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TOTALITARIANISM VIA "FULL EMPLOYMENT" AND INFLATION

Amidst the mounting chaos right around the world, with high inflation and unemployment producing not only economic but also social problems, the basic truth which must be faced, if there is to be any reversal of the process of disintegration, is that man's major problem is moral. Unless we are clear about the nature, the purpose and destiny of man, how can we be clear about the economic or any other problem?

The Christian view is that freedom is essential for man to be truly human. Never before in the history of mankind has expanding freedom been so easily possible for the individual. The technological revolution has made it possible to free individuals from the production system in a way which not so long ago would have appeared a dream. In a sane world, and true religion has to do with sanity, men would welcome this development and orient the educational system towards preparing individuals to use their freedom from the production system in a meaningful and creative manner. But we live in an insane world, with the result that the production system has become an end in itself, and not primarily a means to an end. This is perversion, a deadly evil.

The politicians and the economists are obsessed at present with the problem of how to create "full employment". The Commonwealth Government of Australia is so haunted by unemployment figures that it is resorting to some of the most incredible methods of attempting to reduce those figures. It has even been suggested that some of those seeking work at employment centres should be taken on the staff while full-time officials go out to find other unemployed and suitable work for them! This hilarious suggestion does, however, lead to the very serious question of just how many people in a country like Australia are engaged in genuinely necessary economic activity. The latest available figures, for 1971-72, show that 42 percent of the population was employed, and that of these 55 percent were engaged in productive activities. That is, only 23 percent of the total employed were engaged in productive activity.

SMALL PERCENTAGE IN NECESSARY PRODUCTION

Only 7 percent were engaged in agriculture, including forestry. And that figure is declining. Life, still less freedom, is impossible without adequate food. A small

fraction of the Australian community not only produces enough food, apart from wool, cotton, and production for industrial purposes, for the rest of the population, but also produces big export surpluses. Twenty-two per cent of the work force was engaged in manufacturing, 8 percent in construction, 2 percent on coal and electricity, 5 percent in transport and storage, and 10 percent in community services. The rest of those working were engaged in finance, bookkeeping and bureaucracies. The increasing numbers employed in what is now described as the "advertising industry" are but a manifestation of a type of parasitic development masked by the fact that those thus occupied can claim that they are "fully employed". So is the ever-growing bureaucracy, but it not only makes no contribution to necessary production, but uses up vast quantities of paper, fills Government offices, and makes extra demands on power, light and transport. From an economic point of view, it would be better to allow all bureaucrats to stay at home, to take up gardening, or to go fishing!

There is a percentage of the 22 percent engaged in manufacturing, which is also engaged in unnecessary production, some of it is concerned with built-in obsolescence. And some of the 8 percent engaged in construction were devoting some time to building office blocks in which to house bureaucrats. If the economic system were operating to its maximum efficiency, producing only that production genuinely required by consumers as indicated by their "money votes", it is certain that only a small proportion of the total population would be required to operate it. But the policy of "full employment" means that it is inevitable that increasing numbers of people must come under central direction of Big Government. The end result must be complete totalitarianism and a massive wastage of both resources and human time. Inflation is one indication of the amount of unnecessary human activity being forced upon the community. The Whitlam Government's policy of attempting to encourage

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DANGEROUS RACIAL BILL

The following letter by Dr. J. C. A. Dique of Queensland, published in "The Sunday Mail", Brisbane, of February 9, provides an excellent outline of the main dangers of the Whitlam Government's Racial Discrimination Bill:

In a few days the Racial Discrimination Bill will again be read in Parliament.

This Bill has been submitted to Parliament as proclaiming the "equality" of all human beings by Senator Murphy.

It is being submitted as supported by United Nations assertion, which the United Nations did not make.

This Bill is to make racial discrimination illegal. It can be expected to act quite differently.

To begin with it will create yet another large and expensive government department with a Race Relations Commissioner with the status of a High Court Judge. He will have assistants in all states each with a staff and necessary offices.

By making regulations it will limit individual liberty often against the instincts of the person concerned.

It will increase the power of the Government over the individual in extent and degree.

It will increase racial bitterness by forming an official "race relations industry" with a dedicated staff of anti-racists earning their living by making the most of every complaint, like the Race Relations Board in England. In other words quite the reverse of what it is constituted to do.

The most dangerous effects of the bill will operate through the avenue of Education.

At present there are some 10,000 foreign students from Africa, Asia and South America in Australia studying on the Private Overseas Student Programme, in addition there are 8000 doing advanced courses and a further 1500 on the Colombo Plan.

The expense for the education of all these foreign students in State and Commonwealth subsidies is met by the Australian taxpayer and is \$42 million a year. Formerly these students paid education expenses, which would have been \$4 million per year for all the students in the 15 Australian universities in which they occupy one seat in every seven.

Formerly these students had to return home to benefit their countries by their learning as required by the previous Government but since 9.5.1973 this is not necessary for on that day Mr. A. J. Grassby informed Parliament that as a result of changes he had made in immigration regulations they could remain in Australia.

They may obtain the more influential and better-paid positions that their degrees would command.

Having deprived promising Australian students of an education by their presence in the universities they can now deprive them of the jobs which would have been

available for them with this training. In addition since 1974 they do not pay university fees.

At present Dr. Owen Powell and Dr. Des Callaghan from the State Health Department and Mater Hospital are in England recruiting doctors because of a doctor shortage. Yet about 1500 doctors, dentists and paramedical personnel from overseas have been trained from among students from overseas in the 15 Australian universities.

Should this Bill be passed it will ensure that large numbers of positions in technical and educational institutions in Government will be filled by applicants from overseas trained in Australian universities. Any objection would be stifled by the office of the Race Relations Commissioner while the magnitude of allowable fines of \$2000-\$5000 will deter complaints.

This Bill should be withdrawn. It discriminates against Australians.

DOUGLAS ON INFLATION

"There is almost nothing to be said for a policy of deflation, as defined by the average banker, except that it provides a breathing space in which to consider what to do; the real argument against it is not that it reduces prices, but that it does so at the expense of the producer; but a policy of inflation, that is to say a policy of increasing issues of money or credit in such a manner that it can only reach the general public the medium of costs, and must, therefore, be reflected in prices, has one thing and one thing only to be said for it at this time; that it is absolutely and mathematically certain to reduce any financial and economic system to ruins."

—C. H. Douglas in *Social Credit* (1924)

Inflation is not only ruining the free-enterprise economic system; it is progressively eroding the foundations of the social structure.

BASIC FUND FILLED

We are pleased to announce that the League of Rights' Basic Fund of \$40,000 has been filled as a result of the dedication of only a minority of League supporters. All the equipment mentioned in Mr. Eric Butler's appeal has been bought and other projects, specially the publication of Antony Sutton's bombshell work, "National Suicide", successfully financed. The League's 1975 programme is already running in "top gear". But a greater effort by all is called for. We urge the great majority of supporters who have not contributed to the 1974-75 Basic Fund, to do so. Please note that all northern N.S.W. and Queensland contributions go to Mr. Jeremy Lee, Kingstown, via Armidale, N.S.W. The balance to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne.

TO THE POINT

Under the pressure of events, Australia's Marxist Federal Treasurer Dr. Jim Cairns, is demonstrating that he is capable of using financial policy to perform a dialectical step designed to give the Whitlam Government a little more survival time. The cut in Sales Tax on new cars, a small step towards implementing the "Petersen Plan", has reduced prices, stimulated sales and saved, for the time being, the jobs of thousands of workers in the car industry. Dr. Cairns may be going to take this policy a little further.

Mr. John Jost, reporting from Canberra in *The Age*, Melbourne, of February 26, says that the Federal Treasurer and the Priorities Review Staff are formulating a \$300 million exchange package to boost production and create more jobs in the private sector of the economy. The aim is to restore "full employment" within 12 months with "radical taxation changes". The proposed scheme involves a "negative sales tax" which, according to the report, "would involve the Government paying manufacturers an amount for each unit sold." If the policy were designed to enable manufacturers to sell their production at a lower price than would otherwise be the case, then clearly this would mean a type of discount system was operating.

The true aim of production is consumption, and production should be dictated by consumers freely "voting" with their money. Consumer discounts should therefore be applied only to that production which consumers indicate they desire. Financing production merely to try to provide "full employment" and industrial expansion is a perversion and indirectly inflationary, as demonstrated over many years in Social Credit literature.

But the Cairns policy of reducing the price of motorcars, which did not require an increase in taxation, was a demonstration of the practicability of the Discount system. The Opposition politicians should be taking up this question, and stressing that if elected to office they will extend the principle along the lines suggested in the "Petersen Plan". It is not too much to say that education, political pressure from the electors, aided by the Queensland Premier's lead, plus events, have forced a concession of great significance from the Federal Government. What is urgently required is an intensive increase of the pressure concerning the "Petersen Plan". We specially recommend an approach to as many businessmen as possible.

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While not all Australians are getting access to the flood of new financial credit being created by a desperate Whitlam Government, there is no doubt about the reality of the flood. New Credit is now being expanded at a new record level of 31 percent per year. Last September the Whitlam Government estimated a Budget deficit of \$560 million for the current financial year, 1974-75. For the first eight months the deficit has soared to \$2769 million. For the first six months of the financial year the Commonwealth received an astronomical 54 percent increase in tax revenue compared with that received for the cor-

responding period last year. The central Government is using the national credit to extend its tightening grip on all aspects of the nation's economic, political and social activities.

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In the face of the above figures it is amazing that there are still those who ask "But where is the money to come from?" when confronted with the "Petersen Plan" for reversing inflation. If all new credit comes into existence as a debt, and only reaches the individual through the production system, or through Government activities, it is elementary that increasing inflation is mathematically certain. Expanding still further the credit flow in order to finance wage increases demanded or granted because of rising prices, aggravates the problem even further. All letters to editors and to politicians should concentrate on the following question: "If over \$2000 million can be created to finance Government deficits, allegedly to stimulate the economy, then why could not \$2000 million be created as a credit to finance consumer discounts, this reducing prices, increasing purchasing power, and enabling consumers to stimulate the economy to produce what they want?"

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Theodor Herzl, founder of the modern Zionist movement, clearly envisaged a strategy for creating a World State. Political Zionism is a power movement, not a genuine spiritual movement as argued by many Jews. In order to advance his strategy, Herzl was even prepared to encourage Jews to join the Christian religion. In 1895 Herzl wrote: "Two years ago I meant to solve the Jewish problem with the help of the Catholic Church. I meant to go to the Pope and ask him to help us in the fight against anti-Semitism: 'if you do as I say, I will make myself the leader of a huge movement aimed at a voluntary and honest conversion to Christianity'." According to *The Times* of Israel, it was the publisher of Herzl's well-known work, *The Jewish State* (1896) who convinced Herzl that his plan was not practical.

The establishment of Israel is but a part of a much larger strategy than merely providing a homeland for Jews. That is why the Rothschilds and other international financiers quickly moved to finance Political Zionism. Unfolding events confirm almost daily the central thesis of Mr. Eric Butler's *Censored History*.

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THE GREAT SPIRITUAL FAMINE

By D. WATTS

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A dog knows nothing about astronomy or chemistry or physics, and can know nothing, yet those things affect him in his daily life. Man, having far greater mental powers than have dogs, is able to follow up intimations of realities existing beyond his immediate, common experiences.

That reaching out by some immortal within a mortal body to what is universally immortal, to an everlasting Reality—God an Infinite Being—is a spiritual impulse, which gradually or suddenly brings about an expansion of consciousness. In the process of a social expansion of consciousness there are discovered, as stepping-stones to further spiritual revelation, the moral and aesthetic values. While concentration of scientific investigation within the limits of the material reality has been rewarded by an amazing amount of knowledge about the physical universe, the accompanying narrowing of interest has resulted in the dimming of curiosity about what lies beyond that selection and even to the rash denial that anything at all exists there.

The details of the resulting contraction of consciousness we all know - - the vain attempts to find exclusively material remedies for political and social ills; the sad seeking by the spiritually empty to satisfy their hunger with drugs and violence; the frustrated preoccupation with physical sex which, by excluding interest in its noblest and spiritual aspects, has led to a frantic search for its mysteries in perversion and sadism; the presenting as supreme the cruder forms of art; the superstitious adoration of the civilisationally most backward to whom might is still right and in whom the perception of spiritual values has barely germinated.

THE REIGN OF THE EVIL GOD

All this, looked at in the wholeness of human progress, can be seen to be a tragic return to a dominance of the physical complement over the psychical complement. To mankind it is a return to that government by what was once to the human race a good Power, but which to the advanced has become evil. For mankind to escape evolutionary damnation there needs to be a too long delayed investigation into the metaphysical realities. Whence are the prophets of the New Science to come? From Governments? From universities? From the Christian Churches? From none of these as they are now. The God of Materialism, the Evil God, reigns over all.

As an introduction to an examination of the above claim, two examples of an unconscious conformity to the deplorable reversal of man's good direction are afforded, one by a university student on the threshold of his career and the other by a politician who has arrived at the height of his. The similarity between the outlook of the beginner citizen and the fully-fledged citizen is revealing.

To begin with the student's exposure of the way he thinks: there had been a "demonstration" by some students at the Macquarie University. *The Sydney Morning Herald* had criticised the autocratic use of physical force, pointing it out as being like that approved by Trotskyites, Maoists, Marxists and the Hitler Youth, and had said that the matter of dispute should have been dealt with in rational debate. Wrote the aggrieved student, "Undoubtedly there has been an abandonment of calm and rational debate, but from this your readers should not assume that such discussions did not occur. The Staff Club issue has been argued for more than two years and the Students' Council fee rise for three months, twice having been rejected by the University Council. Hence occupations (trespasses) were a final response to unsuccessful calm and rational debate."

The second example is the announcement by Senator Cavanagh of the setting up of a committee to examine ways of the taking possession by the Federal Government of Aboriginal reserves in Queensland. He is reported to have said, "We intend to give them (the Aboriginals) land rights—with or without the approval of the Queensland Government. We know we will never change their point of view. This time we will take them on."

It will be noted that in both cases, whatever concessions were made to civilised practice in the form of preliminary discussions before the cudgel is brought crunching down, to both men the supreme arbiter of right and wrong is Might. Some people may be reminded by that strange confusion of values of a joke that appeared in an old issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*. There was a picture of a big, fat girl squatting firmly on a slender youth who is prone upon the floor. The girl is saying, "I shall sit here until you give me your fraternity pin of your own free will."

It does not seem to enter the head of either of the quoted persons that there should be any outcome of the dispute other than that their opponent should give way. A present, common notion seems to be, "I am right, therefore I have a moral right to impose what I think is right on those who differ by using my physical might." Physical might is physically right, but it is not rationally or morally right except perhaps occasionally by coincidence. For instance, it is wrong for demonstrators to use physical might in order to compel acceptance of some moral or ideological judgment of their own; but, for the preservation of order, it is morally right for the police to use physical might to combat the physical might of disorderly demonstrators. Heresy? The convention, when the police are compelled to use force is to set up the weeping lad's cry of "Police brutality". Those who have made a present of that catch-cry to criminals have done Might is both Right and righteous, but that their antagonists' Might is Wrong and evil. Society need offer no thanks to intellectuals, including certain university men for making popular that crude and egotistical conception of Good and Evil.

At the dawn of civilisation men are convinced that their civilisation a disservice, for now the accusation is believed by those who want to have it believed whether true or not, while those who want to believe the truth cannot know what it is.

But whence can come a more civilised way of judging? A political Government's main concern is with material affairs and physical organisation, so it cannot be expected to be in the lead of the civilisers. It should, however, be influenced by the civilisers; but it is almost impossible for a politician to present the badly needed New Philosophy.

The universities might be expected to produce that philosophy. Perhaps they would have done so had not the interest of many students and not a few teachers shackled them to a materialistic political philosophy. Their thought now travels along such a narrow track that they even try to apply their political theories and methods to what is properly a non-political institution—the university. Recently a bender of twigs at a certain Australian university was the speaker at an ABC radio session usually devoted to presenting orthodox leftist ideas but ironically called "Heresies". He criticised, with good cause, some of the shortcomings of present-day tertiary education, but what angered him most was the fact that university education is designed to nourish Capitalism. A large part of every system of education is necessarily the training of the young to adapt themselves to and to serve the economic-political organisation, whatever may be its form. There are faults in Capitalism as in Communism and university systems; but while there prevails the idea that there can be a political, ideological rectifying of the worst errors, no original thinking can emerge and the real cause of the most lamentable modern wrongs and failures—Materialism—will elude those whose minds rest upon orthodox, materialistic thought and who do not seek.

THE SLEEPING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

That leaves for our hope the Christian Churches. The time of the Great Spiritual Hunger should have found those Churches ready to feed the hungry. The churches have been given a great opportunity to regain their lost intellectual leadership but, generally speaking, there is no oil in their lamps. Why have they been sleeping?

Maybe the failure could be traced back to the common, human fault of the belief by men in their own omniscience, but in a practical way, in modern times, the trouble began when so many clergymen accepted the proposition that there is a conflict between religion and science. There never was such a conflict. Truth does not conflict with truth, so that religious truth does not conflict with scientific truth. The real conflict was, and is, between religion and a particular philosophy—Materialism. Because clergymen allowed themselves to be misled into engaging in a contest impossible for them to win, not only did they lose their battle against science, but they became captives of science's original, basic philosophy. Today very many Christian clergymen and laymen consider that the Churches' greatest duty is to help their

needy neighbours in material ways; but their spiritual needs seem to be forgotten.

Nearly all of the Church Councils and of the most highly placed Church leaders seem to have been drawn into the movement of Evil—the movement in which there is a contraction of consciousness due to a supreme government by the physical complement of creation. They do not simply try to help the less civilised, but strive to exalt them above those peoples that have developed a more advanced conception of moral and spiritual values, and far from doing their best to enlighten their protégés about the higher values, they confirm them, by word and action, in their primitive belief that their horrible exercise of might is right.

The efforts of Churches to help in a material way those in need must surely be commendable in the sight of God and men, but from the Churches it is not enough. Secular bodies and laypersons do that perhaps more efficiently than do most religious bodies. The Churches should be giving what secular organisations cannot give—spiritual inspiration. From what one gathers, numbers of clergymen are more than a little uneasy about the direction being taken by many of their religious fellows and superiors; but there are still more clergymen who, unaware though most of them are, are caught in the rip of Materialism.

Ecumenism will not save the Churches, for that is only physical organising. No matter how large their congregations or how great their wealth, unless they have the support of the bulk of the intellectuals they cannot regain to any appreciable extent their lost influence over the thought and the standards of behaviour of society as a whole. Outrageous though it may sound to most churchmen, even adherence by the Churches to some common article of faith will not help, for the reason that mere affirmation no longer satisfies the intellectual needs of critical thinkers. Hurtful though that idea must be to nearly all Christians, yet if their faith be strong enough they will give themselves the pain of facing that fact in the confidence of finding a solution of the problem.

If an outsider may presume to offer a suggestion, may one say that it is not acceptance of certain religious tenets, but recognition of the universal spiritual truths taught by Christ that may save humanity. Those truths are the Conversion of doubters to a belief in those two truths cannot be achieved by quoting the Bible, for they do not accept it as a valid authority; but a metaphysical philosophy drawn from an observation of our Reality in its entirety might convince some of them that the possibility that those two things are true is too great to be ignored in practical living. In the suggested investigation, more than likely there will be found rational support for the Churches' fundamental dogmas. Those in doubt about the reality of God and immortality might be wise to make Pascal's wager. If there be no God nor life everlasting, there is nothing to lose in the end by betting that there are; but if they be realities, there is all Heaven to lose

reality of the immortality of the essential being of man existence of a Universal Creative Spirit, or God, and the by betting that they are not. We may, in time, do better than to wager on an uncertainty, for by beginning with the hypothesis that there may be a universal Spiritual Power and eternal life, if they be, we should be able to find some proof of their reality; but even if they be demonstrable realities, we can never discover anything about them if we begin with the unscientifically formulated assumption that they are non-existent.

COMPLEMENTARY OPPOSITES

Our creation is a manifestation of complementary opposites. This is so obvious that it is usually taken for granted and its profound significance is overlooked. The pairs such as in and out, hot and cold, knowledge and ignorance, good and bad and so on are so much part of our daily experience that it has not dawned on materialistic generations that perhaps physical and psychical experiences are complementary and not in a causal relation. If there be one complement there must be also its opposite. Boiled down, that is that there cannot be an opposite, which has no real opposite. One important pair consists of permanence and impermanence. They are profoundly significant because they suggest the reality of a pair of opposites, which are almost certainly complements—immortality and mortality. If, complementary to our mortal being, there exists an immortal being, then life is not between nothingness before birth and nothingness after death and therefore meaningless and on that account absurd, as some modern existentialists have taught.

If life has a meaning, it must be discoverable to the living. Doubtless that meaning will be found in intimations of a oneness with an Immortal, Conscious Being in whom exist the mortal and the immortal. With such a discovery it will appear that the whole purposes of our experience on earth will not be fulfilled by pursuing exclusively material, perishable objectives. Why have not the Churches produced a philosopher to give scientific support to their dogmas of the existence of God, the immortality of the soul and the dependence of our after-death fate upon our performance of our duty to God as well as our duty to our neighbour? One may ask the modern high priests at the World Council of Churches what they would do were they to hear one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Probably they would connive at having his head chopped off and presented to Salome on a platter—figuratively speaking, of course. Their Salome would be a materialistic, political ideology, as in Africa.

In the One God, the Universal Reality, there is no evil. Good and Evil are values of particular realities because these exist within limits. That which is beyond their limits but related to them physically or psychically is for them or against them and therefore to them good or evil. In the Universal Reality Matter is not evil. To us physical matter is not itself, evil; it is the constant

dominance of the physical complement in every situation and in situations in which the psychical complement should govern that is spiritually degenerative. Even those thinkers who can discover no intimations of a spiritual reality in our universe must realise that.

BACK TO SPIRITUAL REALITY

Those to whom experience has revealed spiritual realities may have a vision of mighty moving forces, which are complementary yet opposite. To the children of the great Consciousness, or Spirit, in the movement of expanding awareness the opposite force of contracting consciousness must be evil when it rules. The visionary may see one who rightly belongs to man's spiritual movement, caught up in the opposite one, possessed by it, yet conscious of being an alien in it, feeling inimical forces around him, frightened and helpless in the clutches of the Evil which once he thought Good. It seems to him that none can save him as he is drawn down into the place of spiritual darkness. What he believed was the way to Heaven on Earth he now finds is a descent into a place where he really does not belong and so which for him is Hell.

Since one complement must have its opposite, even in the movement of Matter, the stable complement, there must be the motional psychical opposite, so that the one who is drawn into the movement towards a stilling can never entirely escape from consciousness of a contracting around him of the limits of Matter, cramping his mental powers till they ache for freedom, dimming his sensory powers till greater and ever greater shocks are needed to arouse his perceptions. His moral perceptions stir feebly in the dark. Emotion, being the first psychical power to develop in the expansive movement, is the last to become atrophied in the movement of psychical contraction. Therefore he desperately hugs his emotions, feeding them on whatever material stimuli he can find in the place where he is.

Is that a description of what is happening to human beings now on earth? If so, for the sake of their fellow men, let those who wish to be reformers and saviours turn again to the blessed light and sweet air of the spirit's way before the betrayed human race is caught in and sucked down the dark vortex to spiritual death.

WILLIAM WALTER DRAKE

We record with regret the death of Mr. W. Drake, one of Australia's first Social Crediters, at Launceston, Tasmania, on January 22. Bill Drake, assisted by his most able wife, was a stalwart of the Tasmanian Social Credit movement over many years, giving liberally of his time and money. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Drake and her family in their sad loss.

ADVANCING BEHIND THE "PETERSEN PLAN"

As a journal of policy, we do not normally devote much space to reporting activities "in the field", the weekly Bulletin issued with our sister publication, *On Target*, being the principal service for actionists. However, as an example of the growing nation-wide campaign being promoted by League of Rights actionists, we publish the following report from the Chairman of the Barossa Valley (South Australia) Voters' Policy Association:

The Barossa Valley (S.A.) VPA achieved its biggest break through following Mr. Eric Butler's successful meeting on December 3 of last year. Eighty people were present to hear an explanation of the Petersen Plan for reversing inflation. Twenty posters together with petitions and 11,500 League brochures have been distributed. Veteran supporter Mr. Erne Radke together with two pensioners travelled hundreds of miles distributing brochures in the Riverland and surrounding Barossa Valley and northern towns. There were excellent front-page articles in two Riverland weekly newspapers outlining the Petersen Plan. The Barossa Valley VPA organised a return for Mr. Butler in February, when he spoke at Nuriootpa, Robertstown and Waikerie when 160 people attended. Many good letters have been sent to politicians on the Petersen Plan. Also there have been several good letters in local papers exposing the Socialist strategy for destroying Local and State Government. VPA members have also been instrumental in obtaining several hundred signatures to petitions on The Human Rights Bill, the Family Law Bill and the State Petroleum Tax.

We have had a reply from Mr. Clyde Cameron, Minister for Labor and Immigration, "regretting that the so-called Petersen Plan is no solution to the economic problems facing Australia. His proposals could be attacked on a number of grounds, but most simply one must ask where would the money come from if you drastically reduce taxes and at the same time attempt to make consumer subsidies as well as continuing the present services which a Government is expected to provide." A well-worded letter has been sent in answer to Mr. Cameron's criticism of the Petersen Plan.

Our Comment: If every VPA could match the work of the Barossa team, the Canberra politicians would be reeling under the impact. Barossa actionists, like others, are demonstrating that the job can be done. As for Mr. Cameron's comment, it is pathetic when a senior Cabinet Minister apparently does not know where money comes from. Mr. Cameron should be asked how is his Government's massive deficit budget being financed, and why cannot new credits be used to lower prices instead of increasing them.

ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT "PETERSEN PLAN" ANTI-INFLATION CAMPAIGN

When the Queensland Premier, Mr. Joh Bjelke-Petersen, put forward in June 1974, his policy for reversing inflation, he caused nearly as much consternation in Liberal and Country Party circles as he did amongst the Socialists. Since then there have been attempts, mainly in Country Party circles, to suggest that the Queensland Premier's views on consumer price subsidies have been "taken out of context", or that the Premier has reversed himself on the subject of consumer subsidies. These suggestions are false, and are designed to attempt to minimise the growing support for the Queensland Premier's policies.

We have before us the official policy put forward by Mr. Bjelke-Petersen at the Premiers' Conference in June of last year. The document states on page 2: "If the Commonwealth Government had any genuine intent to combat inflation, it should surely be looking in the direction of tax reduction, consumer subsidies and production incentives rather than in its encouragement of higher wages, higher prices and higher taxation . . . During the Second World War and after, consumer support subsidies played a very important part in stabilising the economy and created a favourable situation when it could have been expected that there would be a period of serious inflation which would cause great hardship to many people. These forms of assistance have proved to be a stabilising factor."

The document concludes with a suggestion that the Commonwealth adopt three approaches to the inflation problem:

- "1. The freezing of the aggregate collections of income tax at the existing level.
- "2. The reduction or elimination of sales tax on items in the Consumer Price Index groups.
- "3. The payment of producer incentives or consumer subsidies on the foodstuffs in the Consumer Price Index."

The above is perfectly clear. And since then Mr. Bjelke-Petersen has re-emphasised his support for his original principles, particularly during the Queensland State Elections. Obviously many former Labor voters understood what the Premier was advocating, even if some of his own Federal Country Party colleagues don't. But some more electoral pressure could work wonders!

Richard Nixon was destroyed, along with his principal colleagues, primarily because of tape recordings of conversations in the Oval room at the White House. It is absurd to suggest that such an open conspiracy to violate the criminal laws of the United States would have been taped under any conceivable circumstances of the speakers had known that their conversations were being recorded. American observers are asking what was the role of Dr. Henry Kissinger in all this, the man whom some believe was a KGB agent at one time. It has been proved that no one had access to the Oval room without the approval of Kissinger and his colleagues. There was only one man who did not appear in the Oval room to have his remarks taped: Dr. Henry Kissinger! There are no taped records of any of Kissinger's discussions with Richard Nixon. Did Dr. Kissinger, working for the Rockefellers, play a vital role in destroying Nixon? A most interesting question as Nelson Rockefeller emerges as the real President of the United States.

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the private sector to expand its activities, is directed primarily at attempting to use the private sector to help absorb those at present unemployed. The proposed expansion requires more borrowing by the private sector, more debt, more interest bills, and of course, more wage costs. The overall result is higher costs and higher prices. But, in spite of its words, the Whitlam Government, like all Governments today, is not too concerned about inflation. The Big Idea is to have everyone "fully employed", irrespective of the disastrous results.

NEW APPROACH REQUIRED

The current process of disintegration taking place in all non-Communist nations cannot be reversed overnight. A completely different approach to the true purpose of production, leisure and the meaning of life is required for the regeneration of sick societies. But the process can be started by first reversing the present inflationary financial policies. Once individuals grasp that a system of price discounts reduces prices, there is a real incentive to operate the economic system to serve the individual. The next step would be to reduce the official retiring age, making it possible for more individuals to be freed from the economic system at an age when they could use their leisure time constructively and creatively. "Full employment" would be seen as a question to be decided by free and financially secure individuals, not by Governments. The real question is not so much one of employment, but of whether the individual is to work on largely useless production under the central direction of Big Government, or whether he will decide for himself what he will do. The

"NEW TIMES" DINNER AND NATIONAL SEMINAR

One of the major focal points of League of Rights activities for the year is the "national weekend" in Melbourne. As many action groups as possible should make every endeavour to be represented. With private hospitality being provided by Melbourne supporters for interstate visitors, a strong family atmosphere has developed over the years.

The weekend starts with the National Secretariat Conference of League of Rights officials on Friday, September 19, followed by "The New Times" Dinner that evening. This Dinner has become an event, which is recognised internationally. Attendance is regarded as a privilege. Bookings may be made now, at \$6.50 per person. The organisers reserve the right to reject applicants.

The League's Seminar takes place on Saturday, September 20. This year's theme is "Christianity and The Social Order", with a team of top-flight speakers. A short appropriate film will be shown during the Dinner recess. A number of appropriate displays are planned. A team of Melbourne actionists under the leadership of Mr. Horton Davies Chairman of the Christian Institute for Individual Freedom is working to make this Seminar the most outstanding in League history.

The League's National Action Conference will be held on Sunday, September 21, starting with a Divine Service conducted by the Rev. A. G. Fellows from Queensland, one of these presenting Papers at the Seminar. The League's National Director will be reported. Papers on Local Government presented. Also sessions on all aspects of League activities.

Interstate visitors should book well ahead so that accommodation can be arranged.

individual who chooses freely will always expend far more effort on his chosen occupation, irrespective of whether it is gardening, painting, or making toys for his grandchildren, than on activities forced upon him.

After many years of close study of the problems afflicting mankind we are convinced that a falling price level, reflecting technological progress, is the only hope of avoiding complete disaster for what remains of the free societies. Inflation and "full employment" must produce disaster after disaster. But it is through disaster that large numbers are now searching for an answer to the financial-economic problem. The task of the Social Engineer is to show concerned individuals the way out of tragedy now pressing so heavily upon them. Time is fast running out.