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The Zionist-Communist Conspiracy

Zionist influence in the field of international banking is dominant, particularly in those international financial houses based in the United States. Dr. Henry Kissinger is a German Jew who supports Zionism. It is the same Dr. Kissinger who has been masterminding the moves, which have resulted in increased credit loans being made available to the Soviet Union, and the initiation of similar loans to Red China. The Chase Manhattan Bank has been permitted to open in Moscow for the purpose of negotiating loans to Russia. In view of these and related facts, what is the truth about the widely publicised story that the Jews are being persecuted in the Soviet Union? And if Zionism spokesmen are genuinely anti-Communist, as many of them suggest they are, why has there been no international campaigning against the massive aid to the Soviet Union and Red China being provided by Zionist financiers?

During the second six months of last year 26 loans totalling \$1,223.6 million were made to the Soviet bloc nations from the West, particularly the U.S.A. Forty-seven percent of these loans went to the Soviet Union. These massive credits enable the Communist nations to draw upon the superior productive capacity of the non-Communist nations. Some of the results are significant, such as the installing of 500 petrol stations in Moscow and the provision of other equipment for Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia by the Rohe Company, based in New York. The head of this organisation is Walter Kissinger, Henry Kissinger's 48-year-old brother! Walter Kissinger is quoted as saying. "Our aim is to be the world leader in repairing and servicing automobiles." His anticipation of a boom in the building of filling stations in Iron Curtain countries, and a big expansion in the automobile industry is no doubt based upon the view that brother Henry's vision—and that of his backers—of the creation of One World is becoming a reality.

NO DESIRE TO DEFEAT COMMUNISM

If the policy makers in the U.S.A. were genuinely desirous of eroding the Communist power structure in the Soviet Union, they would have taken steps to have ensured that the Soviet Union was denied the flow of vital economic aid detailed by Professor Anthony Sutton in his comprehensive study, *Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development*, which Gary Allen quotes from in his best-seller *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*. But no effective steps were taken, in spite of worldwide publicity that the Jews were being persecuted in the Soviet Union. Then, when the Soviet Union was faced with the threat of famine conditions, instead of pressure being applied to force concessions from the Soviet Union, massive credits were provided to enable the Soviet to import American grain. The only pressure applied has

been through the American Senate, which recently blocked trade concessions for the Soviet Union unless Moscow dropped the high education tax it has been demanding for people emigrating. Since then Moscow has been permitting Jews to leave without paying any tax. The politicians at Washington have never taken any steps to force the Soviet dictators to permit the members of any other groups to leave the Soviet Union. Even before the education tax was imposed, Jews were the only group being permitted to leave the Soviet Union in numbers. Most of them go to Israel. This special treatment of one minority group by the Soviet is striking confirmation of the nexus between Zionist power in the West and the Soviet. It is a nexus, which has its roots in history.

The well-known Jewish, although anti-Zionist authority on the Soviet Union, Isaac Deutscher, has stated what every informed person knows concerning the Bolshevik Revolution: "Jews played a very prominent part in the revolutionary movement". Deutscher tells of how ". . . the most fanatical advocates of the suppression of Jewish parties . . . were the Jews themselves, the Jewish Communists . . . I was in Russia at the time when these problems were being hotly debated . . ." The Jewish Communists violently disagreed with their Jewish Zionist brothers, not about the necessity of creating a World

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State, but about how best to achieve it. Political Zionism was born and nurtured in Eastern Europe and then spread to the West, where originally it was opposed in horror by the long-established Jewish families. It is ironic that when the British Government yielded to Zionist pressure during the First World War and set in motion with the Balfour Declaration the disaster not yet ended in the Middle East, the one man in the British Cabinet to oppose this betrayal of the Palestinians was the only Jew in that Cabinet, Edwin Montague. Today prominent anti-Zionist Jews like Mr. Alfred Lilienthal, American expert on the Middle East, and Moshe Menuhin, father of the famous violinist, are the victims of pressures and terrorism. They are also smeared as being "anti-Semitic".

JEWISH INFLUENCE IN RUSSIA

While the open Jewish leadership of the Soviet Union has declined, Russia's Jews are powerfully placed and in the most influential positions in the Soviet structure. They undoubtedly fear a resurgence of Zionism amongst Jews inside the Soviet Union, realising that it could have an explosive impact on the great majority of peoples living under Communism, who have a long historical record of dislike of Jews. Zionism not only produced a cleavage inside Jewish communities everywhere, but it has in the main been strongly resisted by that group of

Jews, Arab-African Jews, the Sephardim, who are the only Jewish group who might legitimately describe themselves as Semites. The Eastern European Jews, who gave the world both Zionism and Communism, are the descendants of the Asiatic people known as the Khazars, converted to Judaism in the seventh century. The story that these people are entitled to return to their original homeland in Palestine is one of the most explosive hoaxes imposed upon a long-suffering mankind.

Any clashes between Zionists and Communists are basically similar to a controversy between two sects of the one religion. The heat of controversy tends to obscure that there are striking similarities in many spheres. But the main nexus is that of finance, and the world scene is now providing dramatic examples of how the power exercised through a monopoly of credit is being used to try to drive mankind into the One World State. As so brilliantly explained in *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*, the various Marxist revolutionary movements are essential for eroding the foundations of traditional society as a preliminary to forcing it into what in the nature of reality could only be a World Totalitarian hell. The only real hope of saving sufficient for regeneration out of the greater disasters ahead, is widespread exposure of the real nature of the conspiracy against the individual.

TO THE POINT

A recent Gallup Poll revealed that the proportion of Australians who wish Australia to remain a Monarchy has fallen from 64 percent to 53 percent over the past four years. The Gallup Poll reports, "Most young people aged between 16 and 30 favour a republic." There appears to be little doubt that it is this group, which has been primarily responsible for reducing percentage support for the Monarchy. The Gallup Poll report does not state if the 1969 finding, when 64 per cent supported the Monarchy was based upon the votes of 16-year olds. In 1953, 77 per cent supported the Monarchy.

The decline in support for the Monarchy has taken place during a period when the Liberal and Country Parties were in office in Canberra and in most of the States. These parties pay lip-service to the Crown, but have done comparatively little to ensure that young people are educated to an understanding of the significance of the Crown, and its importance in the Australian constitutional system. The task of education concerning the Crown has been left to a few patriotic organisations, The Australian Heritage Society, a division of The Australian League of Rights.

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Regards, the Canadian Social Credit journal, features in its March issue an article headed, "Social Credit in Russia?" written by Mr. V. R. Hadkins, Secretary of the Social Credit Coordinating Centre, U.K. While it is true that the author states that the Douglas philosophy of freedom has been rejected by the Soviet planners, he does make the following most unfortunate comment: "The U.S.S.R. has accepted that part of the Social Credit technique which recognizes that money is costless and therefore should not be issued at interest; also that the community's credit is the basis of all production."

Hitler's National Socialist Government also recognised that money was basically only a bookkeeping system, and that the community's credit is the basis of production. But the Social Credit viewpoint is that the community's credit—its productive capacity—based largely upon inheritance, belongs to the individual members of that community. The National Socialists and the Communists reject this. It has been reported that the Chinese Communists have interest rates of two percent. So what? Social Credit has been defined as the policy of a philosophy. There is nothing resembling Social Credit in policies, which place even greater power in the hands of central planners, exercising an almost complete monopoly over the community's credit. A monopoly can still be exercised with no interest rates at all. The truth is that with all the faults of the finance-economic system of the non-Communist nations, the individual in those nations is getting access to a greater share of his own credit under much more favourable conditions than is the case in the Soviet Union. It is only necessary to compare prices to see that even with inflation the consumer in the non-Communist society is paying less in terms of real cost than is the individual in the Soviet Union, even

though interest charges are lower.

As Mr. Eric Butler pointed out at the recent Victorian Social Credit Seminar, if a motorcar is moving towards an abyss, even if the engine is running very badly, exclusive concentration upon improving the performance of the engine merely takes the car to disaster at a faster rate. The first essential is a change of direction. The basic feature of an economic democracy is that the consumer has effective control of production through a free-enterprise system competing for the consumers' "money votes". The essence of the Social Credit financial proposals is the issuing of part of the community's credit direct to the individual in the form of a social dividend and consumer discounts (this can be done in numerous ways). There is nothing even vaguely representing this in the Soviet Union. To suggest in a Social Credit journal that there is any resemblance between Social Credit and the Soviet Union's policies, cannot serve the cause of Social Credit.

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Australia was recently visited by American economist Professor Paul Samuelson a Nobel Prize winner. Although he has been widely described as a "leading expert" Professor Samuelson had to admit that he had no solution to the inflation problem. He said that "old-fashioned slumps", like those of 1930, "belonged to the history books". He scoffed at any suggestions that the world was heading for a new depression. What the Professor did not say was that over the past 25 years enormous economic activity had been devoted to reconstruction after the Second World War, particularly in Western Europe and Japan, that two major military conflicts, Korea and Vietnam, provided enormous "expert" markets, and that the threat of Communism has required the use of enormous quantities of Western production to military defence. There have been periodic "recessions" as the experts attempted to slow down inflation by limited credit restrictions and other financial controls. The overall result has been the progressive erosion of the basic structures of the free societies, and the rape of the environment and natural resources on a most frightening scale.

A major depression has only been averted because those groups responsible for the 1930 depression realise that their bid for complete power can be best advanced through a policy of continuous inflation and the exploitation of its inevitable disastrous results. Modern societies are in a much worse plight than were the societies of 1930.

Professor Samuelson revealed the extent of his brain-washed condition by strongly criticising any policy for curtailing foreign investment in Australia. He said, "Australia has a lot to lose if it shuts off foreign investment". All that Australia would shut itself off from would be the creation of figures in the Central Bank—called "contra credits"—written against figures created in banks

in other countries. Professor Samuelson said, "Australia needs overseas know-how". He provided none of this in the field of realistic economics. The basic know-how required in Australia is how to make a genuine free-enterprise system work without inflation. Professor Samuelson admitted he had no answer. He might just as well have stayed in America. Not unless he was representing those who wish to gain control of Australia's assets by the simple process of credit manipulation.

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A well-known Australian insurance organisation recently inserted a full-page advertisement in the *Melbourne Sun*. Towards the conclusion of the advertisement the question of inflation is raised—"The most important item of policy with which we are concerned." The following striking figures are then provided: a 2½ per cent inflation rate reduces the value of the money unit by half every 28 years. But as average inflation in all countries is now over five percent, this means that the value of the money unit is reduced by half in less than 14 years. All the evidence indicates that the inflation rate in most nations is now approximately eight percent. By the end of the century this means that the lowest income earners will require at least \$1000 a week and that a newspaper will cost over \$2.00.

Inflation is a measure, and a cause, of the rate at which all non-Communist societies are advancing into the complete totalitarian State. The "new-look" Whitlam Government has offered as yet no answer to the problem, except loose talk about an incomes and prices policy.

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As the economic systems of the nations of the world become progressively more closely linked, so is it possible for centralised control of the world to be operated much more easily. No section of producers in any nation can now say that it can plan ahead with certainty. The Japanese are feeling the pressure of American policy, designed to make it more difficult for Japanese production to be sold in the U.S.A. and easier for American production to be sold in Japan. President Nixon has even threatened open economic warfare on the Japanese with a surcharge on their exports. Perhaps the Japanese might try to keep their economy operating by turning their surplus production into military equipment! Or they can increase their efforts to industrialise Red China. Japan also has an inflation problem. One result was an increase in the Japanese bank rate. Japanese purchase of Australian wool slowed down dramatically and the price of Australian wool fell by approximately one-third.

The disastrous finance-economic policies driving nations towards surrendering to World Government, with finance a key instrument of control can only be defeated by one nation pursuing a new independent policy.

Problems are not solved by making them bigger.

WOMEN REVOLTING AGAINST INFLATION

The following report from a Melbourne metropolitan newspaper, "The Mirror", of April 3, has been brought to our attention. Immediately under this report was an excellent letter to the editor, which we also publish because of the clear manner in which the writer makes a fundamental point:

"Housewives were, and are, the original Flower People, as their wages and profits are paid in love", a woman claimed recently.

What is the definition of a housewife?

"A housewife qualifies for the following executive positions in the family company:

"Treasurer: She forecasts to provide estimates of operational costs. In many cases, where the budget runs lean, she might take part-or full-time employment to supplement the income.

"Chief purchasing officer: She scours the market-place for goods at the most competitive prices.

"Manufacturing manager: She converts raw materials into finished products—that is, food, clothing, furnishings and the like.

"Public relations manager: She sorts out family squabbles, heals bruised egos and boosts confidences.

"Nurse: She administers medicines ranging from a kiss to bandages with no overtime allowance.

"She is the laundress, a domestic, a hostess, a wife and a mother.

"With this wealth of experience, who is more qualified to assess the effects of inflation?"

"NO EXCUSE"

This is what Mrs. Noelene Hunt, of Canterbury, secretary of Women Against Inflation, put to the Victorian Housewives' Association delegates from all over the State on Tuesday, March 20.

"We want women to realise that the title of 'housewife' should not imply an excuse not to think about things," said Mrs. Hunt later.

"We are trying to get women generally to realise that, as housewives, they have as much right to an opinion as does any other profession, and should offer it."

Mrs. Hunt, with her two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Lemaistre, of Glynda Rd., Camberwell, and Mrs. Pat Clough, of Bailey Grove, East Doncaster, formed their group 18 months ago, because they were tired of nothing being done to combat rising prices, except moans and buck-passing.

"We wanted to see what we could do," she says.

They have 500 formal members, but it is impossible to estimate the effects of their organisation, as they often find their monthly bulletin pasted up in shop windows, and receive many calls to speak to women's organisations.

One Saturday they sold farm produce at prices paid to the producer, at Camberwell Junction.

Following the recent efforts of East Doncaster supermarket owner Mrs. Anne Chambers, which featured in two front-page stories in The Mirror, and on television and radio, Women Against Inflation offered to organise

a public meeting where manufacturers, retailers, unions and the public could hold dialogue.

"Our aim is to get action in Canberra to rectify inflation at its roots," says Mrs. Hunt.

"We find it a ridiculous situation where man has reached the moon, a fantastic technological achievement, yet admits defeat on inflation.

"We do not want to pit housewife against retailer, retailer against manufacturer, and manufacturer against union, nor city against country.

"We've got to come together and treat this as a national issue.

"The number one national issue is inflation.

"Therefore, it deserves number one priority from our national think tank.

"Our parliamentary representatives who renew their contract with us every three years are paid by us a salary to which we contribute a percentage of our wages."

LIBERALS WRONG

"This parliamentary salary they rightfully accept and we, therefore, are entitled to expect results from our employees and expect them to follow our directions," Mrs. Hunt told the housewives.

One of the points raised in their defence by manufacturers at a public meeting held just after the group started, was a contradiction of a statement of the then Liberal Government regarding the build-up of savings bank deposits.

"The fear of deferred consumer spending being unleashed to cause demand inflation is not valid," a representative of the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures said when quoting figures to show that savings bank deposits were virtually the same, but that there had been a large increase in trading bank deposits.

They called for a reduction in cheap imports and claimed that if there were no import quotas, allied to the rural depression, this could lead to severe general depression.

"If the manufacturers are profiteering, then they deserve everything they are going to get, from the public

BASIC FUND MOVES FORWARD

As we go to press the League of Rights reports that its 1972-73 Basic Fund of \$25,000 has moved forward to approximately \$23,500. The balance of \$1500 is most urgently required to finance the League's expanding programme. The great majority, who has not yet contributed, should be able to provide this balance easily. All Northern N.S.W. and Queensland contributions to Box 17, Alderley, Queensland 4051.

attitude and government restrictions. But if inflation has hit them, too, as hard as they say it has, then I hope they will come again and speak out," said Mrs. Hunt.

The union representative blamed higher interest rates and rising taxation, direct and indirect.

LAND IS CAUSE

He discounted that wages could be the cause of inflation and said that the greatest single factor in the cost of housing was the price of land.

"Land is something which is not produced by labor or affected by wages," he said.

Women Against Inflation does not claim to be the expert organisation to bring up the answers to inflation.

"But we want to engender a positive attitude that inflation can be solved." said Mrs. Hunt.

"Think of any other field." she asks realistically, "such as aeronautics. Just before the Wright brothers took off the mathematicians were writing theories to show it couldn't be done."

Anyone with down-to-earth ideas on highflying prices can contact Mrs. Hunt at 8360026.

CONSUMERS CAN "NEVER PAY"

SIR, - - Your editorial "The Woeful Dollar" (March 20) is timely. But a "brake on prices" and "a ceiling on wages" is not the answer.

Any "price" level, as now determined, is beyond the capacity of consumers to pay, and a "price" they could pay would bankrupt industry.

Industry, really, has two functions. It makes goods and services for consumers, and at the same time distributes incomes, as wages, salaries and dividends and therefore, the money used to buy the products.

However, the indisputable fact, which no economist can disprove, is that not one industry pays out wages, salaries and dividends as much as the "price" it must ask.

There is an inevitable gap between the flow of incomes and prices. Incomes are always chasing prices, and we call this "inflation".

The problem increases with technological development in industry, which means there is a greater "machine cost" in price—a cost, too, that is additional to the "wage" cost, and which makes prices higher than purchasing power. This is the crux of the problem.

The only solution is to pay the equivalent of the "machine cost" to consumers, as a price subsidy, and so bring prices in line with incomes.

The step is quite feasible, if we realise that "money" is purely a mechanism of distribution, and that the Reserve Bank, under its charter, is empowered to supply money, without charge, for the welfare of the Australian people. —C. A. Haythorpe, Corhampton Road, North Balwyn.

MR. PETER NIESEWAND

The following is the text of a Press Statement issued by the Rhodesian Government on April 9 concerning the trial of Mr. Niesewand.

"The Government has noted the Press criticism relating to the recent trial of Mr. Niesewand. The Government will not and cannot comment on the merits of the criticism because Mr. Niesewand has noted an appeal against the conviction and sentence and the case remains sub judice. However, the Government points out that in Britain, Rhodesia and elsewhere proceedings in relation to offences under an official Secrets Act are frequently held in camera.

Mr. Niesewand was convicted of contravening Section 3(c)(ii) of the Official Secrets Act, 1970. That Section makes it an offence for a person who, for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of Rhodesia, obtains, collects, publishes or communicates to any other person information which is calculated to be or which might be useful, directly or indirectly, to an enemy.

At the commencement of the proceedings the Director of Public Prosecutions, in open Court, made the following address: 'It is, of course, of fundamental importance as a matter of public policy that justice is not only done but that it is manifestly seen to be done. There must, therefore, be cogent reasons before the Court will exercise the power to order that proceedings be held "in camera". The State submits that in this case such reasons do exist' (he then referred the Court to certain evidence and went on to say) 'At the trial the evidence of the State will be that this information was and still is classified in the "Top Secret" category.

'State security is of paramount importance at all times. In the interests of State security and because of the secret information which is alleged to be involved in this case, it is absolutely essential in my submission that the trial be heard "in camera".'

Although by virtue of the order of the Court members of the public were excluded from the trial, Mr. Niesewand and the Legal Representative of his choice were in Court for the entire proceedings."

IN-DEPTH MELBOURNE SOCIAL CREDIT SEMINAR

Fifty supporters were present by invitation at a special in-depth Social Credit Seminar conducted at the home of Mr. Eric Butler on Sunday, April 1. Three Papers were presented, and extracts from these will be published in our next issue. There was tremendous interest and the view was expressed that this type of Seminar should be held annually. All those present were given a glimpse of the history of the Social Credit Movement, particularly in Alberta, Canada, and had outlined what have been the main lessons learned.

THE PRIEST-KING

By JOHN BRETT

As the Roman republican empire was collapsing, someone remarked: "Monarchies degenerate into republics—Republics degenerate into democracies—and democracies degenerate into anarchy". Down through history events have borne out the truth of this observation. As democracy fails and people no longer agree to what ends they might aspire as a group, there comes a final assault on monarchs and monarchies.

But what has our monarch done to precipitate such a fate? Who decided that the monarchical system should go? How many people realise that it is going to be dismantled without reference to the fact that it is to be abolished?

No understanding about what is afoot can be arrived at without a proper grasp of the true role of our modern monarch. No revolution of force can take place amongst the sovereign commonwealth nations while we have a monarch, and too few Australians know this.

Every group of people, every nation in the world since history was recorded, have thrust up from their members a Priest King. Every nation in the world today has one, whether it is Richard Nixon, Lee Quan Yu, Willy Brandt, Mao Tse-tung or Her Majesty The Queen. They are all essentially a priest king.

If we take two extreme models from modern history, we can study on the one hand King Mutesa of Buganda, who ruled just one hundred years ago, and our present Queen Elizabeth. King Mutesa was descended from a line of Kings who ruthlessly put to death any subject who as much as displeased him in any fashion whatsoever. When Speke and Grant reached Buganda they found subjects at court being hacked to death on the spot, for as much as coughing in Mutesa's presence, then finally having his family buried alive beside him. Mutesa maintained and passed on his power by the ruthless destruction of his subjects. There was not such thing as a power struggle at Mutesa's court, yet it was a continual involvement of a King in an orgy of power.

Queen Elizabeth on the other hand, has no say whatsoever in the day-to-day application of power in her country. Her advise is neither sought nor given, crises arrive and depart, the nation may be bitterly divided and her country may even go to war. But never, is the Queen involved in the political arena about the day-to-day question of who is going to apply power over whom. Yet she is the busiest person in the nation applying herself to the task of uniting her subjects about that other

type of power that Christ spoke of, which so few people understand today. It is that power of doing unto others what you would have others do unto you.

She plays no part nor has any say in the politics of the day, and yet if government failed to govern and the law could not be upheld, and the nation moved into a state of anarchy, she would immediately assume the duties and responsibility of exercising control of all the forces of physical power in the nation. As head of the armed services, her training and her duty would be to maintain law and order and prevent the use of force of arms or terror by any one section of the nation, against the other. She would have nothing personal at stake; she could not be bought by any amount of money, or bribed with a promise of political power. She could only gain the peace, and recover good government for all her subjects, with the restoration of law and order without bloodshed. At such times no other person in the world is equipped with both the trust and the means to prevent her nation following the others into the abyss. We miss this point at our peril.

Because she can never be involved in the politics and crises which lead to such situations, and her people are not divided in their allegiance to her around the political divisions, her prior behaviour commands the respect and trust of her people, and so she is able to hold back her people from the revolutions that previous monarchs were able to bring upon their people.

The President of the U.S.A. is also the head of the nation's military forces, and other forces of law and order, and in the event of the law not being able to be upheld and anarchy resulting, he has at his command an awesome force of physical power. But because in the first instance only half the nation wanted him as president, and the fact that he would be directly and intimately involved in the politics and crises leading up to the situation where he was forced to take personal control of these forces, the nation would be divided in their trust of his application and direction of these forces. Above all, as in the Roman Republic, he could be bribed

with his life. In situations of revolution, that final hour in the life of nations, no president has, or can command the trust and allegiance of all the subjects. Unlike that of a monarch, who has enjoyed years of affection and allegiance to a common ideal, without bringing suffering or division upon his people.

Whatever the outcome of a republic's revolutionary convulsions, there would remain the explosive question of who would appoint whom to govern for an interim period, and lead the nation back to parliamentary government. No republic ever recovered from such convulsions and collapse to demonstrate the procedure. Tyrants replaced them all.

Every man or group of men in the world, who talk

revolution, contemplates it or practise it, fear the principles and solidarity of the British monarchical system, and never cease in their efforts to have it discredited or dethroned. But because of its very nature, it is the greatest and final obstacle in their path.

As Enoch Powell put it so succinctly, "The Queen cannot reverse the logic of independence nor perpetuate a happily diminishing delusion. Sooner or later she must come home to us, for to us she belongs—". "You don't have to justify monarchy. The necessity for a priest king is very deep in humanity. Men lose the satisfaction of these instincts at their peril. Our monarch is not a crowned president. She is anointed. She represents a supernatural element in the nation."

LEAGUE OF RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

Following a most successful three weeks tour of Western Australia, Mr. Jeremy Lee, Queensland State Director of the League, and National Secretary of The Institute of Economic Democracy, returned to Adelaide for a short programme before proceeding to Melbourne to address with National Director Eric Butler the highly successful heritage meeting on March 30. A feature of this meeting was the large number of new people present. Mr. Lee then conducted a tour of Gippsland before working his way north on his way home, conducting meetings and Anti-Subversion Schools on the way.

Mr. Eric Butler has been spending considerable time in the Victorian rural areas. A recent address to students at Echuca High School was one of an increasing number of such lectures. Many Social Studies teachers have included the League of Rights in the list of political movements to be studied. Mr. Butler will be attending the Annual Wimmera (Victoria) Regional Dinner of the League in Horsham on May 4 (principal speaker, Mr. R. Eason. Chairman of the Victorian Country Fire Authority) before going on to South Australia to speak at two Regional Dinners on the West Coast before coming back to Adelaide for a public meeting on Thursday, May 10. All readers are strongly advised to hear Mr. Butler in a comprehensive examination of the current national and international situation. Mr. Butler will also be addressing two South Australian country meetings before returning to Melbourne.

Together with Mr. Jeremy Lee, Mr. Butler will be addressing the Sydney Annual Dinner on May 22. He will be spending several days in Sydney on meetings and organisational matters.

The League's "Operation Exposure" is now running in "top gear", with another 100,000 exposure brochures being recently published to meet the demand. The League's original objective was the distribution of half a million of this brochure, but it now appears that with the devising of new techniques for effective distribution, an objective of one million is now considered probable. The direct result is a steady stream of sales of *None Dare Call It Conspiracy* and a growing number of new contacts.

Directed mainly by young, energetic supporters (the National Headquarters is in Sydney, with Mr. John Trotter as National Secretary) the Heritage Society, a major division of the League, has in recent weeks burst upon the Australian scene with its campaign of defence of the flag, Crown and Federal Constitution. The Society's flag sticker is appearing on motorcars and elsewhere all over Australia. Advertisements inserted in the press in all States, offering electors a vote on how they regard the flag, Crown and Federal Constitution issues have produced a flood of responses. A striking Heritage brochure on the flag is now available. It is to be followed with other educational brochures, many of which will be introduced to students. The Society has outlined a most ambitious programme. Television and radio interviews have taken place concerning the Society.

The Christian Institute for Individual Freedom, the Institute of Economic Democracy and the Lilac League continue to do steady, excellent work. Increasing numbers of people are availing themselves of the services of the different divisions of the League. Mr. Roy Earle, Queensland Secretary of the Institution of Economic Democracy, has recently conducted an interstate lecturing tour on behalf of those graziers opposing threatened wool acquisition. Mrs. Jean Luscombe, editor of Ladies' Line, will conduct an interstate lecturing tour, taking her through to Western Australia, in August and September. The expanding programme can only be maintained with adequate financial support.

VIOLENCE AND CIVILIZATION

The article below was published, unfitted, in a section headed "Brief Comments" in the March 1969 issue of an American magazine, "The Objectivist", which is edited by Ayn Rand, who also wrote the article.

To my knowledge, the first example of a properly moral stand taken by a university administrator in regard to the current spread of student violence was the statement of the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame.

In a letter to faculty and students, he said: "Anyone or any group that substitutes force for rational persuasion, be it violent or non violent, will be given 15 minutes of meditation to cease and desist." Those who do not comply, he said, will be immediately suspended and given five minutes more to cease demonstrating, after which they will be expelled. (*The New York Times*, February 18, 1969).

This, of course, is the stand—and the **only** morally permissible stand—that a civilized person must take in the present college crisis. (And more; this is the stand to take in any issue and against any group that initiates the use of force. One does not and cannot "negotiate" with brutality, nor give it the benefit of the doubt. The moral absolute should be: if and when, in any dispute, one side **initiates** the use of force, **that side is wrong**—and no consideration or discussion of the issues is necessary or appropriate).

In view of the shameful policy adopted by college administrations—a policy of appeasement, compromise with and surrender to brute force (notably, at Columbia University)—Father Hesburgh's was the first voice of reason, dignity and moral courage, astonishingly new in today's context.

More astonishing still — and fully admirable — was President Nixon's strong, unequivocal endorsement of Father Hesburgh's position. In a letter to Father Hesburgh, President Nixon said: "I want to applaud the forthright stand you have taken . . . If the integrity of our universities is to be preserved, then certain principles must be re-established and certain basic rules enforced. Intimidation and threats remain outlaw weapons in a free society. A fundamental governing principle of any great university is that the rule of reason and not the rule of force prevail. Whoever rejects that principle forfeits his right to be a member of the academic community." (*The New York Times*, February 25, 1969).

Since Mr. Nixon's Administration, so far, has not indicated any significant departure from the policies of its predecessors, his letter is a hopeful sign of change—particularly since it deals, in the right terms, with the most dangerously urgent and far-reaching crisis of our day: the issue of reason versus force.

It is interesting to note that Father Hesburgh—who had the kind of courage the "conservatives" have not dis-

played—is "a noted liberal who has been a leader in the civil rights movement. He actively opposed the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and has resisted right-wing attempts to interfere with the operation of universities." (*The New York Times*, February 25, 1969).

Observe that even on the basis of a mistaken (altruist) moral code, the better kind of "liberals" are able to take a proper moral stand, while the hopeless inner conflict of the "conservatives" is paralyzing them in every moral issue; they do not and cannot have the confidence of being **right**.

Observe that contemporary events are slowly bringing men's minds to the acceptance of an abstract principle which Objectivism has been advocating for years: the moral supremacy of reason over physical force—and the ban on the initiation of force, as a precondition of civilized society (as well as the fact that **this** is the fundamental social issue). It is merely a beginning; it is from an acceptance of all the implications of this principle. But once a principle has been recognised in a crucial issue, the logic of events and of men's intellectual integrity will slowly, very slowly, do the rest.

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