WHAT THE ARMS RACKET MEANS FOR YOU

Higher Prices For Essential Needs, “More Sacrifices”

BECAUSE PRODUCTION WAS RESTRICTED IN “SLUMP” YEARS

W HILE Money Conjuror Neville Chamberlain warns taxpayers to expect more sacrifices to pay for their defence against war, first effects of the gigantic arms programme are being felt.

The British taxpayer, to be more heavily taxed, can only proceed by himself, admitting this while speaking in the House of Commons last Tuesday. Mr. Chamberlain is right. Rainy days are here again, and the British people are living under a burden of taxation never before known.

Steel Prices Up

The price of steel is to be raised. That means dearer houses, dearer cars. Anything made with steel is to be dearer.

Because, when the market for steel was restricted by finance (by withholding from the steel-makers the market for purchase), the blast furnaces were closed down, or worked short time. (All glycerine will be “cornered” by the public authorities.)

Steel Prices must soar, building of steel-framed blocks of flats, hospitals, schools, must be held up.

“Stop Building”

Sir Thomas Inskip himself affirmed this while speaking in the House on Saturday. “We shall have to shoulder a burden of sacrifices. We shall have to endure a little more privation.”

Money Aid Refused For Air Raid Defence

THE public will not only be hit by higher prices, more taxation, in this arms racket. Here is something more serious, endangering the lives of millions.

The Government are making no effort to provide money for air raid precaution schemes recommended by their expert advisers.

Local authorities, angry because they cannot get any money from the Government, threaten to boycott the schemes thus exposing their citizens to danger.

Last December, after these authorities had been pulled into believing they would receive adequate support from the Government, they requested, through their Association of Municipal Corporations, a guarantee of ½ per cent. of the cost from the Home Office.

The Home Office have not replied to the request.

Appeals Ignored

With each addition to the defence scheme the Association makes another application to the Home Office about payment. Up to now all its appeals have been ignored.

“On the 1st of January, 1937,” said Mr. T. B. Peal, a member of the harbour committee yesterday, “we received a letter from the Home Office stating that the plan had not been approved.”

Money Aid for Other Purposes

This is further evidence that the Government have not the least intention of forcing sacrifices on the people during these two years of misery, semi-starvation.

A report of his speech appears on page 5. It was printed in full in the next Supplement on April 3.

Means Test Run Mad

H E R E IS THE MOST DAMNING INDICTMENT FOR MONTHS OF THE PRESENT EVIL MONEY SYSTEM. IT HAPPENED THIS WEEKEND, MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Miners, many on crutches, some blind, all disabled, lumped into First Bridge (Lewisham) Miners’ Hall to draw their share of £1,000,000 compensation for which they had fought two years.

As they draw their money, Public Assistance officials demanded repayment of the money they had paid these crippled men. They were told these cases were “semi-starvation.”

Their tale of hardship started when two years ago Bamburgh pit closed down and stopped paying of compensation to those miners who had been injured. The Miners’ Federation, for those two years fought a legal battle for them, secured an award of £400, 2d. in the pound.

Three men refused to repay the Assis- tance officials. They are to be prosecuted.

One, Joseph Andress, who was not employed since 1917—the lean years of poverty because he could not work—received £1,090. He had been hospitalised. He settled a grocery bill and a debt of £4.

Douglas Tells Newcastle

“IT is not the prime object of existence to find employment. It is the object of being dull and asinine as what is the prime object of existence. I have an intention of being an idiot that it is not comprised in the end- less pursuit of turning this originally beautiful world in which we live into slag- heaps, blast-furnaces, guns and battleships.”

Sentence of Death

Nightmare in the House

The public is in for some towing. A report of the speech appears on page 4. It was printed in full in the next Supplement on April 3.
Victory for Democracy
The financial dictators of Australia have just had a severe reverse. In order to keep up prices at home in order that exports schemes were set up. The legality of these schemes was challenged by a South Constitution, which under the present system cannot readily be adapted to changing physical and social needs. No wonder Federal Prime Minister Lyons was moved to declare: "The referendum results reveal an amazing anti-Federal spirit among the people."

Frustration
It is quite a change to see Members of Parliament... to the will and to those of its masters, in, as The Times has said: "Whatever were the reasons for the vote it seems that it has hasted the overthrow of the machinery for amending the Constitution, which under the present system cannot readily be adapted to changing physical and social needs."

Jeopardising Defence
The Bank of England policy imposed on this country is a disease that makes us... "Taxation will be used to secure a better provision of war materials, "There will be no return to the gold standard."

Hard-Labour Party's Five-Year Plan of Toil for All
The Labour Party has disclosed its ideas of what is good for people in the form of a Five-Year Plan. It thus attempts to outdo the government in the tradition of the Hard-Labour Party. They propose to meddle with the technicalities of finance.

New Terms For Realistic Political Realists
11. BASHIFIST
BASHIFIST, a contraction of bashifist, meaning one who believes that the war is peace on earth, is to ‘bash’ everybody into docility. A BASHIFIST believes that to overcome an already sufficiently docile and bashful world may be a better one, and that if you have a lot of surplus beans and crumbs of food, you can build them into a nice safe house before they fall. This is called a ‘safety-valve’ concept.

Bashifism is inextricably linked with the Chinese idea, the idea being that if you are faced with a local problem, e.g., a hole in the road, or a lot of surplus food and empty bellies, you cannot do anything about it unless you have reached by 6 nations at Geneva. Mulberry bays are not enough. BASHIFISTs are almost always prophets of the "turning the other cheek" and doing injury to no man. Bashifists are almost always prophets of the idea that even if you have a lot of surplus beans and crumbs of food, you can build them into a nice safe house before they fall. This is called a "safety-valve" concept. Bashifists are usually linked with the Chinese idea, the idea being that if you are faced with a local problem, e.g., a hole in the road, or a lot of surplus food and empty bellies, you cannot do anything about it unless you have a cure for only one thing more terrifying than the War, the bashifist, and that is freedom.

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TOP OF THIS PAGE IS FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Palmer Says: Equality in Industry Will Not Help Women Workers

WRITING in the 1936 winter number of Service, Beverley Nichols asks: "Do you know... That early Factory Act was in 1901 and that juveniles still come under that? Tha... That many children are still working 12 hours a day in factories? That the accident rate of employed children is actually increasing at an alarming rate? That many of the victims are girls? That risk among young persons exceeded that among grown-ups by only 3 per cent, in 1935 the figure has risen to 20 per cent. Do you think these figures dull? I h... To me they are tragic. Particularly terrible Cases of children having no money in the way of the factory or the housewife has available, and makes great use by... Not resulted in greatly increased leisure and by means of strikes. 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One day's work might take a man
in Russia, a man in the States, a man
in Egypt built the Pyramids, but where is Egypt now?
To Multiply Toil

THE touch about the co-ops is efficiency. Makes work more palatable
to his readers, who are mostly indifferent or antagonistic to the suggested systems.
This is out of the recognised goals
to obtain acceptance of an unpalatable proposition, and it is striking contrast with the
unvarnished and uncompromising
criticism of this view in the
Social Credit Secretary's statement of policy which follows.
The separation of the Governmental
or moral systems from the economic
system. This involves the abolition of
differential taxation, e.g., beer
taxes.
AN attentive and enthusiastic audience in the Newcastle City Hall, under the Chairmanship of the Earl of Tankerville, heard Major C. H. Douglas deliver a closely reasoned speech on Tuesday.

Security—institutional and personal—was his subject, and in his opening remarks he stressed the increasing insecurity of life in these days of increasing unrest, increasing taxation in different forms upon all sections of the community, and other unnecessary personal sacrifices.

The modern world, probably the only battle of a modern day—a battle is in progress between warm-blooded, sentient, human beings, and cold, inhuman, and unfeeling institutions.

If you can come to understand that to these excellent 'servants' but will you forego those privileges of liberty. Such a doctrine is a fundamental programme of irresponsible and anti-social power over individuals; it is just an attempt to make two heads in different places, persons who have come into control of the sanctions of government, the problem was not so much one of principle.

If you have devised a mechanism which if I impose your policy upon my Member of Parliament, it is not the business of the individual to agree upon a policy it was only necessary to submit a resolution through their Member of Parliament.

Common Factor

To agree upon a policy it was only necessary to find a common factor of human nature. There was no more pernicious and blasphemous nonsense existent in the world today than Fascism, Communism, State-Socialism, and these are not built. To agree upon a policy it was only necessary to find a common factor of human nature.

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MR. TOM TRENCHER, M.P. — plain
Tom to his friends—first attracted
notice in the place he alluded to as "the
Chatel," in the west end of the London,
money to buy surplus milk for taxpayers' chaps have got this money business all
children, some of whom, if certain evidence
could be believed, were in need of it.
"You talk," he began, "of providing free
milk for school children out of national
revenues.
Well, where do national revenues come from?
Out of the pockets of people who want milk. It's money they've earned. If you just let off taxing folks, and let them keep their money to buy milk, surely to goodness that would be better than pilfering
it just to buy the milk for them.
"First it costs tons of money to collect the
taxes; then the Milk Board loses more of it trying to stop down the produc-
tion of milk, and loading it off to over-stored
kids if they don't succeed.
"It doesn't matter whether it's taxation or
anything else, the truth is that these firms are
chaps have got this money business all
wrong. Money is not a good thing, no more than
good folks get milk and anything else we can
produce when they want it, and as fast as
we can turn them out.
"If money ain't for that, then what is it for?
"If people by the million want milk, and
milk is there waiting for them, can any Hon.
Member tell us why they shouldn't have the
money to get it? What the people produce,
the money ought to be a natural result of their
work. People ought to be able to buy the
money on the roundabouts and tell folks
who want it that it's free because they pay for it back-handed.

"What I suggest first is abolishing taxa-
tion. Cut it out. I know it's an old Spanish
custom, but I've got another one of those for
you—dividends. Nobody objects to divi-
dends, and even if tax officers lost their un-
profitable jobs they'd have a chance to be
useful before they died besides having their dividends just like human beings.
"How is it to be done?
"Well, I've been into this question in my
quaint old English bank, the Royal Bank of
England; and the banking system works so
ordinary people like a bit of cash they can
handle.
"The sort they knock up at the bank—no,
Mr. Trencher, I'm speaking about pensions and
Chancellors so far as I can tell them, and I
suggest that's the sort of thing that the Treasury
prices round and tells folks who want it in debit
that it's free because they pay for it back-handed.

"Our job and the foreigners job, too, is
to make money do its work—feed the hungry,
cloth the cold, house the folks who live in
poverty, in a word, make people. That's what
that's done you can talk about foreign
markets still the cows come home, if you still
want to.
The Minister resumed his seat in disgust,
and Mr. Trencher became wheedling.
"Now, what about it, boys? My people
up north tell me they want National Divi-
dends with no more taxation and no monkey tricks with laws. I propose we switch the
Treasury lads off the Budget business—that
can wait till Doomsday—and put them on
dividends for all. Thall solve your milk
problem, and any others you've got up your
sleeves. I'm willing to serve on a committee
to see that the Treasury lads don't migrate
to the Bank of England for further instruc-
tions.

"Will anybody buy that one? And please
don't all speak at once.

"Now, the busy boys in my consti-
tuency up north, and places like it—pretty
good everywhere outside of Whitby—when they
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and off the streets. Why? Because they're in
the same boat as we are—they can produce, but
they can't sell.
"They haven't found out that goods are
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"The State and the banking system are
as "The nationalisation of banking."

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Religion and Poverty

Irrelevant

All that “Country Parish” says (March 12) is irrelevant to the analysis of poverty, which was the point of my letter, and a pertinent reply to his remarks on poverty. I did not mention, as I might have done, that, in any case, the Sermon on the Mount does not explain poverty, as that is shown to be an illusion.

The parish priest’s promise that the monk shall inherit the earth might be quoted in support of the argument. Presumably the “interim” period in which the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount hold good is still running, and compassion for the destitute has not become invalid.

The position is that the alma today merely lends support to a system of poverty and destitution and inevitables and increasing results.

Social Credit, therefore, being the only method by which the hungry can eat and the naked clothed (and that immediately and without protest or respect and bold sacred teaching of the Lord Jesus), is a vital social reform. It is not reserved by Christians from whom, alas! as a body, one has ceased to look for help or support in this matter.

Bromley, Kent
B. C. Best

Poverty—the Ideal

Here is a little game for your readers: spot the contradiction in the following passage by Mr. McInerney. (Social Credit, May 5.)—“There is no political issue in such an opinion as Catholic Social Credit.” Mr. McInerney evidently did not think it worth while to find out—that Catholic Action is not a political party, but that every political party should work in whatever party he belongs, to oppose evil and work for good. The idea of Catholic Action is to produce the results intended, measured in terms of their satisfaction,” to which His Holiness might comment: “Uneasy is our heart until it rests in them.” From the above page 6 onwards one notes “A difficult task” is common ground. Every Socialist is united in the idea that man “ought to be made to believe by no difficulty,” “daily more to take courage and be valiant,” to “oppose every manly feeling against unjust claims and unjust actions,” to “avoid every excess of political fanaticism and selection,” “not to urge their own ideas with undue persistence, but be ready to abandon or modify them if they should lose the greater good common to receive it. For one or more of the promoters of Catholic Action’s realises—as some already do—that Social Credit is not a theory but the practical working of “the men of good will” who are to “stand united.”

Social Credit

Social in Action

No logic

THE logic of those who seek to prove that a Christian should not concern himself with the problems of poverty amid plenty, is as flawed as that used in the demonstration that a recession is caused by the increase of the price of tuition. The fallacy is theological. There was a time when the Church was not at ease to stand aside from the world, before the middle of the seventeenth century, she fought the war, the financier, as a moral senator, and actually got laws passed prohibiting usury, etc. Is there no difference between the notion of poverty and plenty, and thus that God has abundantly provided our wants? The equity is not. They have no idea that the Development State is the modern solution and that the super mark is only a tool to get more people to buy the goods that are produced. The essay on Poverty in our May number is worth reading. Poverty is one of the topics that we should be discussing, with the idea of changing the state of the poor. The essay is well worth reading. I received it, so to speak, half-brick in hand, and was more than a little perturbed to think what would happen to them if the half-penny tax was abolished in the factories.

It was great to think of a world where no one had to think about the cost of living, or to wonder if there would be enough food for the hungry. The idea is a noble one, and I think it is very close to reality. There are many who think that the existence of a free world would bring about the end of poverty, and I think this is a realistic hope. The idea is not new, but it is still a powerful one. Let us then cease to tremble to think, and take to our work with joy. Even so, I cannot help trembling a little at the thought of what would happen if the “V. L. B. B. United Front against National Divisions” were to take their advice.

GEOFF DUBBS

THE CONSUMER


This is a book in which the author has not only given us the ideals which have inspired the Co-operative Movement from its inception to the present day, but has also given us a clear insight into the world of the developing economy. The movement, by its emphasis on the importance of the consumer, is closer to reality than the Utopias of most political dreamers.

All that can be said for the movement is that it has been a powerful one. In the past, there has been no apparent awareness that pre-industrial methods and systems were obsolete. The money issue is incompatible with the ideals of the Social Credit. In his preface the author says that the effective establishment, the establishing man-power, and the free man and the market, in people’s thought and action and in economic organisation and production, is the way to go. In the record of fifty years, the consumers’ co-operative movement has begun with all its hopes in Rochdale and now it has 28 million all over the world.

The NEW ERA

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YOUR unnamed clerical correspondent, a certain Mr. C. W. A. Donovan, in his letter (Social Credit, March 12) advocates poverty as “the ideal for mankind.”

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Gas Protection For Less Than Three Hours!

If every family of Britain could afford to set aside a room for gas-proofing as protection against gas attack it would be at best secure protection.

This is one of the conclusions drawn by Cambridge Scientists on their visit to Aerial Attack" (Victor Gollancz, 2s.6d.).

Cambridge Scientists Anti-War group in overcrowded known chemical will extinguish thermite.

Actually one million people have no such will "throw miners out of work," unused for the same reason or because they employed to the full.

That the official gas mask will give no possible will be extremely fortunate if they survive it, and quite unbelievably lucky if they are living in conditions officially described as secure is shown by the report that the Bank is preparing to duplicate all its records and is in a disposition in Wales for safe keeping.

This report demonstrates a surprising situation in which none of those whose financial policy of export or stahe has brought about the result that Japan has raised the level of wages by standard methods for avoiding death by fire, gas and explosion a matter of urgency.

They believe apparently that the survivors of another war will be helpless, for neither water nor any on the system that brought it about. Evidently they think it possible to fool the people all through the ordinary methods to maintain the financial system that brought it about by fostering an economic warfare that led to the real warfare.

First Year of The Fig Tree

SCOOP FOR MARCH ISSUE

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Advance Extract From His New Book

WITH the March number, now on sale.

Tom Firgrove (p. 5) has turned out with his first year of publication. This time a year ago the idea of a quarterly magazine was taking concrete form. But since the first number appeared, the work of a loyal body of contributors has been made possible by an enormous—numerous—crowd of advance subscribers.

About four hundred of these individuals have already justified the demand of last sub-

secretariat, HOW TO GET IT

THE FIG TREE has secured a "scoop" in the publication in advance of a section from Major Douglass's new book, "The Restoration of Property," by Alfred Jefferies, the Rev. G. Robertson, and M. J. de Guiss, complete the body of the magazine.

HURRAHS FOR DEATH PIT

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM CANADA, particularly those on the Social Credit side, have been announcing in the House of Commons last week that Whitehaven Colliery in Cumberland would be re-opened.

The Whitehaven pits put out run in the sea. In 1910, 137 men were killed in an explosion, 12 were killed in 1912, and 13 killed in 1916 were engaged in opening a part of the pit after an explosion in 1916 which killed 13 men.

These figures show that those who work in Whitehaven are working under the shadow of death.

GREAT BRITAIN will distribute the publicity that is now released only for the fundamental purpose of competing with other countries—hence war for export markets.

With the National Disasters league which is now restricted to their own country, there is no set of the safety devices that are not used, because they are "too expensive," and the many labour-saving machines unused for the same reason or because they are "too expensive out of work," will be employed to the full.

Work will be recognized as a means to an end, and that end a full life—plenty for all.

BETTER LIVING, LESS CRIME

Crime will decrease with the coming of healthy, decent housing conditions declares Edward Cadogan, author of "The Roots of Evil," just published. (Murray, 6s.)

WOMAN TELLS POVERTY BOARD

MEMBERS of the Oslo Poverty Board (the Municipal Council committee) were entertained by the Municipal Council of Aker (district surrounding Oslo) at a ban-

lunch last month.

Mrs. Sigrid Gustafson, member of the Poverty Board and General Consular and Norwegian Conservative Member of Parliament 1924-

1927, said: "There is clearly a serious discrepancy in the connection of 'feast' and 'poverty'.

Two years ago Major C. H. Douglas and Dr. Hewlett Johnson visited Oslo. I was struck by their phrase 'poverty in the midst of plenty.' It burned in my mind.

There was dead silence as Mrs. Gustafson, addressing herself particularly to the Deputy Mayor of Aker, a lawyer closely connected with Norwegian banking, asked him to use his influence with his banking friends to induce them to lend a willing ear to the suggestions and demands that are being put forward urging them to abandon the scheme and scandal of 'poverty amid plenty.'

R.M.