Arms Boom After Slump—“Rationalisation” Means Higher Prices All Round

THE rise of prices which the economists have been crying for is upon us. Rearmament, the biggest programme of public works short of war, is directed by its very nature to diminish “rationalisation” in past years.

The direct monetary effect of the Government’s borrowing has been a steep and fairly continuous rise in the price of the armaments metals—tin, copper, lead and zinc. The Economist’s index number, based on September, 1933, as an average, has increased by 100% since then and prices will continue to rise.

Everybody with a fixed income will find it harder and harder to make ends meet. Economies in the house are bound to ensue. They will be resisted, there will be bitter noises. Higher wages will be asked for—monopoly will pay higher rent—new taxes will go into the coffers.

We are being pitched into a CAULDRON OF INFLATION. This is the price we have to pay for false hopes. Everything else we wanted.

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Before the “sit down” strike inaugurated by the United Electrical Ranks and Engineering Union in the United States the United States Steel Corporation quite unexpectedly abandoned the attitude it had maintained throughout the years of its existence and formally “recognized” an “outside” union as a proper collective bargaining agency for its employees, “and thereby,” as the Times points out, “probably signed the death warrant of the principal obstacles to the ultimate control of American industrial organisation by organized labour.”

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New Terms For

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CONLABORAL—a member of the "Social Credit" Labour Union of the United Front for usurping the lives and liberties of the people. You will notice that the middle part of the word is "labor," which gives them their fasces, labor (or fascism) being a brand of fascism.

Conlaborals agree to disagree about almost everything except that work is good and plenty of it is necessary. They collaborate to depict the people of the available resources to keep the labour (or fascism) quite an amusing squabble in which they hope to choose between complicated pro-grams of making work and remuneration plans. This they call Democracy!

The main idea being that so large a section of the community shall be "comfortably off." which, they say, will improve the social content of the people.

This policy, of course, calls for the restriction of a vast amount of production which would otherwise raise the standard of living to a comfortably high level.

For instance, the Labour government started off by restricting coal production by means of Marketing Boards, which under the National Government have carried on this work in much the same way by limiting the sale of sugar, milk, pigs, potatoes, etc. Indeed, the festivals of this year have excited a great deal of cotton spinning, shipbuilding, and many other industries. There is still the emotional solicitude to justify that we want to get back and show that we can do it even better if we are given a free hand which they do not have before, they explain.

The Liberals, of course, aren't quite sure which side to take, but at the last election they favoured putting every body to work by raising a huge loan which they would like to work even harder to pay off. The National Government have carried on this work in much the same way by asking the people to do the same work again. That is the section which does work in the best interests of the British. The Conlaborals are still in business.

TheColour and Disgrace

The familiar and striking outlines of the Malvern Hills are hidden in the leafy beauty that part of the West Country. They form a part of the inheritance that the people who live, but unless these same people are prepared to exert their authority, the familiar curves will be marred for all generations to come.

The situation is as follows:

The Malvern Hill Granite Company proposes to quarry in the hills near the town of Malvern. The Malvern Urban District Council at first refused permission, but an appeal was made against this decision last October, and it is now believed that the appeal is to go on.

The power to give, or to refuse, permission for the quarrying lies with the local District Council. The power to control the Malvern District Council lies with the local ratepayers. There is no one else. They elected the Council. They can bring pressure to bear upon it to protect their rights. They intend to do so.

For them is the choice of the proper functioning of Democracy. If they do not, then the whole business will be a permanent memorial of the failure of those who live within its shadow to prevent the actions of their elected ser-

vants.

Everything for the Best

Higher car taxation will assist motor bicycle sales. (But no, it isn't!)

And a tax on cyles will assist the foot-

wear trade.

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The guile of some people is so blinding that it is comparatively easy for the authorities to keep the nasty parts out of sight.

In the spite of the Money Payments Act, which came into operation in January, 1919, no one dared to be caught.

But they were impressed with debt of less than a year, of whom 9,000 were in default in payment of fines or rates.

By Lad, Sir

SIR THOMAS IPSKIP was defending the policy of the Government last week when asked at the Labour front. Refering to the large policy which was adopted at the time, he said that this would increase the cost of living, or diminish the social services, he said in the exhibition of the opposite.

This means that the Government's plan will increase the cost of living, or diminish the social services.

So let us oppose it all we can!

Our Story

The road worn will never be repaired according to a recent new law. The road runs inland from Port

Noleoth, a Cape Colony seaport with 5,000 inhabitants. As it is the main road repairs were begun some months ago, and road gangs were set to work on its ruts and pot holes.

The work has only been carried out and the men were recalled.

The story ends there—no sequel is needed. But what about the decent road, and people who want a few diamonds, there is no knowing what may happen.

Ickabod

REGARDED by 600 per cent. of American and Canadian radio editors as the most important broadcast of the year, "Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free" is now available to read about American radio reporters who made this gramophone record.

We are not allowed to buy it ourselves.

Dissolutely Put

PURCHASED from a City of London merchant certain canaries for 500/- per half price," reads a recent advertisement. "At a party where prices are rapidly rising this offer is indeed remarkable. "Feast carpets are held by the Conlaboral, merchants of the City of London for a company which has now ceased to trade." And a tax on cycles will assist the foot-

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Spent Force

Sir Stafford Cripps distinguished himself last week by "the worst class" to refuse to make armaments. "I am a socialist," he said, "and I congratulate the most glorious opportunity that the workers have ever had if you will only use the necessity of capitalism in order to throw your weight.

Exceed the first prospect of a steady job for about fifteen years it is not likely that they will try anything except the first time when they hear this claim call.

Sir Stafford Cripps' remarks need not be taken very seriously, they will merely provide ammunition for his political opponents.

In the course of his speech, however, he did say one thing which was sound and correct—"Money cannot armaments"—but he spoiled it by going on—"Arms cannot be made by the skill of the British working class."

The skill and ingenuity of many generations of inventors into the making of armaments, which of 1906, the Duke of Windsor's abdication speech is selling like hot cakes as a gramophone record in the U.S. Universities and libraries are storing copies for future generations to hear. Parents buy it in pons on their children.

In England, the country whose throne the Duke of Windsor renounced (described in a well-known pre-war song as "Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free") we are still allowed to read about American radio reporters who made this gramophone record.

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REPORTED ALBERTA "REBELS" ARE BEATING ABERHART

THE new budget, presented last week to the Alberta Legislature by the new Treasurer, Mr. Solon Low, successor to Mr. Cockcroft, who resigned recently, had two items of special interest.

First, the new government is in taxation, more particularly on corporations, including banks and insurance companies.

Second—provision is to be made to give the Government very wide powers to license various industries, trades, and occupation.

The increased licence revenue from this source is estimated at $4,000,000, but the real purpose of these measures, according to The Times, is to give the Government a chance to carry out the acceptance of "Alberta credit."

According to reports now reaching this country a body of 35 private members of the Government have revolted against the leadership of Premier Aberhart.

The Government at present hold 56 seats out of 63.

The 35 members, who thus have a majority, are expected to introduce "Social Credit" legislation along the lines advocated by Major Douglas.

It is stated that Mr. Aberhart has not been consulted regarding the new bill, having lost the control of its sponsors "owing to his inability to make good his promises of dividends of $5 a month for all." (See also page 5)

Social Credit Candidates Must Answer Democrats

The Farnham by-election is providing local United Democrats with opportunities to test the democratic calibre of the candidates.

Each candidate is being approached to "state clearly and unequivocally whether he is prepared at any time to act promptly in accordance with the wishes of a majority of his constituents, as clearly expressed to him from time to time."

It is a searching question, and the electors of Farnham will do well to ponder the answers given.

Only a clear "yes" is consonant with democracy—which is government by the will of the majority.

Any refusal to reply, any hedging, can only mean that a candidate is setting up as a better judge than his constituents as to what is good for them.

Any argument that a particular candidate is so endowed with wisdom that he is a better judge than the people who elected him is preposterous.

It is very unlikely that he would be, even if he were, that would not be democracy.

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By the efforts of United Democrats in Farnham and elsewhere we shall in due course establish the true principles of democracy and enter into the new age.

The only enduring order of society is that in which the individuals composing it are leaving alone what they want from association.

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Father Drinkwater Asks: Is Poverty God's Will?

FATHER F. H. DRINKWATER, Birmingham Catholic priest, made another attack on the money power from his pulpit on Sunday night.

He was speaking on “Private Property.” He remarked that of all the fears which haunt the modern world, the anxiety about losing a job is the most widespread and constant.

Was that God's will? He thought not. By the very fact of creating man, God meant that man should create whatever he needed for his life and activity.

MONEYLenders

God intended man to have some property of his own—a small holding of his own, a garden, an allotment, a house. The land shall be accessible to everybody. Unfortunately, the Government's whole policy about land was ruled by financiers, everything must be made available to the London moneylenders.

The newspaper, they said, must be put forth, and our food must be bought from abroad, even if that meant hitting the land of England to waste and preventing the unemployed from working in our own land. Mr. Neville Chamberlain had confessed that that was the Government's economic policy in England.

Today we had $16,000,000 of derelict land in this country, and more than $10,000,000 acres were going out of cultivation every year.

"We have to admit," said Father Drinkwater, "that Our Lord is all on the side of spending, and not much for saving.... Too much saving shows that there is something wrong with the circulation of money...."
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Twice in the past year, legislation arbitrarily reducing the legal claims of creditors proved particularly hard in Alberta, reduced the interest payable on government bonds, and, in August, reduced both the number and principal of private debts owing by individuals.

Both Acts have been found unconstitutional by court rulings given last month, and in the case of private debts a moratorium has now been declared for sixty days, to prevent what would otherwise have been a collapse of mortgages when the government tried to find a solution.

A few months ago the provinces were overburdened with taxation, the drought and dust storms had made even the richest farms in Alberta an unprofitable investment, and the farmers' movement which was useful to them in discrediting the achievements of the farmers' movement which was useful to them in discrediting the achievements of the farmers of the Dominion, and the relations of the Provincial Government and the Bank of Canada, which the Royal Commission is but another attempt to report on the taxation system of the Dominion, and the relations of the Provincial Government, with which the present Commission is also concerned, to begin with its report, but which is destined to report on the taxation system of the Dominion, and the relations of the Provincial Government.

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Forced to 'Rescue'
The Federal Government was therefore forced to go to the Ottawa to remove these two provinces.

A few days after the refusal of assistance to Alberta, receiving the beginning of the month in April, 1936, the Bank of Canada loaned £10,000,000 to Saskatchewan CREDIT for November 6, £5,000,000 of which funds were written off as a result of the intervention of the Federal Government.

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Mr. Millichap Has a Change of Heart

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An Interim Survey

By Major C. H. Douglas

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AIR Raid Precautions lectures are being given in country districts.

In the Kentish Times they have a “Tea-time Gossip” column for women, the writer tells how one woman had her attention to the lecture, saying, “If things come to such a pass, I would rather spend the money on a revolver and shoot my husband.”

Commenting on this, the gossip-writer says that war is the price the Moderns have to pay for their present-day comforts and amenities.

“Yes,” let them not forget, she says, “they would have wonders of mankind, yet those who govern think more often in terms of power, profit, and destruction, rather than in terms of peace, progress, and cooperation.”

They should also add immensely to our comfort and health.

I would like this woman who is so fond of the past to have a glimpse of one of our big hospitals early in last century before the advance of science. Science was made possible by Letter’s discoveries.

She would see a few sights that would make her thankful to be alive. Sir Frederick Treves tells how surgeons wore the same overall for months, proud of the tales it told. One day, with the modern hospital, with its X-ray, chromium plate, glass plate, and instruments of super-human precision. Who would wish to go back?

It is very important for women to be clear about these things. For it is to the home that science has been able to give some of its greatest blessings in the easing of daily drudgery. And we should not get them with gladdness if we are lucky enough to have the chance.

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THE BANKER RULES THE WAVES

By William Bell

The world is facing a serious shortage of scrap-steel, says the Director of the British Iron and Steel Federation. The Federation has been asked by the Government to Subsidy to Tramp Shipping. Yet Government spokesmen have often talked for having reduced our idle tonnage without their explaining that the reduction of our 'obsolete' merchant ships was the direct result of the shipowners being encouraged by law to sell their 'obsolete' hulls.

We Must Have Better Houses

MINISTER of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, warned builders last week that increasing regard must be given to quality as well as to quantity in housing operations.

Nothing was worse than ugly sporadic building, he said, and we must do all we could to secure the preservation of the amenities and beauty of our towns. But it was just as important to create buildings of architectural merit as to refrain from destroying them.

He hoped local authorities would fully exercise their powers to inspect houses during construction and secure reasonable com-

overdrafts

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OVERDRAFTS

When overdrafts and debentures were reduced to "safer" proportions the bankers permitted the Exchequer to grant the Subsidy for Tramp-shipping.

Hence the sale of "safest" ships at "scrap" values to the Japanese and other foreigners.

Hence their foreign 'passengers' ability to compete at freight-rates so low as to be

reduces.

Production Reduced

Since 1913 millions employed in Lanark-shire have fallen from 65,000 to 18,000; coal production has dropped from 115 million tons in 1913 to 20 million tons last year.

TRADE CONTROL

AGRICULTURE

Anyone who is in close touch with farming opinion, will admit that there is a sense of frustration, which sometimes finds expression in bitter complaints from farmers in competition with the improving condition of most of the country's great industries. — "The Times," March 8.

These problems arise entirely from the attempt to control the output of the trade. When the depression was not everybody was so concerned with what they thought was redundant plant that they sought a method of controlling the erection of new plant.

For nearly two years the control of the industry has been making representations against the erection of new blue furnaces and have delayed the expansion of plant to meet the require-

ments of the consumer.

The whole scheme is now turned into a vast debating society. The trains from the North of England to London are loaded with steel company directors, each of whom in turn can describe incidents of the company's business in which they have been carrying backwards and forwards for months.

In former days directors of companies were able to make and own decisions, in a few minutes, or after a short investigation. Today many of them are at their own peril in not opposing the plans of the commissioner. — "The Economist," March 8.

Service Cut, Rates Up

Liverpool's City Council ordered the public

assistance committee to reduce its estimates by £750,000 last year, in an endeavour to balance their budget.

During the winter, the poor have suffered additional hardships in consequence, and still the Council is faced with an overplus of £500,000, instead of a reduction. This will add a further factor to the over---------------