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*"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"*

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## THE WORLD FACES A MOMENT OF TRUTH

**A number of surveys in different parts of the non-Communist world suggest that belatedly a majority of people is deeply concerned about the immediate future. Most expect inflation to continue, while many anticipate another major economic depression. Events have started to overtake wishful thinking and complacency. As we have so often stressed, it is only under the impact of harsh realities that the great majority become really concerned about their way of life and their future. But constructive action depends upon that small minority who know what to do and how to do it.**

Every day's news services provide growing evidence of economic dislocation and social disintegration under the pressure of mounting inflation. Both the United States and Great Britain are threatened with coal strikes, which could completely paralyse these two nations. The French are also in a state of revolt, wage earners demanding increased wages in their desperate attempt to keep pace with inflation. The Italian Government is appealing to the Shah of Iran for massive financial assistance in order to prevent the Communists taking over. Other nations are being told that perhaps some of the Arabs' massive oil credits offer the only hope of warding off disaster. The scene becomes increasingly like a Mad Hatter's party. But behind all the confusion and growing despair is the grand design of the international power groups striving to impose their World State upon mankind.

Dr. Henry Kissinger has provided further evidence of his power philosophy with his latest appeal for a world food plan. And he has told the oil producing nations that they have "special responsibilities". Dr. Kissinger was addressing the United Nations World Food Conference in Rome. And now it emerges that the "peace" arranged in the Middle East by Dr. Kissinger was not peace at all; that the Arabs are thinking openly in terms of further military conflict while the American Administration is rushing increased military supplies to Israel. As shown by Eric Butler in his *Censored History*, both Israel and the Arabs are but pawns in a much bigger

game, a game being manipulated by those supporting both pawns. Should another military conflict erupt in the Middle East, and this is now a real possibility within the next six months, then the use of oil sanctions by the Arab nations would produce a major economic collapse in Western Europe and attempted seizure of power by the Communists. Built up and sustained by the international financial groups in the U.S.A., the Soviet waits ready to take advantage of a crisis situation, which they see as a certainty. But history often has many unrehearsed events.

The momentum of events is now so great that it is now too late to avert even greater disasters than those which mankind has already suffered. 1975 will be a year of crisis such that we have not previously experienced. But if one nation can turn its back on the policies, which make increasing totalitarianism appear inevitable, then others will see a ray of light and follow. This is now the only hope of bringing what remains of our civilisation through the storm ahead. Australia is well equipped to give the lead, and it may well be that the lead being given by the Queensland Premier, Mr. John Bjelke-Petersen, supported by a rapidly growing grass-roots movement, will pave the way for national policies of sanity. Inflation must be reversed or the world is doomed to collapse into some form of international totalitarianism. A moment of truth has now been reached.

## **INFLATION INSTRUMENT TO FORCE WORLD GOVERNMENT**

**The following is the major part of the recorded address provided by Mr. L. D. Byrne, O.B.E., former technical adviser to the Albertan Government, on the occasion of the League of Rights' 1974 Annual Seminar:**

Today effective control of the economy of the world—and I do not exclude the Communist Empire—is concentrated in a relatively few giant financial, commercial and industrial corporations, with ultimate control centralized in the hands of an international oligarchy of power. It is relatively a simple matter for them to initiate and impose any policy on the no longer effectively sovereign nations of the world—for economic and financial control gives them effective political control over the respective nominal governments and through them of national military sanctions. In short, although we do not yet have a de facto World Government, with its secret police and rule by terror, the consolidation of all armed forces and police forces under their centralized control, and the elimination of national sovereignty in favour of dependent provincial states, yet you will recognize that we are far down the road to this ultimate goal of the shadowy group which is the conspiratorial oligarchy.

Is it then likely that these men will listen to pleas on the desirability of halting and reversing world inflation when it is they who are imposing it on nations as an instrument to attain their objective? Is it likely that this seemingly invincible world power would permit any government to deal effectively with inflation? And how long do you think that an economist would retain his position if he dared to expose the fraud and hoax, which is inflation and put forward an effective remedy?

And yet the cause—that is the root cause—of inflation, like the policy of poverty amidst plenty in the 'thirties, is obvious once the hocus-pocus of orthodox finance is torn aside and the fraudulent nature of the monetary system is exposed. This exposure of the inherently faulty system has been made by a number of persons, but none has done so in such a penetrating and comprehensive manner as the late Major C. H. Douglas, whose writings and whose evidence submitted to governmental bodies in Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States, among others, have been viciously attacked and arrogantly repudiated by the beneficiaries of the sacred cow of financial orthodoxy and its high priests—the world financiers, bankers and economists, which is not altogether surprising. However, Douglas's contentions—as distinct from distortions of them—have never been proved wrong. In fact events over the years have combined to vindicate him.

### **THE FAULTY MONETARY SYSTEM**

To take one example, in his A + B Theorem Douglas stated a demonstrable fact. He pointed out that in addition to producing goods, the productive system has the dual function of distributing purchasing power to the public through wages, salaries, dividends and profits. Concurrently it tags the goods produced with prices, by means of which the manufacturer, processor or producer

expects to recover his production costs and to make a profit for himself or his shareholders.

Implicit in Douglas's statement is a realistic concept of the economy—namely a dynamic economy within which there is a continuous flow of products from raw material, to semi-manufactured goods, to the finished products through various stages and processes. Douglas pointed out that during any period in each of these factories or productive undertakings the sum total of the purchasing power reaching the public is limited to the wages, salaries, dividends/profits distributed. Concurrently the prices generated include all these payments plus depreciation and other production costs in respect of past capital goods production. Therefore, the rate of flow of purchasing power to the public must be less than the rate of flow of prices inflated by the capital costs. This being true of every factory or productive undertaking it manifestly must be true of industry as a whole.

It follows, therefore, that the incomes distributed by the productive system of the economy are inadequate to buy the goods produced in the process of their distribution—that there is a built-in defect in the monetary system which results in a continuing and progressive inflation of retail prices by the accumulating costs of past capital goods thereby causing a chronic and increasing shortage of purchasing power.

### **AN ALTERNATIVE TECHNICAL PROOF**

Here is another approach—and one, which points the way to the correction of the defective monetary system.

Keep in mind that all purchasing power—that is the money in the possession of the public and available to buy goods and services—is issued as wages, salaries, dividends and profits during the process of production. The incomes received by the public in this manner are cancelled as purchasing power either by the purchase of goods in the retail market or by becoming savings which are then invested in financing capital goods production—i.e., factories, power plants, pipelines, etc., by the purchase of stocks and shares in such undertakings.

Now, for all practical purposes the total incomes distributed in the process of production for any period are spent, either in the purchase of consumer goods or in investment in capital enterprises, and are cancelled as purchasing power. The money is cancelled as purchasing power in one of two ways—by the repayment of bank loans, or by its transfer to working capital or reserves. This money, or its equivalent can only reach the public again as purchasing power in the form of wages, salaries, etc., in respect of new production bearing a new set of prices requiring liquidation.

Although for any production the public surrenders its entire purchasing power, only the prices attaching to the consumer goods purchased are cancelled. The total cost

of the capital goods is carried forward into future production periods—and as those capital goods wear out in the production of consumer goods the corresponding portions of their costs are included in the prices of consumer goods as production costs, in the form of depreciation or similar charges. These depreciation costs, which enter into the prices of consumer goods, are cumulative as the process of industrialization proceeds, and with it the ratio of capital goods production increases—but at no time are the public provided with the means for meeting these price-inflating costs.

The only way in which the system can be kept going and manipulated to serve the purpose of the international financial oligarchy is by expedients such as increasing the money supply, stepping up capital goods production and in highly industrialized countries like the United States of America shipping these out of the country on long term credit. (Incidentally, Russia has obtained billions of dollars worth of ships, marine engines, machinery and equipment for entire factories—in fact they have been the chief dumping ground and beneficiaries of this largesse financed and guaranteed by the international banking houses.) Other expedients are mounting deferred payments for consumer purchases and increasing deficit financing by government. In the final analysis the entire spiraling debt by means of which the system is kept going is owed to the banking monopoly.

Having isolated the inherent defect in the monetary system from which inflation stems, the correction of this follows logically.

### **REMEDIAL ACTION**

Now the true cost of production in any period is the sum total of the goods—both consumer and capital—consumed during that period. However the public is charged for its total production in the manner I have outlined. In order to correct this fault in the system, the price of goods coming on to the retail market should be reduced so that they bear the same ratio to prices as they are now computed, as total consumption bears to total production. This would, in effect, be refunding to the public that element in consumer goods prices as now computed for which they have already paid. In other words it would be taking the inflation element out of prices. And for purposes of computing this just price for goods coming on the retail market, all exports being goods lost to the country, would rank as consumption, while imports—being the acquisition of goods—would rank as production.

I do not propose to pursue this technical digression beyond this point. If, as I hope, you have followed me, it will be evident that it does not require a genius to recognize the root cause of inflation as a built-in feature of the monetary system once it is pointed out—and, following logically from this, to devise remedial measures, so that the system reflects the physical facts of the economy as it should. The result of such measures could, and should, be to reduce retail prices to a fraction of

their present level, to stabilize land and property values, to provide every citizen of the industrialized nations with not only economic security, but far more to the point, with economic independence, and to reduce debt and taxation to negligible proportions.

I have no doubt whatever that the international financial oligarchy conspiring for absolute world power—as well as their chiefs of staff in finance, commerce, industry and government—are fully aware of the defects in the monetary system as it affects the interests of the nations.

However, the purpose of the system is not to serve national interests or the interests of individuals. It is to concentrate control and power in fewer and fewer hands, to destroy national sovereignties, to promote world wars and revolutions having objectives very different from those their participants suspect, and finally to bring nations under a single world dictatorship with which their identities, their traditions and their cultures will be obliterated. And the system is operating perfectly for its manipulators and their pawns. Is it likely then that they will listen to sweet reason or, if they can prevent it, allow any action to be taken which will deprive them of an objective almost within their grasp.

### **THE REAL ISSUE**

I suggest that you need to keep this fact resolutely before you during your deliberations. While the knowledge of the root cause of inflation and the technical measures necessary to deal with it may be all to the good, in themselves they will do nothing towards ensuring that effective action will be taken to deal with that and the related issues which threaten the future of humanity.

The Western nations and the English-speaking peoples in particular—are in the grip of a vicious, deep-seated, conscious and evil conspiracy headed by power maniacs with the mentalities of gangsters, who have already subjugated over a third of the world's population under the tyranny of so-called Communist rule. The nature and the imminent peril from this conspiracy was summarized accurately in the Supplement to the John Birch Society's Bulletin for September 1972 which is published in the United States, and I quote:

“ . . . To the Insiders of this long conspiracy their final goal is and always has been crystal clear. It is a one-world tyranny, more solidly established, more absolute, more merciless, more comprehensive as to every detail of human life, and more destructive of all social values of a humane civilization, than even the gigantic maximum security prisons, which are now known as Soviet Russia and the "People's Republic of China". There are already some forty such prisons scattered over the globe, which only three decades ago were independent nations of free peoples. To believe that this ineffable horror has already been imposed on over a billion human beings, except by the combined cunning and ruthlessness of a worldwide conspiracy, is to invite

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## VALE WALTER JOHN CARRUTHERS

The recent death in Melbourne of Mr. W. J. Carruthers, aged 68, removed from the Australian Social Credit Movement one of its most dedicated and influential supporters. His association with Social Credit went back to the early 'thirties when he lived in N.S.W. He was one of those present at the Sydney luncheon for Douglas during his 1934 Australian tour.

When business responsibilities brought him to Melbourne, he immediately associated himself with the activities of "The New Times". Following the end of the Second World War he played a vital role in shaping the future of "The New Times" and Social Credit strategy. The central feature of this strategy was the development, first of a fund sufficient to finance Mr. Eric Butler full-time, and then the development of the League of Rights, Mr. Carruthers being President of the Victorian League of Rights, and later, in 1960, the first President of The Australian League of Rights. This strategy was eventually to have an international impact with the successful development of Leagues of Rights in the four British Crown Commonwealth nations, and their association with similar organisations in other parts of the Western world.

As Chairman of "The New Times" Mr. Carruthers instituted in 1947 what has developed into an event of significance for Social Crediters and sympathisers throughout the whole world—the Annual "New Times" Dinner. Mr. Carruthers was for a period editor of "The New Times", bringing

to this task the same type of vigorous approach which was characteristic of a man who always put his point of view in a plain, straightforward manner. This approach sometimes disguised the fact that Walter Carruthers was basically a kindly and extremely generous person.

Although successful as a top business executive, Mr. Carruthers had little time for much of the superficialities associated with present-day business activities. He was a man of simple tastes, detested the Big City and was a keen organic gardener, often stressing the necessity to have access to a supply of "good tucker".

Mr. Carruthers was associated with many activities designed to advance the Social Credit concept, including the campaign to abolish the Means Test for Old Age Pensions. One of his greatest attributes was perseverance.

A well-read and deeply thoughtful man, Walter Carruthers honestly felt that he could never describe himself as a Christian. But in fact his life was a living manifestation of practical Christianity in that he devoted his life to the cause of creating a society in which the individual would be free within a framework of proper authority, that of Natural Law. Typical of his deep desire to help others was the willing of his body for medical research.

Walter Carruthers, the physical man, has left us, but his influence remains. He has helped to shape history. We express our deepest sympathy to his widow, Myrtle, and family.

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## DID W. MARK FELT TOPPLE NIXON?

A Washington report from a generally reliable source claims that W. Mark Felt, long-time assistant to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, was the man primarily responsible for toppling Richard Nixon. The Washington report states that Felt was Hoover's contact with the Jewish community. Jewish leaders felt that with Felt close to Hoover, FBI investigations into Communism would not implicate too many Jews. It now seems certain that Hoover's book, *Masters of Deceit*, which contains much valuable material on Communism, carried a eulogy of the notorious Anti-Defamation League as a strongly anti-Communist organisation as a result of influence brought to bear on Hoover.

Both Felt and Max Rosen, another FBI assistant director, reported directly to Henry Kissinger after this messenger boy for the international financiers had been put

in charge of all governmental intelligence operations by Nixon's executive order of November 6, 1971.

Felt is suspected as being the person who "leaked" the secret minutes of the National Security Council to muck-raking columnist Jack Anderson.

The Washington report charges that Felt turned violently against Nixon after he had failed to succeed Hoover, and that he provided the two *Washington Post* reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward with the necessary information to destroy the Nixon Administration. The reporters used the code-name of "Deep Throat" to describe the "mystery man" who provided them with their best information. Felt's betrayal of Nixon is revealed in an article by Edward Jay Epstein in the July issue of the American Jewish Committee's journal, *Commentary*. The article carried the headline, "Did the Press Uncover Watergate".

## **POLITICIANS AND THE PETERSEN PLAN**

**Under the above heading the following statement by Mrs. Dulcie Willacy, Publicity Officer for the Rural Women's Action Campaign, appeared in "The Sunday Mail", Brisbane, on November 3:**

Earlier this year, at the Premiers' Conference, Queensland's Premier, Mr. Bjelke-Petersen, put forward a three-point plan designed to deal with inflation.

His proposals were: A freeze on income tax, a drastic reduction or the complete abolition of sales tax and the re-introduction of the consumer price discount system, used by the late John Curtin's Government.

The Premier has stated that this three-point plan is one of the issues on which he will campaign for the December State election.

Mr. Petersen's three-point plan has received very little publicity since it was first forwarded, months ago, but inflation has increased alarmingly in that time, with disastrous results.

The Rural Women's Action Campaign members were mystified at this silent treatment.

We wrote to members of the Queensland Parliament and to some Commonwealth Parliamentarians, asking them if they would support the Premier's plan.

We intend to present the results of our survey to the electors of Queensland.

However, with an election scheduled for December 7 we now feel that this information is not sufficient.

It is essential that the personal opinion of every endorsed candidate also be made known before the people can vote responsibly.

It would be almost physically impossible and certainly financially impossible for R.W.A.C. to write to all the candidates and to have their replies documented in the time available.

We therefore urge those electors who value and wish to preserve our responsible, representative system of Government, to question their own candidates on this issue and to make their findings known to fellow electors.

It is a sad truth, that many politicians and would-be politicians have lost sight of the fact that democratic government requires of them that they represent the wishes of their constituents to the Parliament to which they have been elected.

When electors succumb to apathy and make no effort to remind their paid, political representatives of this fundamental concept, the system, which we all know is not without some faults, has little hope of surviving.

It is a system that can be made to serve the people.

Naturally, those electors who do not desire a freeze on income tax, the abolition of sales tax or the reduction of prices by way of a consumer discount on certain basic items and services, will not vote for candidates who support the Petersen Plan.

R.W.A.C. maintains that it is our democratic right to know where all candidates stand, personally, on this issue and many others.

We hope that Queenslanders will not waste this opportunity presented by a State election, to exercise a right that is very precious and must be safeguarded.

We do not know how many more opportunities may be left to us.

### **ANNUAL BASIC FUND APPEAL \$40,000 REQUIRED FOR CRISIS YEAR**

In formally launching the League's Annual Basic Fund Appeal for 1974-75, the National Director, Mr. Eric Butler, stresses that the general situation is now so critical that the League must lift its Basic Fund from the usual \$25,600 to \$40,000. He says, "The best form of defence is offence and while we did a magnificent job last year in expanding and consolidating on the Basic Fund of \$25,000, the coming situation is such that we must make the greatest effort ever. One of the most critical battles of this century is starting. It is now too late to avoid tremendous disaster. But out of that disaster we can hold sufficient to ensure that we are not overwhelmed. Our most urgent need is equipment to ensure that we multiply the work of our small full-time staff. Extra money is required for this.

"With our extensive grass-roots organisation and the use of pamphlets we have demonstrated that we can by-pass the mass media. In only three months of campaigning we completely smashed the conspiracy of silence concerning the Queensland Premier's lead on the all-important inflation issue. From one end of Australia to the other we have elevated the 'Petersen Plan' to a major national question. But there is much more to be done. More special League brochures must flow from the printing presses out into the community. Addressographs are required to ensure that we service the tens of thousands of new contacts reached through the Heritage and other campaigns. Plates must be bought and cut. Filmstrips with commentaries are urgently essential to multiply the work.

"Inflation has cut deeply into our budget. Salaries have been kept to a ridiculously low figure. But League staff must also eat and pay their way. At a time when thousands of business organisations throughout Australia are being forced to retrench, the League must think of the opposite: expansion. I am inspired by the fact that a small handful of supporters have risen to the occasion and have between them launched the League's 1974-75 Fund with just over \$10,000. That leaves the great majority with the challenge of finding the balance of \$30,000."

All Queensland and Northern N.S.W. contributions to Mr. Jeremy Lee, Kingstown, via Armidale, N.S.W., 2350. AH others to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001. Act NOW.

## TO THE POINT

**Dr. Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, one of the figures mentioned in Mr. Eric Butler's "Censored History", has signed a contract with the Soviet Government to provide \$20 billion worth of phosphates from Florida, U.S.A. Approved by the U.S. Government, this deal even surpasses the famous Great Train Robbery of two years ago. Mr. Richard Stone, former Secretary of State Florida, has been urging that the whole matter be investigated, stressing that the Soviet Union will be the main beneficiary. Dr. Hammer pretends that the project is strictly a fertiliser phosphate trade, but as Antony Sutton has stressed in his "National Suicide", there is no assurance that the Soviet will not use this mineral for the production of explosives in their munitions industry.**

Typical of the arrogance of the Whitlam Government was the manner in which the Federal Transport Minister, Mr. Jones, took over Queensland's two most important highways. He invoked new powers under the National Highways Act, declaring "I'm afraid the Premier, Mr. Bjelke-Petersen, hasn't much say in this one." But we can assure Mr. Jones that the Queensland electors will have a say on December 7 concerning how they regard the centralist policies of Mr. Jones and his fellow socialists. We are confident that Queensland electors will not be bought by the promise of big Commonwealth spending which, according to Mr. Jones, would demonstrate that Queensland "was not being ignored by the Federal Government."

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Different parts of the sub-continent of India are suffering from famine. The sub-continent is capable of producing all basic food requirements for its inhabitants. But the Indian Government, for example, has advanced programmes of excessive industrialisation ahead of realistic food programmes. And now it is a nuclear power. When the "wicked" British were "exploiting" the sub-continent — building railways, waterways and other valuable assets — famine was practically unknown. Southern Africa has in recent years also suffered from severe droughts. But unlike "liberated" Africa, Southern Africa, under the guidance of the European has not suffered the type of famines being experienced elsewhere. Surely this proves something?

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Discussions between the Japanese and Australian Governments concerning growing problems of trade highlight the problem of how all nations are to achieve the goal of "a favourable balance of trade". Prime Minister Tanaka is pleased that he can return to Japan, where his political stocks are low, and sinking still further, and claim that he has managed to obtain further access to Australian minerals. But he had little good news for the ailing Australian car industry, simply because he cannot upset the Japanese car industry. And he left no doubt that Japan cannot help the Australian beef industry. With tens of thousands of tons of frozen beef lying unsold in Japan and Japanese farmers slaughtering their cattle, it is absurd for any Australian Government to talk in terms of forcing the Japanese to buy more Australian beef. Country Party leader Mr. Doug Anthony has suggested that Australia should insist that if it is going to supply minerals to Japan,

then the Japanese should also take more beef. Friction between nations must increase as they feverishly seek to produce more for export.

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Addressing the 1974 annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, the managing director, Mr. Johannes Witteveen suggested that wage and price controls would be an appropriate policy in industrial nations. Mr. Witteveen warned that with controls "it may be very difficult to restrain cost pressures and achieve price moderation except at the expense of more slack and unemployment over a longer period."

Wage and price controls cannot stop inflation. Whenever tried the eventual results are disastrous. World Bank President, Mr. Robert McNamara, also addressed the annual I.M.F. meeting, stating that the people of what he called the "affluent" nations may have to face a reduction in their "immensely high standard of living" to help curtail "the risk of death" facing millions in the poorer nations. Mr. McNamara is arguing for a form of international socialism, with international financial policies being used to impose this policy. Already what remains of the Free World is helping to feed the Communist nations. The Big Idea is to impose a dead level of poverty upon the peoples of the whole world.

### **"CENSORED HISTORY" — THE BOOK OF THE MOMENT**

*By ERIC D. BUTLER*

As the world drama unfolds at an accelerating rate, here is a book to place in the hands of as many responsible people as possible. It explains why the world is as it is, and what is planned by the international power groups. The great hoaxes of this century all exploded, including the one concerning "the six million". And the true role of Dr. Henry Kissinger. Take advantage of the League's discount programme, at the same time also saving on postage: One copy, 50 cents, plus 24 cents postage. Four copies, \$1.93 post-free. Eight copies, \$3.28 post-free. Fifty copies, \$15.55 post-free. Order from all State League of Rights addresses.

## WHITE CANNIBALS AND THE ABORIGINES

By D. WATTS

**It is about time that someone came forward to defend the right of Aborigines to be a dignified people. They are being deprived of that right by white cannibals. These do not feed their flesh upon the flesh of other human beings but, metaphorically speaking, they feed their emotions upon the personality integrity of tasty victims.**

The first time I came upon an example of emotional cannibalism was at High School. Among the first year students was a very pretty, very intelligent and attractive child, younger than all the others and small enough to arouse the baby-loving instincts of the older girls. They made a pet of her, crowding around her at recess, hugging her, laughing at her sallies and encouraging her to show off generally. By the end of the year the likeable youngster with natural charm had developed artificial manners and was constantly, with rolling eyes and studied gestures, playing to the gallery. The pleasing personality, which once was hers, had been sucked out of her.

Everyone, thinking it over, will no doubt recall instances of the emotional devouring of individuals. Less obvious may be the emotional feeding upon certain classes, groups, nations or races. That may explain why generations that went to unrealistic extremes in their condemnation of maternal cannibalism themselves gorged their emotions on pet groups, draining their prey of any sense of proportion and fairness and obligation and usually leaving them self-pitying, sometimes spiteful, always greedy sucklings.

Australians, who seem to go out of their way to provide evolutionists with evidence that they and apes have a common ancestor, of course joined in the cannibal feast of which Negroes in the U.S.A. and Africa were the nourishment; but what words can describe their joy when they realised that they had their very own coloured race upon which to banquet! The combination of materialistic ideologies with sentimentality has, in practice, made fools as well as emotional food of the Aborigines. Of course their own basic culture should be treated with respect by both themselves and white people. It should be taken into account that probably much of the tardiness of their cultural development can be attributed to the fact that in the past they had very little contact with more advanced civilisations. After all, the greatest civilisations had such beginnings as theirs; but those civilisations would not have emerged had they been kept stationary by hungry, coddling adorers, as Aboriginal culture has had the misfortune to be.

### CIVILISATIONS BORROW

Nearly all civilisations borrowed from cultures other than their own, but what was borrowed was psychologically modified to make the acquisitions legitimately their own possession. Further, the borrowings were from cultures usually as well advanced as were their own or were even further advanced. We have seen taking place in the U.S.A. that depreciation of cultural forms and values which has come from borrowing from alien cultures without any psychological adaptation of that obtained, or from more backward cultures crude hunks of unpolished

gems. To any but emotional cannibals it must be obvious that such a practice cannot but result in an adulteration, not an enriching, of culture. Of course certain Australians must expose their own poverty of originality by doing the same thing with slightly different material. There are implications disturbing to both Aborigines and white Australians in the exact copying of Aboriginal art forms by white Australians.

A teacher told me as a matter of interest that the younger children could copy Aboriginal designs more faithfully in form and feeling than can the usual adult because the latter cannot altogether prevent his acquired skill in drawing from intruding. What that reveals is too easy to recognise to need stating; but the ignorance of common psychology and of history on the part of the teachers responsible for beginning the teaching of drawing to white children by setting them to copy aboriginal art forms is not the less perturbing for being unsurprising. There are racial rather than aesthetic considerations in the adopted method. Once upon a time white children copied drawings that taught them something about ways of representing

### THE CHALLENGE FOR FIGHTING FUNDS IS BEING MET Half of Basic Fund Subscribed

Mr. Eric Butler states as we go to press:

I am moved almost beyond words by the manner in which 150 supporters have agreed to act as 'pace-makers', between them pledging or donating just over \$20,000. I now confidently anticipate a flood of support from the great majority. 1974 saw another massive advance by the League in preparation for what will be great crisis of 1975.

perspective, proportion, foreshortening, etc.—things that had taken the pioneers of their own culture hundreds of years to discover. Surely they should begin at the stage reached by their own people instead of from beginnings both primitive and alien. The fulsome compliment to Aboriginal art is among other forms of flattery, which is tending to generate in Aborigines a smug feeling of self-importance, which is already marring the Aboriginal race personality.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

Of course, on the other hand, it is psychologically right for Aboriginal children to begin learning to draw by copying their native designs; but one would be sorry if the most talented of them could not go farther. Even though influenced by white culture, as they must be, they

would develop their own characteristic style; but there should be development. Let us hope that they will have help in that and not overwhelming interference nor, least of all, a barrier to improvement set up before them by the cannibals. A danger comes from the fact that it seems beyond the ability of certain loud and didactic sentimentalists to grasp the truth that though Aborigines are Australians and white people are Australians, that does not make whites into Aborigines nor vice versa. Many white eaters of personality cannot understand that in the development of a culture the psychological factor is much greater than is the geographical factor.

The copying by white children of Aboriginal art forms may not do the youngsters much harm in the long run, but as part of the babying of Aborigines that is taking place, it could be contributing to a devouring of the Aborigines' personality, thus tending to result in an infantile cultural exhibitionism. An example of that unpleasant trend was reported in *The Sydney Morning Herald*. Four Aborigines from Queensland solemnly gave the Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, a message stick from their tribal elders purporting to warn that they, the elders, would cause wide-spread floods unless the Aborigines were given land rights in the next two months. Senator Cavanagh, who was present at the meeting, said, "We will be able to give them an answer within two moons." Moons! The Great White Chief speaks to the Noble Aborigines *a la* Fennimore Cooper!

Whether the impression be correct or not, it certainly was that the Aborigines had been coached by whites. Though tribes in remote places might imagine that white men would be perturbed by a threat of that nature from an Aboriginal witch-doctor, those who have lived in close enough contact with white people to have learned their language and who know about land rights and delegations to Ministers would surely be aware that threats by their elders to cause floods would sound to white men like baby talk.

#### **WHY NOT LEARN FROM OTHERS' MISTAKES?**

Anyway, considering how much in favour of granting land rights to Aborigines is the present Federal Government and the real efforts it is making in that direction, the threat was uncalled for. It was probably only a piece of theatricals, but even so, it would still tend to awaken in unsophisticated and literal Aborigines some ugly ideas and emotions. However, Australians would not be copying Americans faithfully if they did not take steps to generate in their emotion fodder a racist enmity that may take a century or more to die. Enjoining whites to tolerate coloured people while at the same time teaching coloured people to hate and resent white people would be absurd if the genuine aim were to promote racial harmony, but there could not be a better stimulus to that glorious frenzy of detestation which emotional cannibals so thoroughly enjoy. That result was achieved in Africa and America. That it was done in the name of brotherly love brands the perpetrators as hypocritical, self-righteous van-

dals and murderers. Could not Australia, just for once, exhibit a little mental independence and learn from others' mistakes instead of slavishly repeating them?

Coming back to the Canberra comedy: what makes it seem almost certain that the play was written and produced by whites is the business of the message stick. The impression given is that the Aborigines, themselves, have forgotten the exact function of a message stick and were instructed by whites who did not know what it was either. According to what I have read, the marks scratched on the stick were to remind the messenger of what he was to say, as a man might tie a knot in his handkerchief for the same purpose. The man would know what the knot meant, but no one else could unless informed. So with the message stick: only the messenger could know what the scratches meant. On arrival, the messenger delivered the message, not the stick. The latter, having served its purpose, was usually thrown away. Even allowing that different tribes would have different customs, it would be remarkable to a degree almost beyond belief that if any Aborigines could make marks that could be interpreted by others, they would never proceed to inventing writing.

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the same fate for ourselves through willful blindness and apathy."

That is the end of the section of the powerful article, which I have selected to emphasize what I wish to say. It crystallizes the overriding challenge to which all other issues such as inflation, industrial strife and social problems are subservient. It is the challenge of organized Satanic Evil, which is threatening every family, every nation, and humanity as a whole on a scale at which credulity boggles and the mind is left stunned.

"All power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." You will recognize that quotation, but have you considered its far-reaching implications? It is absolute power on a world scale that the International Oligarchy of Conspirators are conspiring to achieve, and the price which they will have to pay is absolute corruption which will spread to everything they contaminate as they drive towards their goal. Should they ever achieve their objective—which God forbid—their triumph will be short-lived and hollow, for corruption being a violation of the Divine Canon carries within it the seeds of its own destruction and the destruction of the power from which it stems.

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