tight. As *Time* magazine notes in its issue of June 28, the Justice Department sought a temporary restraining order only after three instalments had already been published in the *New York Times*. Clearly the Nixon Administration wanted that story to break.

What have been some of the results so far? First the New Left anti-war movement has been given a new lease on life, as N.B.C. television carefully noted on June 27. It has also created in America a new mood of disgust and frustration over the Vietnam War. Thus, these documents were published at just the right time to create a mood favorable to the cries for complete withdrawal from Vietnam, which were being voiced in the Senate. Because of this mood the Mansfield Amendment, setting a specific date for withdrawal from Vietnam, was approved. It was exactly what the Communists have been calling for.

As a result of all this, the stage is now set for President Nixon to continue his Vietnam pullout just as the Left has been clamoring for him to do. Mr. Nixon never sought victory over the Communists in Vietnam, but he would suffer politically if the Communists were immediately to seize control of the country. The *Insiders* who advise him realize this. As Daniel Ellsberg, himself, wrote in the Spring 1971 issue of *Public Policy*, published by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard: "The risk that 'losing' Vietnam would pose some risk from a faction within the President's own party was one that Johnson in 1964 shared with Eisenhower in 1954. Even Richard Nixon has seen himself as facing comparable problems in 1969-71. His special assistant, Henry Kissinger, has reported in numerous 'backgrounders': 'If we had done in our first year what our loudest [*Liberal*] critics called on us to do, the 13 percent that voted for Wallace would have grown to 35 or 40 percent; the first thing the President set out to do was to neutralize that faction'".

It is already clear that Mr. Nixon and his C.F.R. advisers are delighted with the release and promotion of the Pentagon papers by their fellow members of the Council on Foreign Relations. You may be certain that it was planned that way at the highest levels. —W.E.D.