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THE FEAR BEHIND THE SMEAR

SIGNIFICANCE OF AN EXPOUNDED ANTI-LEAGUE OF RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

It is a matter of the greatest national significance when two well-known morning newspapers, "The Age" in Melbourne, and "The Sydney Morning Herald" in Sydney, should devote considerable space in four consecutive issues to publishing featured smear articles by a lecturer in "political science" at the Melbourne University. We have no doubt that there are many who have taken it for granted that the mass of irrelevant material presented by Mr. Mike Richards is evidence of a painstaking, objective examination of The League of Rights by a genuine academic consumed with a desire to discover the truth. There appears to be some evidence that a mere handful of people have ceased subscribing to League publication as a result of Mr. Richards's "revelations". But of much greater significance is the flood of new contacts and subscriptions resulting directly from the latest anti-League campaign, which is such a clumsy smear that large numbers of Australians have readily recognised it for what it is.

The latest smear of the League is further striking confirmation of the fact that its programme of education and constructive political action is deeply feared in some circles. Fear is the driving force behind the mounting campaign against the League. There is an obvious fear that the main current educational activities of the League of Rights on the growing revolutionary effects of present finance-economic policies, are having a growing impact on rank and file members of all the political parties, who are increasingly criticising the type of policies which are not only convulsing Australian society, but which could be the major cause of the Federal Coalition Government going down to electoral disaster later this year. In the League's special brochure on the start of the massive 1971 smear (price 17 cents, post free, from Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne 3001), it is revealed how last year a Labor Party friend of Mr. Eric Butler correctly warned of the impending campaign, claiming that all the political parties would be involved. This has happened, which raises the interesting question of what is the nexus, which unites elements in all the political parties against the League of Rights?

"THE AGE" PRESSURES LIBERAL PARTY

At the conclusion of the Richards articles, *The Age* of March 1 revealed very clearly that at least one of the purposes of these articles was to apply pressure to Liberal Party leaders to issue statements "dissociating themselves from the League, and declaring that their aims are not compatible with those of the League of Rights." Party members should also be prevented from belonging to the League of Rights. Before responsible members of the Coalition Parties, and the Democratic Labor Party, heed the advice of *The Age*, they might profitably consider whether the anti-League campaign is not also directed against them. We do not propose to waste time and valu-

able space by taking seriously the use of the old, hackneyed "anti-Semitic" smear. We will credit Mr. Richards with enough intelligence not to believe that the League of Rights is attempting to persuade the Government parties to put Jews into concentration camps. He quotes from League action documents, creating the impression that he has had access to "secret" documents, and therefore knows full well what issues the League has been campaigning on. He knows that the major issues have been in the field of finance-economics. Which raises the question of why the fear to discuss openly and constructively the most important questions of the day?

The Age distorts the truth, and even does Country Party leader Anthony an injustice, when it prefaces its appeal to the Liberal Party with the statement that "only the CP has responded strongly to the League's activities", and that Mr. Anthony has described the League "as tending to be anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi". With the aid of Mr. Richards's keen detective work, *The Age* must know that Mr. Anthony subsequently withdrew his "anti-Nazi" smear. *The Age* also knows that there is not one other Country Party Member of Parliament in the whole of Australia who has gone on record to support Mr. Anthony. To its credit, although perhaps left with little option in the face of rank and file Country Party protests, the Management Committee of the Queensland Country Party publicly dissociated itself from the smear campaign against the League. It then made the disastrous mistake of putting two full-page advertisement in *The Queensland Country Life*, primarily for the purpose of "exposing" the League's finance-economic policies, most of which are in the Country Party's own platform. The full-page *Country Life* reply by Mr. Jeremy Lee, National Secretary of The Institute of Economic Democracy, brought another flood of support for what the League was advocating.

AN INSULT TO INTELLIGENCE

Mr. Richards, *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, insult the intelligence of the Australian people when a mass of trivia is used to try to prove the sweeping, and melodramatic charge, that the League of Rights is "infiltrating" the Liberal and Country Parties. Mr. Richards's technique may be judged by his reference to a statement made by Mr. Eric Butler on a national television programme. Mr. Butler "admitted" that Mr. Rock, his Assistant National Director, was a long-standing member of his local Liberal Party branch. The inference is that Mr. Butler was forced to admit something he did not wish to reveal. What infantile rubbish! Mr. Richards might as well have written that Mr. Butler "admitted" that Mr. Rock was a member of the Church of England. With very few exceptions, the overwhelming majority of the members of political parties who are also members or supporters of the League were members of their parties years before they had ever heard of The Australian League of Rights. Party leaders, who pressured by *The Age*, and others, try to insist that members of their parties are not entitled to look at the League of Rights for themselves, and to make their own judgments, might care to explain what they fear. Can it be that those who come into contact with the League obtain that knowledge which in turn provides them with the power to ask why their parties are not attempting to implement at least their own stated policies? Or is it not true also that in order to compete in the modern political party power struggle, parties must tend to heed those who can either supply vital funds or other favours? It would be instructive, for example, to have the Federal Secretary of the DLP, Senator Jack Kane, explain just how he came to use the DLP journal, *Focus*, to join in the smear against the League last year, much to the dismay and embarrassment of a number of DLP supporters. We have heard a number of different explanations of how the first, October, *Focus* attack occurred. In conversation with members of the DLP, Senator Kane made it clear that he had not written the article.

SENATOR KANE'S IGNORANCE

Neither did Senator Kane write the "justification" for the article, in a DLP "Information Bulletin", because Mr. Butler submitted him a series of questions, which he has studiously ignored. Then in the December 1971, issue of *Focus* there is an incredible article purporting to deal with the League's financial proposals. Much of it is a rehash of material published last year by the Country Party. Some of it sounds suspiciously like Mr. Peter Samuel of *The Bulletin*, whose "study" of the League of Rights was dealt with in our February issue. The author of the *Focus* article makes the astounding statement that the League's alleged financial proposals were dangerous because of "a labour shortage overall". This was written at a time when unemployment figures were rising to their highest level for ten years! The author revealed his colossal ignorance by claiming that since the Federal Budget last year, "there has been some easing of this labour shortage" and that

"inflationary pressures may be decreasing somewhat". Incredible? Yes, but the writer continues, "but there is no scope for vastly increasing the money supply of a country without producing galloping inflation". Well, this is exactly what is being done, and is what the League objects to in order that Australia may avoid being driven any further down the totalitarian road.

One of the most significant features of the Richards articles is that they attempt to direct attention away from what the League is really about: opposition to finance-economic policies which are essentially Marxist. As far back as 1924, that great British genius, C. H. Douglas, observed that "To anyone who will examine the subject carefully and dispassionately it must be evident that Marxism Socialism is an extension to its logical extension, of the theory of modern business." Subsequent events have increasingly confirmed what Douglas had to say. The League is not only the only movement touching the deeper aspects of the Marxist challenge, but it has generated a new type of non-party political activity through Electors' Associations, so that Government can be used to serve the individual instead of controlling him. In a classic example of perversion Mr. Richards twists the League's concept of a grass-roots movement as a manifestation of its "anti-democratic bias". Mr. Richards does not give his own definition of democracy. But presumably he, and those he is working with, object to any concept which will make the will and power of the electors prevail. We have no doubt that it is this aspect of League activity, which has created the greatest fear. It is this type of activity, which fosters the belief amongst individuals that they can act constructively to put their institutions, including their financial institutions, to work for them.

THE TESTING CRISIS AHEAD

All over the world the evidence is mounting that no matter what methods are used to play the old party game, they have no bearing whatever on the finance-economic policies, which are producing convulsion after convulsion. The traditional social order is now fast disintegrating before our eyes. We are paying the price of treating the human being as merely so much raw material to be fed into an industrial system which can only be kept on its destructive path through accelerating financial debt, mounting taxation and inflation. Can it be that those who have a vested interest in revolution sense that events are providing them with increasing opportunities to wreck the free society, and that as the crisis deepens the only effective opposition they are likely to encounter will be the League of Rights? And that they should attempt to destroy that opposition now if at all possible? It is certain that the League of Rights is now moving towards its most critical hour. Now firmly established throughout the English-speaking world, it offers what may be civilisations' last hope of surviving the nightmare ahead. We trust that every *New Times* reader "worth his salt", will give his answer to the Richards articles with greater dedication, greater effort, and adequate financial support to The Australian League of Rights.

TO THE POINT

The latest attack on The Australian League of Rights, with heavy emphasis on the "anti-Semitic" smear, is an opportune time to reconsider the "Jewish Question". One critic of the League wrote to *The Age* asking what the League was doing about the rights of Jews. Now it is true that large numbers of people do not like Jews, either individually or collectively. It is clear that this is the attitude of most members of the Melbourne Club, which has not to date permitted Jews to become members. But this form of "anti-Semitism" does not interfere with the rights and freedoms of individuals who are Jews; it is merely one manifestation of a policy of natural discrimination, which many groups follow in a society where different groups of individuals are free to form their own rules of association. No sane Gentile feels that he lacks any rights because he cannot join an exclusive Jewish Club.

As the programme of economic, financial and political decentralisation of power advocated by the League of Rights would firmly establish all individuals, and all minorities, in their legitimate rights and freedoms, thus removing the present tensions and frictions from society, it is clear that the League's programme would benefit Jews as individuals. But the core of the "Jewish Question", which is as old as civilisation, is that Jewish leaders, today predominantly Political Zionists, have consistently conditioned the Jewish people to accept a collectivist philosophy and policies.

In one of his early works, *Social Credit* (1924), C. H. Douglas discussed this subject as follows in a chapter entitled "Relation of Group to Individual": "No consideration of this subject would be complete without recognising the bearing upon it of what is known as the Jewish Question; a question rendered doubly difficult by the conspiracy of silence which surrounds it. At the moment it can only be pointed out that the theory of rewards and punishments is Mosaic in origin; that finance and law derive their main inspiration from the same source, and that countries such as pre-war Germany and post-war Russia, which exhibit the logical consequences of unchecked collectivism, have done so under the direct influence of Jewish leaders. Of the Jews themselves, it may be said that they exhibit the race-conscious idea to an extent unapproached elsewhere, and it is fair to say that their success in many walks of life is primarily due to their adaption to an environment, which has been moulded in conformity with their own ideal. That is as far as it seems useful to go and there may be a great deal to be said on the other side. It has not yet, I think, been said in such a way as to dispose of the suggestion, which need not necessarily be an offensive suggestion, that the Jews are protagonists of collectivism in all its forms, whether it is camouflaged under the name of Socialism, Fabianism, or 'big business', and that the opponents of collectivism must look to the Jews for an indictment of the theory itself. It should in any case be emphasised that it is the Jews as a group, and not as individuals, who are on trial, and

that the remedy, if one is required, is to break up the group activity."

Now, as not even "political scientist", Mr. Mike Richards, has charged that the League of Rights is planning to put Jews in gas chambers or to assault them in any other way, the only logical conclusion is that the League's programme threatens certain power groups who have a vested interest in publicising alleged "anti-Semitic" threats as one of the means of conditioning the rank and file of Jews to continue accepting collectivist policies. It was Christ who offered the victims of the Pharisees freedom from their collectivist chains. The modern descendants of the Pharisees are just as violently opposed to Christ's message, as were their predecessors. They insist that the group must be ascendant over the individual. The essence of Christianity is that the only safe place for power is in the hands of individuals who can be made personally responsible for how they use it; that groups exist to serve individuals.

It is significant that those who attempt to discuss the historic "Jewish Question" in an objective and rational manner, with the clear objective of creating a society free of tensions are abused with political swearwords like "racism" and "anti-Semitism". This indicates fear of open discussion. Perhaps Mr. Richards could tell us what he and his associates fear?

ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE ANOTHER HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

"The New Times" Annual Dinner, to be held this year on Friday, September 22, will be another inspiring highlight in the history of the cause for which "The New Times" was founded in 1935. This Dinner is a family one, and we have no doubt that the 1972 Dinner will reflect the tremendous growth of the activities supported by "The New Times".

The organisers reserve the right to reject applicants. Because of the heavy demand upon the number of seats available, those readers intending to attend should make their bookings as early as possible. Their \$6 donation must be sent with the booking. Every effort will be made to seat guests with friends.

The principal guest of honour for the 1972 Dinner will be the well-known South African journalist, commentator, and author, Mr. Ivor Benson, who will give a Paper at the National League of Rights Seminar, to be held the following day, Saturday, September 23. Every effort will be made to provide private hospitality for country and interstate visitors, but early requests would vitally assist with the large amount of organisation required. These interstate visitors intending to be at the Dinner and League Seminar, and requiring hospitality, should not leave their booking until the last few weeks.

CHILDISH THINGS

By D. WATTS

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things." St. Paul, there, was explaining that in this life we speak and understand and think like children about divine realities. It can be added that too often we think like children about human realities.

The tiny child has his toys and is happy with those. When he is old enough to be told stories and, a little later, to read them, in his imagination he creates mental toys. The beautiful princess, the kind elephant, the brave boy, the wicked ogre or some such figures become vivid enough in his mind to evoke emotion and command attention. He invents situations in which he places them and conversations and thrilling actions in which they take part; but the normal child knows that this world is imaginary and has no physical reality.

As the child approaches and enters adulthood his mental toys become more sophisticated. They arrange themselves into an ideal state of being which is, as it were the calyx out of which grows his achievement—his aesthetic creating or material success, or personal happiness, or service to his fellow men, or some other form of self-fulfilment. There are adults whose mental toys are faultless States, or ideal organisations, or perfect societies, or the like. Very comforting and sanity-preserving it is to escape occasionally from the evils of Man's world into the imagined place, and there to put right the wrongs that are born of human imperfection; so long as it is realised that these heavens are not of this world or, if actually attainable, beckon across millennia of the future.

CONFUSION OF SHADOW FOR SUBSTANCE

The story of the sometimes heart-breaking, sometimes terrible, results of trying to make imagined, ideal societies become quickly real has been often told. These tragedies, as inevitable as any ordained by the cynical Fates, arise from a false identifying of the mental playthings with realities. Such confusing has from time to time hindered the deliberate process of civilisational development. Especially in our time it has bedevilled thinking and damned much political action. The ideal may be a goal, but is never an immediately attainable end.

From the records it seems that the first toy was the mentally created mighty hunter, or splendid warrior, or shining saint. However that may be, in recent years the adults' toy has usually been a romantic conception of a selected group, or nation, or race, that actually does exist. Among the English, at the end of the last and beginning of this century, a popular mental plaything was the imagined Scot. Kilts and bagpipes, and bonny lassies, and wee Macgregors, and stickit ministers, and so on, were pegs on which nearly as much entertainment was hung as there is now on sex and violence. A little later people began to play with the Irish toy. Songs and stories abounded in witty Irishmen, colleens talking with a cute, little brogue, smiling Irish eyes, rollicking but saintly Irish parish priests and the rest.

The next plaything was the mental image of the Jew,

sensitive, affectionate, highly intelligent, but humble, and with the emotional advantage of being eternally persecuted. The latest toy has been the Negro: merry, ebullient, lovable, but backward because deprived and oppressed by the wicked ogre, the white race. In Australia, the Aborigine toy is coupled with the Negro toy. Probably, from present indications, the next plaything will be the beautified mental image of the Asian.

The sentimentality about Scots was harmless enough. It was almost completely without ulterior significance. The Irish troubles did bring into the entrancing game with mental toys an element of politics producing a tendency to present the medley of selected characteristics as an exact description of Irish people. This gave them some propaganda advantage, but on the whole the sentimental fantasies were more enjoyable than mischievous.

In the case of the Jews and the Negroes, the distinction between the mentally created toy and the real people has become almost entirely lost. The reason is that politics and, worse still, an ideology were introduced into the game. The frightful treatment of Jews by heads of the Nazi State naturally caused an overwhelming swell of horror and pity to flood the hearts of just and humane people; but elsewhere atrocities, just as dreadful, were perpetrated without evoking nearly as great an emotional response. One important reason for this is that there was not created in men's minds a clearly defined ideal image of a kulak, or a Tibetan, or recalcitrant Middle European, or Congo Belgian, or other sufferers. The fiendish treatment meted out to them appalled those who heard of it, but since the victims were but vague figures in the imagination, the pain of the sympathisers soon dwindled to an occasional, quite bearable throb. Besides, there was no leftist political gain to be had from exploiting the poor wretches' agony.

"IMAGE" OF PEOPLES CREATED BY THOSE ABLE TO DO SO

It is very easy to select from individuals or groups their outstanding virtues and of these to make the picture of a lovely people. It is as easy to select from the very same individuals or groups characteristic faults and to use these to create the picture of an ogre. The virtues are real and the faults are real, so that either the picture of goodness or of villainy seems demonstrably true to the creators. It is natural for members of any nation or race to believe that the picture of saints or heroes is an authentic likeness of themselves and that the ogre picture is a malicious libel. As a rule they have no feeling of being malicious when they make an ogre toy of an antagonist and represent the toy to be a true and complete picture of real people. For this reason it would have been astounding if the Jews had used none of their wealth and ability to

make the flattering picture of themselves a permanent one. To this end anti-Semitism was used as a rotten-egg word to hurl at anyone who dared to say that, with the rich contribution that Jews have made to Western culture, some Jews have done more than their fair share of corrupting that same culture. Indeed, love of the Jew toy went so far during World War II that, to listen to most Jews and nearly all Gentiles, one might have thought that British people owed fealty to the Jews rather than to the Crown.

Even today, one may criticise Australians or the English or Americans or any Europeans or even Asians, but not the Jews. It is understandable that, having in mind past pogroms. Jews should fear that any suggestion that they may be imperfect might develop into execration and persecution. They are in truth, as a people, precariously placed; but it might be wise for them not to depend for lasting security upon immunity from criticism, for reactions do set in.

Adopted by many Jews are three weapons in particular which could possibly be turned against them. The more far-sighted Jews might consider abandoning at least two of these. One defensive weapon is the teaching that they are God's Chosen People; ordained by Him eventually to rule over the entire world. The second is the promulgation of the idea of One World Government. The third is the adopted guise of racial underdogs.

Most people, especially those who have become, or have a burning ambition to become, powerful, have believed themselves to be God's Chosen People destined to become masters of the world. In the days of their greatness the British proclaimed lustily that guardian angels sang, "Rule Britannia", and that it was God who had singled them out to be made mighty. I think I am right in saying that the Japanese believed themselves to be Sons of Heaven. For quite a while after World War II the Americans believed that they had been chosen to make all nations over in their own image. Russians and Chinese, though they substitute History for God believe that it is ordained that the whole human world shall become one communist community; and when we get down to a detailed examination of their doctrine, and of action consistent with it, it appears that the Russians have felt that this communist world will be ruled by Russians, while the Chinese believe that it must be ruled by Chinese. Even the hierarchy of the Christian Church has often acted as though the spread of the Christian religion has the purpose of extending the rule of the organised Church over all people.

WORLD GOVERNMENT IDEAL WILL DESTROY ITS PROMOTERS

The Jews' conviction that it is their divinely ordained destiny to rule over the world probably would not by itself, arouse much, if any, animosity; but coupled with the advocacy by most of the vocal members of that race of the establishment of a One World Government, the belief could be the bullet in a gun that backfires. Jews comprise but a minority of those who dream of a nationless

World Order; but an attempt to establish it can lead only to catastrophe. However, if such a World Order could be made a reality, the Jews, being an international people, would stand a fairly good chance of becoming the Master Race. With the sweeping away of national identities and boundaries the Jews, no longer hampered by confining limits of sovereign States, could, through their own racial-religious coalescence, be the one people with the strength that unity gives. It is a dream, a mental toy; but should the building up of a One World Order make any considerable progress before it disintegrated, people, in their consequent misery, would look for someone to blame and be fairly sure to pick on those who would have benefited most from the success of the experiment.

Many Jews, with the picture in their minds of their being the most hounded down people in the world, have thought of themselves as belonging to an Underdog Race and therefore have developed an often irrational feeling of fellowship with all whom they conceive to be underdogs. It might have been wiser for them to have rested their claim to justice and respect upon their superior abilities and to have classed themselves with the most civilised of other people. The practical reason for that is that people grow tired of their toys and after a while turn their affection to a new one. The supply of superior toys is very limited, but there are underdog toys in abundance, so that one of these is easily replaced by another. That has been happening at present. The Negro toy has largely taken the place of the Jew toy. The favourite rotten-egg word is no longer anti-Semitism, but racism.

At the beginning of the changeover Jews, generally, had for Negroes the tenderness of a victim for a companion in misfortune; but the more discerning among them are beginning to have second thoughts about that. After all, two thousand and more years ago the forerunners of present-day Jews had reached a higher stage of development than any but a comparatively few Negroes have yet attained. Their assistance in correcting the political and national deformities that have come from trying to give

BASIC FUND MOVES NEARER TO TARGET

It is now most probable that the Basic Fund will be filled: the League supporters have not let down *the* side yet—but Headquarters would like to raise the League sights a little higher, and show our Enemy the mettle of League men and women. A big sweep past the \$25,000 target figure would give such a demonstration.

The League is in excellent shape: the full-time staff is extended to the limit; the vast and ever-growing action-wing of the League is in a state of battle readiness, eagerly awaiting the next series of attacks. But we need that extra financial ammunition to give the Enemy a good blasting next time. During the month actionists and supporters donated \$1,480.30 taking the total now to \$21,539.84.

civilised status and civilised privileges to uncivilised peoples is something that Jews owe the world.

Although the Jews had a special reason for Negro worship, they were only following the lead of others, more numerous than themselves, who have allowed compassion to run away with sense and who are more childish than a child in that they not only failed to discriminate between mental toys and people but also, in the case of the Negro, have tried to treat a real race as a toy. The sickly sweet mush and slush that was poured over Negroes, as a small girl will over her dolly, would insult a dignified people. The Americans, with their fond belief that they are a nation of equalitarians and, besides, with an excusable admiration for themselves for having extricated themselves from colonial disabilities and become independent, realised that if all men be equal, so must be all nations and races. Forgetting the not yet banished "if" in that proposition, they set out to act upon their conception of political rights (American style). They thought that since Americans had repudiated their colonial status and become independent, all British colonies should do likewise and that, in doing this, they would become prosperous democrats, just like Americans. The national and racial equality of the newly created States was to be recognised by giving each of them a vote in the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation. There were, of course, several other motives, not all from a strictly American source, for the pursuance of international policies dictated by imbecility embellished with sentimentality; but the inculcated ideas above described were the popular ones.

It is childish to imagine that we can help people to advance by setting them an impossible task—by expecting that, in a couple of decades, primitives can become civilised in thought and action. It is childish to think that a world governed by child-nations will be made a better world. Only a child does not know that beautiful emotions become ugly when not balanced by good judgment. Surely the more civilised of peoples are old enough by now to put away childish things and face up to realities.

POLITICS AND THE MORAL COLLAPSE

Before the last British elections, a Conservative candidate from Wales, Mr. Wyn Roberts, gave a written assurance to electors that he was "deeply suspicious of European involvement. We want a Greater not a Lesser Britain". Mr. Roberts signed an undertaking that he would oppose British entry into the Common Market unless approved by a majority of the British people and a majority of his constituents. After being elected Mr. Roberts assured electors he would honour his pledge. But subsequently Mr. Roberts broke his promise and obeyed Mr. Heath and his backers. This is one more striking example of how the growing moral collapse in the so-called democratic nations makes it increasingly difficult for electors to control their Members of Parliament even when they give written pledges. The regeneration of true democracy demands that this issue be faced.

"THE PLAIN TRUTH"

In the following comment, South African journalist Ivor Benson ("Behind The News", March, 1972) answers a question we have often been asked:

"Could you offer some comment", writes a subscriber, "on a modern phenomenon which puzzles me greatly. I refer to the magazine *The Plain Truth*. This magazine has all the appearance of being strongly conservative in tone and yet is never attacked or even criticised by the Left. *Plain Truth* contains interesting and well-written articles and is expensively printed and illustrated—and yet I have been getting it for years without ever being asked to pay for it."

Our comment: Indeed, *Plain Truth* is a most interesting phenomenon. It is printed separately in four languages (English, German, French and Dutch), carries no advertising, and is sent by post, free of charge, all over the world. What our correspondent does not mention is that the owners of *Plain Truth* supply regular radio and television programmes, in many cases daily, to more than 300 stations in North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. The listing of these stations alone takes up three full pages in the magazine.

While *Plain Truth* grows from strength to strength, old established magazines have disappeared from the newsstands. These include: *The American Magazine* (2,800,000 sales). *Colliers* (4,179,000), *Women's Home Companion* (4,288,000). Biggest surprise of all was the death of the *Saturday Evening Post*, which had a circulation of 6,400,000 when it was laid in the grave in January 1969.

This can only mean that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and owner of *The Plain Truth* has discovered a winning formula.

The first ingredient is a healthy conservative tone, which appeals more strongly than ever today when millions of people are sickened by the leftist flavour of everything they read or hear over radio and television.

The second ingredient is an overall policy, both in the magazine and radio programmes, which cannot fail to advance long-range leftist, anti-nationalist, internationalist, one-world aims.

It is this combination of opposites, which has raised Mr. Armstrong to the highest pinnacle of worldly success.

In *Plain Truth* he publishes articles and pictures which genuine conservatives and patriots read with interest and heartily approve. He does not try to cover up and hide the evils of the modern Babylonian scene. Then, having got all these people together with their sound instincts, he packs them in a great bus—as it were—and sends them on a trip to a leftist destination: the one-world state.

No doubt Mr. Armstrong is perfectly sincere in what he is doing. His ideal is a one-world state, which he visualizes

in biblical imagery and he sees the world moving rapidly towards the fulfilment of that "ideal".

The power-wielders of international finance don't mind how Mr. Armstrong visualizes "world government". They themselves see it as something quite different. But it is also "world government"! And they can see plainly that for all his religious idealism, Mr. Armstrong is helping to promote their long-range purposes. That explains why doors are magically opened to Mr. Armstrong everywhere and why he is welcomed by radio and television stations, which would have nothing to do with other conservatives.

The genuine conservative spokesman with a clear insight into the reality of the modern situation tries to wake people up, warning them of what will happen unless they do something about it; his message is necessarily disturbing.

Mr. Armstrong gives the millions something they much prefer—soothing syrup; his message is: Things are bad and are getting worse and worse—but not to worry! All this is part of God's plan!

When people need to be told the bad news so that they can wake up in time and do something to save the future for themselves and their children, Mr. Armstrong brings nothing but "good news" and the assurance that everything is being taken care of from on high.

CHRISTIAN EXPECTATION

"I can tell you with confidence," he writes in the issue of October, 1971, "that peace will come in our time. But the world is heading into accelerating troubles that apparently must come first."

The international conspirators also offer the world "peace", if not of the kind visualized by prophets like Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

The overall effect is highly pleasing to the hidden power-wielders of the left. The estimated 150 million who regularly get the Armstrong message either through *Plain Truth* publications or *The World Tomorrow* broadcasts are neutralised with a spiritual and intellectual tranquilliser and prevented from reinforcing a conservative resurgence, which threatens to wreck the plans of the one-world conspirators.

In short, Mr. Armstrong, whatever his real intentions, is applying a formula which helps to paralyse a most necessary counter-revolution.

An aggressive Zionism whose expansionist activities in the Middle East threaten to draw the whole world into another great war, he sees benignly as the fulfilment of biblical prophecy and he is therefore, wholly on the side of the Zionists.

"Last night," he writes, after a visit to Jerusalem in October, 1971, "the Hebrew University held a banquet in

my honour at the new Belgian House, with our own students present."

This, too, is part of the winning formula—being on the side of Zionism.

Mr. Armstrong does not know, or appears not to know, that the whole impulse behind modern Zionism came from Russia and that the great majority of the people he glibly hails as Jews of the Dispersion now being drawn back by the power of God to their ancestral homeland have absolutely no lineal connection with biblical Judah, being the descendants of the Khazars of Southern Russia, who adopted Judaism as a state religion in the eighth century A.D.

We can imagine how the conspirators behind world Communism "laugh through their snouts" as they see millions of Christians overthrown and rendered politically powerless by the great force of their own Christian Expectation.

"DEBT-FREE" BRITISH COLUMBIA

Many of those responsible for attempting to lead Social Credit into the boglands of party politics, have over the years claimed that the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia have been debt-free. The truth is rather different. It is no longer possible to claim that Alberta has no direct Provincial debt, but for many years this was the case. However, while the direct debt of the Provincial Government was practically nil, the indebtedness of the municipalities was increasing. This is the position in British Columbia, where the direct Provincial debt is shown as nil, but where the debts of the local governments and provincial crown corporations are astronomical. In budget figures provided early this year, the total debt of local government and provincial crown corporations is shown as \$2,685,721,649. This is an increase of \$264,404,551 over the previous 12 months. It is not surprising that a high percentage of local government rates and charges for services provided by crown corporations is absorbed in servicing debt, and that these rates and charges keep rising.

The claim that any type of Social Credit policy is being pursued in British Columbia is about as logical as it would be to claim that the Australian Federal Government is pursuing Social Credit because the Federal Government's share of the public debt has been drastically reduced. This decrease has been at the expense of the States, Municipal Government and semi-governmental bodies.

Informed Canadian Social Crediters suggest that the sooner the British Columbia "Social Credit" Government is eliminated as was the Albertan Government last year, the better will be the long-term prospects of advancing genuine Social Credit in Canada.

SWEDISH PARLIAMENT BANS FLUORIDATION

Sweden's fluoridation law, in effect since November, 1962 was repealed by the Riksdagen (Swedish Parliament) on November 18th, 1971.

Only one experiment has been carried out in Sweden in the town of Norrköping from February 1st, 1952 to February 1st, 1962. This experiment was declared illegal in December 1961 and halted on February 1st, 1962. The promoters then pressured the Riksdagen to pass their fluoride bill to allow communities to request permission to fluoridate. No community has made such a request.

During the 2½ hour meeting of the Riksdagen on November 18th a large number of members joined in the debate, most of them being against fluoridation. The majority of arguments dealt with the principle of using forced medicine on people and the possible side effects from fluorine.

Mack Hamring looked upon fluoridation as constituting a serious encroachment on personal liberty. Mrs. Ingrid Sundberg who drew a parallel with the adding of contraceptives to the drinking water maintained that the principle was the same. She also pointed out that the WHO which did now recommend fluoridation had also at one time recommended DDT, and she felt convinced that this organisation would in the future change its stand on this issue.

Bengt Bengtsson, while dwelling on the possible medical injuries, which may result from fluorine, especially when used in large doses, stressed the point that pure and good water is one of the fundamental requirements for the sustenance of all human life on this earth. He pointed out that thalidomide had once been hailed as a wonder drug.

Often the proponents in the United States have given the impression that fluoridation is as widespread in Europe as it is here.

The following is an accurate and up-to-date position in Europe. The information has been carefully checked with every Embassy in London by the National Pure Water Association.

There is no fluoridation in Austria, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Only one small experimental station is in Belgium, Finland and Portugal.

In Holland permission has to be obtained from the Secretary of State for Social Affairs and Health. Because of several appeals instituted against the granting of such permission, the Government has recently decided that these permissions will have to contain the condition that for those in the area who object to the use of fluoridated drinking water, unfluoridated water must be made available.

National Fluoridation News (U.S.A.)

From the Information Bulletin, 71/9, December 1971
of the Institute of Economic Democracy: —

POST OFFICE COSTS INCREASES UNAVOIDABLE

If charges were not increased, the postal service would lose \$35 million in 1971/72. The telecommunications service would lose \$1 million and would not be able to finance the investment needed to meet community demand.

Tariff changes announced in the current Budget will reduce postal losses to \$17 million and provide a profit of \$53 million on telecommunications.

What is happening to Post Office costs?

Labour costs this year will be increased by \$77 million as a result of wage decisions in 1970/71.

What is the interest bill?

The Post Office will pay about \$142 million in interest during 1971/72.

Why does the Post Office pay interest?

The Post Office finances its expenditures from revenue plus monies borrowed from the Treasury. It will borrow \$255 million in 1971/72.

Other Government business undertakings either pay interest or a dividend at a specified rate. We are required by the Government to pay interest to our borrowings at the long-term bond rate.

It has been argued that, as these funds are provided by the Government from general Commonwealth revenues, in the main, taxation, they should be exempt from interest as such a charge amounts to double taxation.

On the other hand: —

* Interest is a cost and is so treated in fixing charges for Post Office services; otherwise our services would to that extent be under priced in comparison with other community goods and services, and would attract a disproportionate demand on national resources.

* If the Government did not receive a return on funds advanced to the P.O., public revenue would be that much less, and taxation that much higher for a given level of total Government expenditure to be maintained.

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COMMENT:

The explanation above constitutes the most incredible shortsightedness. It is clearly admitted that interest charged in this way amounts to double taxation. But the Post Office attempts to justify this by claiming that, if the charges were less, or "under priced" as it is described, Australians might make greater use of postal services. This is described as "disproportionate".

It is also claimed that, if the "double taxation" was not obtained in this way, it would have to be raised through some other avenue. The attitude seems to be: "We've got to get it out of you one way or another, and this way is as good as any."