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Arms Boom After Slump "Rationalisation" Means Higher Prices All Round FIXED-WAGE EARNERS HARDEST HIT

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 doing its work, accentuated by the shortage of productive plant due to insane "rationalisation" in past years.

The first inflationary effect of the Government's borrowing has been a steep and fairly continuous rise in the price of the armament metals—tin, copper, lead and zinc. The *Economist's* index number, based on September, 1931, as 100, is now 140.8.

Everybody with a fixed income will find it harder and harder to make ends meet. Demands for higher wages will come. They will be resisted, there will be bitter strikes. Higher wages will be won—and will send prices up higher yet.

We are being pitchforked into a cauldron containing the last hell's brew of the financial monopoly.

In the United States it is rumoured that President Roosevelt will make an appeal to the British Government to slacken the rearmament drive.

The success of the New Deal is stated to depend on world peace and stability.

Perhaps it is. A real new deal for the United States would not be so dependent, since within its own borders the United States can produce enough and more than enough for all.

Meanwhile we have contracted to spend £277,685,000 on the Navy, Army and Air Force—an amount 50 per cent. higher than the total national expenditure in any year before the war.

Demands of the rearmament programme have increased the price of metals and timber to such an extent that remote villages all over the country, scheduled for early electrification, must now wait until arms needs have been met. That is the effect of years of rationalisation.

The price of copper, necessary for transmission lines and transformers, has gone up from £30 to nearly £100 a ton. Steel, when it is obtainable, is 15 per cent. dearer, but there is none to be had for pylons.

Timber for poles is 20 per cent. dearer. The cost of cables, over and above the increase in the price of raw copper, has gone up 20 per cent. for no explainable reason.

Labour, in terms of rural electrification, has not increased in cost.

Because of these increases in prices electricity authorities have now been forced to abandon their schemes.

If there had never been any artificial restriction of supplies, everybody could enjoy the benefits of electricity; we could have our battleships, airplanes, guns and everything else we wanted.

This is the price we have to pay for false economics.

And we shall have to pay a similar price—if war comes—in short rations of food, for agricultural policy does not plan to make available to the country the produce of our rich and fertile lands. If there is no market, food is not produced; or the produce is ploughed in or destroyed—and you can't grow wheat overnight.

Rapid C.I.O. Successes Look Fishy

IS U.S. LABOUR UNION WINNING SHAM BATTLES?

THERE is something more than meets the eye in the rapid and repeated successes in the United States of the Committee for Industrial Organisation (C.I.O.), the vertical trade union organised by John L. Lewis.

Before the "sit down" strike inaugurated by the new union, the United States Steel Corporation quite unexpectedly abandoned the attitude it had maintained throughout the 45 years of its existence and formally "recognised" 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 conquest of American industry by organised labour."

The victory of C.I.O. has enormously enhanced its prestige at the expense of the Federation of Labour, and it may be that from now on the latter will have a hard struggle to survive.

It seems possible that the C.I.O. is more the sort of organisation which suits certain people high up—that would be a good reason for letting the old A.F. of L. take the knock.

Be that as it may, as even *The Times* points out, "an entirely new era in labour relations is opening up at the far end of which is the possibility—not yet an inevitable development—of all the labour throughout the country being organised into unions and made responsible to the Government. For the moment the C.I.O. gets the credit for making a breach in the citadel of anti-unionism, but there was more to the surrender of the steel companies than a

mere recognition of the power of the C.I.O. to coerce them."

The whole operation smells like our old enemy P.E.P. If you have Marketing Boards for Pigs, why not Marketing Boards for Labour?

"Express" Readers Asked To "Soak" Each Other

THE *Daily Express*, national newspaper which could exert influence over 2,192,000 readers, asked them to tell the Chancellor of the Exchequer how they would raise the £40,000,000 he will need to find in the next financial year.

Readers made heavy demands for taxes on aliens' earnings, on football pools, Stock Exchange speculation, bicycles, and luxury goods, particularly cosmetics, and for State lotteries.

The idea that taxation is the only way to raise money for national needs is perpetuated by a newspaper which has shown at times common sense in directing public thought along the simple lines we advocate.

This newspaper could do far more good if it would cease to mislead its readers into choosing various methods of "soaking" each other while plenty for all is available.

The choice is not "how shall we be taxed—this way or that way?"

Taxation is quite unnecessary where production is being restricted, and the *Daily Express* should tell its readers that the only conditions in which taxation, sacrifices, belt-tightening could be justified are conditions of scarcity.

Fancy the *Daily Express* perpetuating the worn-out Socialist fallacy that the poor are poor because the rich are rich!

Instead of asking non-technical readers to suggest technicalities, let the *Daily*

Budget Day Is Monday, April 19. Here is an open letter to the Chancellor

AS you are the paid servant of the people, will you be good enough to explain, either in the House or out of it, why the nation's credit—which is unquestionably the property of the community—is not used for financing the Defence Scheme, instead of persisting in the wicked device of borrowing from financiers and getting the nation into their debt?

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This vital question is looming up stronger and stronger in our awakening democracy. If you will not, or cannot, answer it, I fear the future is going to be very unpleasant for those in whom, like yourself, we have placed our trust.

You are rapidly losing that trust. You can only regain it by stopping this everlasting and scandalous debt system of financing national requirements.

J. CREAGH SCOTT
(Lt.-Colonel)

Wood Cottage,
Okehampton,
Devon.

IT'S CRAZY

ALTHOUGH Jarrow is one of the hardest hit towns in the country it has been able, "because of the carefulness and thriftiness of the tenants on Corporation housing estates," to lend money to its more prosperous neighbouring borough, Wallsend. Wallsend Finance and General Purposes Committee has borrowed £2,800 from Jarrow Corporation.

A Present

FOR YOUR FRIENDS

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Express ask them simple questions of policy.

Ask them what results they want; not how to get them—still less how to get results they don't want.

If the *Daily Express* really wants to know the best way of dealing with the present ghastly financial and economic muddle that our bankers, economists, and Treasury experts have got us into, it is contained on page 3, under the title "Brighten Bankers Brains."

Predicts Another 3d. Sacrifice

SIR Robert Horne, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, last week forecast that in the Budget the income tax would be raised to 5s. in the £.

Addressing Unionist teachers in Glasgow, he said that the sacrifices demanded of our people were as nothing compared with the sacrifices that the rulers of Germany were exacting from their people.

Seems an odd reason for demanding sacrifices when none are necessary, seeing that Britain has sufficient inherent wealth in equipment, labour and skill to provide not only all the arms that are necessary but all other necessities—and luxuries.

Animals Are Better Fed

Superintendent Geoffrey Marr Veevers, of the London Zoo, confesses: "Both in point of view of hygiene and proper feeding, the animals in the Zoo are far ahead of the national standard for members of the working class."

New Terms For Political Realists

III.—CONLABORAL

CONLABORAL—a member of the Conservative - Labour - Liberal United Front for usurping the lives and energies of the people. You will notice that the middle part of the word is "labor," which gives them their motto, "labor omnia vincit" (work suppresses everything).

Conlaborals agree to disagree about almost everything except that work is good and plenty is bad for the people. In fact, they conlaborate together to deprive the people of the available abundance and leisure by keeping up quite an amusing squabble in which the wretched electors are asked to choose between complicated programmes of making work and restricting plenty. This they call Democracy!

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The main idea being to ensure that no large section of the community shall be "comfortably off," which, they say, saps character, initiative, etc., they have arranged to split the field between them, the Tories specialising in protecting the poor from the dangers of too large an income, while the Socialists concentrate on making those who could otherwise afford some degree of comfort as uncomfortable as possible. It must be admitted, however, that of late years the Tories have been poaching unfairly on this ground.

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

Thus, for instance, the Labour Government started off by restricting coal production, and setting up a number of Marketing Boards, which under the National Government have carried on the good work of restricting milk, pigs, potatoes, etc. Indeed, the Tories have gone one better by restricting cotton spinning, shipbuilding, fishing, etc., thus making the Socialists so jealous that they want to get back and show that they can do it even better if they are only given a free hand, which they did not have before, they explain!

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As for the Liberals, they aren't quite sure which side to take, but at the last election they favoured putting everybody to work by raising a huge loan which the next generation would then have to work even harder to pay off. The National Government is now trying its hand at this, but is getting alarmed that there will not be enough next generation to repay it.

It is only fair to add that the Coshists jeer at the whole Conlaboral squabble and insist on having one of their own, as they think that people should be honestly beaten up and forced to work, rather than cheated into voting themselves into it. However, Conlaboral methods are tending more and more towards Coshism, of which the aforementioned Marketing Boards are a fine example. C.G.D.

★ **COMMENTARY** ★

On the Up and Up

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD, Member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities, told 600 students at Glasgow University Union the other day: "We old men are going to leave behind us an heritage which will give you a good deal of trouble."

Grace or Disgrace

THE familiar and striking outlines of the Malvern Hills are deeply woven into the peculiar beauty of that part of the West Country. They form a part of the natural inheritance of the people who live there, 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 quarrying is agreed to.

The Malvern Hills Conservators have protested.

The Council for the Preservation of Rural England has strenuously opposed the project.

The Prime Minister himself, who represents the constituency in Parliament, is said to regret the marring of this beauty spot.

Meanwhile, the quarrying is to go on!

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The power to give, or to refuse, permission for the quarrying lies with the local District Council, as they have already shown. The power to control the Malvern District Council lies with the people of Malvern, and with no one else. They elected the Council. They can bring pressure to bear upon it to protect their native landscape from this indignity.

It is for them to devise the method of bringing pressure, and to apply it. If they choose to do so, nothing can withstand them, and they will have played their part in the proper functioning of democracy. If they do not, then the blemished breast of Malvern will remain as a permanent memorial of the failure of those who live within its shadow to control the actions of their elected servants.

Everything for the Best

HIGHER CAR TAXATION WILL ASSIST MOTOR BICYCLE SALES.—*City page headline, "Evening Standard."*

Yes! and a higher motor bicycle tax will assist cycle sales.

And a tax on cycles will assist the footwear trade.

And a footwear tax will of course assist the motor trade. And so on!

The Crime of Poverty

THE scandal of prison for debt, so movingly exposed by that great Victorian novelist, Charles Dickens, is still with us.

Like poverty itself and its attendant evils of starvation, disease, madness and suicide, the public is carefully schooled to ignore the existence of imprisonment for the crime of poverty.

Where ignorance of other people's misery is bliss it is comparatively easy for the authorities to keep the nasty parts out of sight.

In spite of the Money Payments Act, which came into operation in January, 1936, no fewer than 11,623 people were imprisoned for debt last year, of whom 8,888 were in default in payment of fines or rates.

By Gad, Sir

SIR THOMAS INSKIP was defending the Government defence plan in a speech at Farnham at the week-end. Referring to the charge that they were adopting a plan which would increase the cost of living or diminish the social services, he said:

"It will do the exact opposite." This means that the Government's plan to borrow £400,000,000 and expend £1,500,000,000 on defence will decrease the cost of living and augment the social services. So the opposition was all wet!

Queer Story

THE worst road in the world will never be repaired according to a recent news item. The road runs inland from Port

Nolloth, 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.

Suddenly all work was stopped and the men were recalled.

They had been finding diamonds — the road runs near the Alexander Bay diamond fields, and the roadmen were getting hundreds of pounds.

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

Ichabod

REGARDED by 80 per cent. of American and Canadian radio editors as the most impressive broadcast of 1936, 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 to pass on to 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 Americans buying this gramophone record.

We are not allowed to buy it ourselves.

Delicately Put

PURCHASED from a City of London banker—3,000 Indo-Persian carpets at half price," reads a recent advertisement. "At a time when carpet prices are rapidly rising this offer is indeed remarkable. These carpets have been held by Merchant Bankers in the City of London for a company which has now ceased to trade."

Spent Forces

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS distinguished himself last week by urging "the working class" to refuse to make armaments.

"Today," he said, "you have the most glorious opportunity that the workers have ever had if you will only use the necessity of Capitalism in order to get power yourselves."

This inglorious and futile yelp is made in fact to one section only of the working class. That is the section which does work in the armament trade.

Faced with the first prospects of a steady job for about fifteen years it is not likely that many of them will do anything except spit when they hear this clarion call.

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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 make armaments"—but he spoiled it by going on—"Armaments can only be made by the skill of the British working class."

The skill and ingenuity of many generations of inventors go into the making of armaments, which are made chiefly by wonderful machinery tended by a few men who are still diminishing in number.

The tragedy of the Labour Party is that labour is a diminishing factor in production. For everybody else it is a victory.

Demand National Whatsanames

SOON after a recent election an Electoral Campaign worker asked a man who had signed the electors' demand (see back page) how he had voted. "National, of course," was the reply. "Why, I signed pledge for National Dividend."

The Guilty Conscience

PEOPLE in the steel trade are inclined to become angry and blustering if anybody suggests that they are getting anything out of rearmament.

Last week in Sheffield there was quite an outcry. Sheffield's recovery, screamed the local headlines, was "natural"—it had nothing to do with rearmament.

Now if steel firm A and steel firm B supply steel under slump conditions to the building trades and the government decides to spend a lot on rearmament, what happens?

Even before the Government spends any of the promised money firms in and con-

nected with armaments borrow money from the banks and start preparing for the good times ahead.

Well, steel firm A begins to get loaded up with this new business, and does very nicely, thank you: "Nothing to do with armaments."

And steel firm B gets all the building trade business that firm A is now being forced to refuse. "Nothing to do with armaments, either."

Assurance, Indeed!

THE assets of the Prudential Assurance Company are now just under £316,000,000, which is equal to about half of the total British National Debt in the year before the war.

The revenue of the Prudential last year was approximately £53,000,000, which is more than the total yield of income and super-tax before the war.

As we are often compelled to admit, it is perfectly true that the banks and insurance companies do not yet own the whole of the British Isles.

Only give them time.

Italy's Falling Birth-Rate

IMMEDIATELY after declaring to the world that Italy must have room to expand due to overcrowding, Mussolini now shows grave concern over the falling birth-rate.

His real concern over shortage of babies is, of course, not so innocent as it sounds. Modern States need men as cannon fodder for industry, and in consequence of their export drive as cannon fodder for wars.

He attempts to secure this human fodder by offering privileges to the married and bonuses to mothers. But nothing can get over the fact that the standard of living in Italy is falling and it is becoming more and more difficult to bring children up, or to offer them reasonable prospects for the future.

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Brighten Bankers' Brains

We do not want Parliament to pass laws resembling treatises on economics.

What we want is for Parliament to pass a minimum of laws, which laws will seriously penalise the heads of any industry, and banking and finance in particular, if they do not produce the results desired.

I will be specific. I think that the chairmen, superior officials, and branch managers of all banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions, should be licensed. The fee for such a license should in the first place be moderate. Say £100 if the individual retains his post indefinitely. For any change in the personnel within a period of, say, five years, not due to death or disability, a very substantial increase in the license should be imposed. The general policy to be pursued by finance should then be imposed by Parliament, and no interference with the details of banking, insurance or other finance should be permitted. If the policy imposed by Parliament is not achieved within a reasonable time, a sufficient number of chairmen and other officials of financial institutions should have their licenses withdrawn; and the very greatly enhanced fee (I should suggest one thousand times the original license) exacted for the new licenses should be applied to the reduction of general taxation.

I have no doubt whatever that some such policy as this would brighten the brains of bankers who are unable to see any way out of our present difficulties, and I commend this policy to the governments of New Zealand and Alberta in place of the assumption of responsibility for technical details to which they appear to have committed themselves.—Major C. H. Douglas at Liverpool on October 30.

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—a further increase 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 every industry, trade, and occupation.

The increased licence revenue from this source is estimated at \$40,000 (£8,000), but the real purpose of these measures, according to *The Times*, is to give the Government power to compel 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.

THERE IS

There ought to be some method by which the House of Commons could say in general terms what changes it wants and leave it to experts to carry out its intentions.

SCRUTATOR in the *Sunday Times* (see "Brighten Bankers' Brains")

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 confidence of its sponsors "owing to his inability to make good his promises of dividends of £5 a month to all."

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FARNHAM CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER DEMOCRATS

THE Farnham bye-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 people.

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

Any argument that a particular candidate is so endowed with wisdom that he is a better judge is beside the point.

It is very unlikely that he would be, but 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 the new age.

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

Labour Is A Spent Force



IT is announced from England this week that the Independent Labour party, the Socialist League and the Communist party have decided to form a United Front. This new coalition, denoting a further swing away from official Labour, is remarkable chiefly as another indication of how Labour is a spent force, unable even to hold, much less to strengthen, its position. Nor is this surprising. For the blunt statement of fact is that Labour has practically no programme and scarcely an ounce of fight.

In England this was displayed to a notorious degree over the events connected with the displacing of Edward VIII., when Labour's principal press organ was found writing in such a strain as to be quoted with patronising approval by the *London Times*: "...in the admirable words of the *Daily Herald* yesterday..."

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ON the Sunday before the public attack on King Edward was launched the most influential unofficial Labour journal in England had for its principal news feature that the King, as the result of his South Wales visit, had demanded the immediate preparation of a bill to deal with the destitution in these areas and had requested that the draft of it be shown to him before being presented to Parliament.

Yet a fortnight later the same journal, hailing the deposition of Edward as a victory over Fascism, could write editorially that the people "refused to sacrifice a principle—the principle that the Cabinet of the day, custodian of the people's prerogative, is supreme over the Throne," and that, in consequence, "Political Democracy can face the graver social problems now before it in good heart."

A week earlier the *American Journal*, *Time*, had reported: "It is understood that Mr. Baldwin's meeting with Mr. Attlee"—the English Labour leader—"established a common front of the Conservative and Labour parties" on their attitude to the crisis which they themselves precipitated.

A United Front between Conservatism and political Labour, between the *Times* and the *Daily Herald*.

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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 haunted the modern world, the anxiety about losing a job was the most widespread and continual.

Was that God's will? He thought not. By the very fact of creating man, God meant that man should have whatever was necessary 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 should be accessible to everybody. Unfortunately, the Government's whole policy about land was ruled by financiers; everything must be made to pay the London moneylenders.

Export trade, they said, must be put first, and our food must be bought from abroad, even if that meant letting the land of England go to waste and preventing the unemployed from working on it. Only last week Mr. Neville Chamberlain had confessed that that was the Government's policy.

Today we had 16,000,000 acres of derelict land in this country, and more than 100,000 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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The Work War

ON August 14, 1936, we said "Spain has gone mad, just as, at almost any moment, the world may go mad. And to what end? That a policy of compulsory work for all may be imposed."

That this was true, if the Government won the civil war, was proven by the fact that it stands for Socialism and Communism, both of which are based on the idea of a work state.

Now General Franco himself has openly "come into line."

In an interview with Major F. Yeats-Brown, published in the *Observer* for March 14, he said of the new constitution which he hopes to impose: "We shall allow no parasites. Every Spaniard will have to work according to his capacity."

The Russian form, as incorporated in the constitution introduced last year, is: "Toil in the U.S.S.R. is an obligation . . . He who does not work does not eat."

THE main difference between the ideals for which Spaniards are destroying each other and their country would appear to be only as to who are to be the slave drivers; or, at most, who should have the larger share of an unsufficiency, when in fact there is plenty for all.

Major Yeats-Brown says that "we in England are misinformed about the situation in Spain."

But readers of SOCIAL CREDIT knew last August that, whichever side won, the Spanish people would lose such vestiges of freedom as they previously enjoyed and would become units in yet another slave state.

Indistinguishable

EVEN Lord Lloyd, described by Hannen Swaffer as "Chief of the Diehards," went Left on Tuesday, according to that very pink columnist in the *Daily Herald*.

The occasion was a Mansion House meeting of the Navy League at which, as president, Lord Lloyd made a speech asking for funds for its Sea Cadet Corps.

The portion of the speech quoted by Mr. Leftist Swaffer to show how "Left" Lord Lloyd had gone was as follows:

"THE War Office has told us that two out of every three applicants for enlistment have been rejected as unfit. What a terrible indictment of the system in this country—two out of every three who wish to serve the country thrown back because they are not physically fit!

"Then Sir Norman Hill estimates that 70 per cent. never get a chance of looking after their bodies or having physical training! There is an echo in the criminal courts, where, as a result of national neglect, the number of juveniles charged with indictable offences increased from 12,000 to 18,000 in three years. A decline in morals has followed the lack of physical training . . .

"Look at Germany and Italy. When I go there, I see the marvellous things done for youth, I envy at least that fruit of dictatorship. But then, to pay for it, money is torn ruthlessly from the richer classes."

IT would be unfair to blame Mr. Swaffer for imagining that these remarks—which we should certainly have read as Fascistic in tendency—represent a swing to the Left.

We regard Fascism, Socialism, and Communism as indistinguishable for practical purposes. Now even their own followers can't tell the difference.

Let Us Rouse That Sleeping Monster The Public

By
G.W.L. DAY

IN the old days wars were fought with pikes and halberds. Today they are fought with guns, tanks and aeroplanes—and with propaganda. Propaganda which paralyses the enemy's will to win by suggesting that his cause is hopeless.

Now there are wars and wars. Many a good war is fought outside the military battlefields. For example, there is a never-ending commercial war in progress between nations. There is also a continuous war between different sections of the populace, each represented by a Party in Parliament. There is also a ceaseless warfare waged between rulers and ruled.

Imagine the outlook of a Cabinet Minister. However much he may protest to the contrary—and all Cabinet Ministers protest prodigiously—he regards the public as a sort of sleeping monster, as something which can suddenly become dangerous when roused.

The first item, therefore, in the modern statesman's handbook is how to keep the monster peaceful and inert.

In pre-press, pre-radio days, the rule was "Bread and Games." Today it is "Propaganda and Paralysis."

HOW is the propaganda racket worked? What is the technique of it?

It is aimed at playing on human fears. The monster may not be blissfully happy, but on the other hand it is not so miserable that it cannot imagine itself sliding from the frying-pan into the fire.

LIFE BUOYS

Although cheated out of our rightful inheritance of national wealth, we are allowed to accumulate interest-bearing stocks, or Savings Certificates. These are like life-buoys thrown into the stormy economic sea in which we are all swimming for dear life. Raise the cry that our stocks or certificates are in danger, and most of us will throw reason to the winds.

There are many other fears which can be

exploited, such as fear of unemployment, fear of increased taxation, fear of national insolvency, fear of military warfare, fear of moral degeneration. All these are employed, when the occasion arises, as cynically as a Chicago gangster uses a machine-gun, and with every bit as deadly effect.

I HAVE a strong feeling that most of the ructions in this world are caused by people with an inferiority complex. Whether this is true or not, the propagandists certainly do their best to suggest that we are independent, forceful, courageous and all the rest of it, while busily turning us into something completely the opposite of this.

I have often watched Zoo keepers at work, and I honestly believe that the most successful of them somehow contrive to make their animals forget that they are prisoners.

DEADLY ATTACK

In just the same way a Minister of the Crown will fool the electors to the top of their bent. I once heard Lloyd George address a crowded hall at Eastbourne, and such fulsome flattery did he hand out that I almost expected to hear guffaws. But no, the audience nearly wept with emotion at their own virtues.

A still more insidious form of propaganda is one which suggests that although things may not be all one could desire, it is useless to do anything about it. This is a very deadly method of attack and is freely employed.

One argument is that in order to better our state of affairs, something or other must be done which would injure the interests of a certain class, and which therefore cannot be contemplated.

An example of this arose at the time when attacks were being made on the Slave Trade. It was argued that if the Slave Trade were

abolished, the slave traders and slave owners would suffer financially.

IN CONCERT

In the same way, the rights of the poor, down-trodden slum property owners are today advanced as an argument against slum clearance.

Starting with such a plea, the argument runs that nothing whatever can be done unless every man, woman and child in the kingdom agrees to it. Or as a variation of this, nothing can be done by one country alone: every nation in the world must agree to act in concert and place the proposed plan on an international basis.

THINK for a moment what this argument means. Long-distance prophets assure us that the time is near at hand when half the world will disappear under the sea in a series of terrific earthquakes.

Suppose this happened, leaving, say, the British Empire intact. Should we then be able to act on our own in some plan for distributing our wealth to our own people, or should we have to wait until the submerged countries reappeared from under the waves?

HARD CRUST

It is obvious, of course, that we could act on our own. And once this is admitted, surely it is clear that we could quite well act on our own at once without waiting for a Second Flood?

This suggestion of powerlessness, whether from the national or the international point of view, is a sort of hard crust against which the spirit of man has always had to push.

It is only the toughness of the crust which varies. At this moment there are countries where attempts to crack the crust mean almost certain death; there are others where the dangers of punishment are less, but the chances of success are hardly less slight.

In this country the punishments are comparatively mild, but on that score alone the propaganda is more subtle and intensive.

IT is strange that we Britishers, who are so acutely conscious of our national superiority, should nevertheless be willing to believe that we can do little or nothing to put our economic affairs straight without world agreement and co-operation.

Still more extraordinary is it that we should believe ourselves powerless to keep order in the servants' hall—in other words, to insist upon our public servants, including bankers and Cabinet Ministers, carrying out our wishes.

ABSURD STATE

Can you imagine the servants in some country mansion refusing to cook and serve the Christmas dinner because it might be bad for Master Tommy's digestion?

Or the gamekeeper refusing to shoot vermin on the estate until all the neighbouring landowners had agreed to some arbitrary plan of extermination.

Put like this it sounds too absurd to be a true analogy. Yet our position with regard to our public servants is just as absurd. The only reason we don't realise it is that we have gradually grown accustomed to the present anomalous state of affairs.

Nothing can withstand the monster when it is aroused. All we need worry about is how to awake it.

It CAN Happen Here

£870 A YEAR FOR ALL —FOR A START

EACH family in the United States could have lived at the rate of £870 (\$4,370) a year during 1929—if equipment and knowledge and man-power had been used to the full instead of at some fraction of their capacity.

So says the National Survey of Potential Product Capacity.

The plentiful agricultural produce of the United States, the manufactured goods turned out in increasing quantities by increasingly intricate machines, the services and comforts that are produced so easily—these, potentially abundant goods that form the foundation of life in our civilisation would account for £800 of that £870.

The extra £70 is for frills, hand-made things that must always be scarce because of the way they are made; works of art, caviare, jewels and hand-made furniture and personally designed frocks.

Consider what this would have meant to each particular family in America.

Each family would have had all it wanted to eat of the best and freshest foods; new suits and dresses regularly every year; a six-roomed house, adequately furnished and with labour-saving devices; medical care, and specialist's treatment when necessary; a car and a radio; sports and lectures and holidays. And there would be £70 to spend on sheer and beautiful extravagances.

That is what Americans could have had in 1929. They didn't have it then; they don't have it now.

There is no reason why this should be confined to one year; there is no reason why it should not start at birth and continue all through life.

This assured independence would mean the choice of a congenial job. Everyone would be able to use themselves to their best advantage. There would be leisure to make fine things in a suitable way.

We in Britain are scarcely less rich than the Americans. Let us show them the way to get their plenty by demanding our share of British wealth, now.

E.S.E.

Aberhart Invites The Enemy To "Investigate"

MAY I WALK INTO YOUR PARLOUR TO THE SPIDER SAID THE FLY

TWICE in the past year Mr. Aberhart, the Albertan Premier, faced with the necessity of meeting bond payments that had fallen due, having appealed unsuccessfully to the Federal Government and the Bank of Canada for assistance, defaulted.

This, despite advice from Major Douglas, which, if adopted, would have enabled the Government to meet the bonds, and at the same time would have increased the sales of Albertan products.

Twice in the past year also, legislation arbitrarily reducing the legal claims of creditors was passed. The first, last June, reduced the interest payable on government bonds, and the second, in August, reduced both interest and principal of private debts owing by individuals.

Both the 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 wholesale foreclosures on mortgages while the government tries to find a solution.

Mr. Aberhart seems quite unable to distinguish between the legitimate debts incurred when one individual lends his hard-earned money to another, and those which are created by banks by the simple pen and ink process now so well known.

DANGEROUS

These activities, nevertheless, have been watched with growing uneasiness by the financial authorities at Ottawa, for while they were useful to them in discrediting the Albertan Government, they were very dangerous to the continuance of "sound Finance" elsewhere.

The neighbouring provinces, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, were also overburdened with irrepayable debts which a bad summer with drought and dust storms had made even more oppressive.

There was a danger that these provinces also would "go off the rails." This Manitoba already showed signs of doing, having elected five members who called themselves Social Crediters, at the provincial election in July.

It was necessary to do something to prevent the people of these two provinces forcing their governments into repudiation, before the Federal Government had secured dictatorial powers which would enable it to prevent such action. The Loan Council scheme, exposed in this newspaper, and by *The Times* itself when it admitted that had the provinces accepted it, they would have had to submit to "what would have been tantamount to a receivership," failed; in no small measure as a result of Major Douglas's warning against it.

FORCED TO 'RESCUE'

The Federal Government was therefore forced to go to the rescue of these two provinces. A few days after the refusal of assistance to Alberta in meeting the bond payments due on April 1, 1936, the Bank of Canada loaned £400,000 to Saskatchewan and later (see SOCIAL CREDIT for November 6), £15,000,000 of farmers' debts were written off as a result of the intervention of the Federal Government.

Further concessions were promised, after an investigation of the provinces' financial

situation by the Bank of Canada, which has now been completed.

The assistance given to these provinces, refused to Alberta in very similar circumstances, led Premier Aberhart to complain at the discrimination against his province.

Strangely enough his was not the only complaint, for Mr. R. B. Bennett, late Conservative Prime Minister for Canada, and federal member for Calgary, also protested.

This should have been a warning to Mr. Aberhart, instead it seems to have spurred him on, which is probably what it was intended to do. Be this as it may, Mr. Aberhart telegraphed Ottawa last month, asking that Albertan finances should also be investigated by the Bank of Canada, with a view to the granting of financial assistance.

It is hardly necessary to say that the Canadian Prime Minister wired back that he was "wholly agreeable"! The fly has walked into the parlour hoping to share in the feast given to the other two flies—Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

CENTRAL CONTROL

If one intends to eat one's guests, there is much to be said for feeding them up first!

At any time now, the Royal Commission to report on the taxation system of the Dominion, and the relations of the Provincial Governments to the Federal Government at Ottawa, is expected to begin sitting.

As was indicated in the article in SOCIAL CREDIT for February 26 the purpose behind this Commission is to impose that centralised control of finance on Canada, which the discredited Loan Council scheme was designed to effect.

The fact that Sir Otto Niemeyer is now being suggested as the chairman, is proof, if proof be needed, that this is the case. Sir Otto was responsible for the Loan Council scheme imposed on Australia which, according to Mr. Dunstan, Premier of Victoria "compels the Australian States to live largely by the charity of the Commonwealth Government, like beggars at a rich man's table."

TAKE WARNING

The Canadian provinces should take warning from the Australian states, and refuse to yield up any of their existing powers to the central government, however tempting the temporary reliefs offered in exchange may be.

The Royal Commission is but another bankers' scheme, designed to make the Canadian people barter their liberties, in exchange for some alleviation of their present difficulties which, if they will but retain their liberties, they can overcome themselves.

M.W.

MONDAY NEXT

Dinner to Hon. Walter Nash

THE Hon. Walter Nash, M.P., Minister of Finance, Customs and Marketing of New Zealand, will be the Guest of Honour at a Secretariat dinner to be held at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London, W.C.1, on Monday, March 22, at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

The Chair will be taken by the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Tankerville, and Major C. H. Douglas will propose the toast of "The Guests." Other speakers will be Lt.-Colonel J. Creagh Scott, D.S.O., Professor H. A. Harris, M.D., D.Sc., Professor of Anatomy at Cambridge University, and Mr. L. D. Byrne.

Tickets for the dinner at 10s. 6d. each can now be offered only subject to their being unsold, as most of the accommodation has been booked at the time of going to press. Evening dress will be worn. No Decorations.

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If you unite in this demand for abolition of poverty you strike, at the same time, for life security for yourself. Sign now.

Now, Let's Be Cheerful

IN spite of intermittent cloud-bursts, to which we as dwellers in Devon are becoming acclimatised, the intervals of brilliant sunshine reveal the rising sap, heralding the birth of a million tiny shoots, which before long will deck the cold, dark trees.

Between the grass buds are bursting green jackets showing myriad hues beneath. Above feathered friends make gala day. And why? Because spring is come.

We pause, look, and listen, and then, as we again enter the hurly-burly of keeping our ends up, the economic unbalance and headlong rearmament shock with their contrast.

But, somehow, the sunshine of man's inherent goodwill heralds a springtime in which not only trees, buds, and birds will be fed, warmed, and clothed, but men, women, and children, not on "transitional benefit," but on the distribution of the increment of association which in the natural world brings springtime.

RENEE RULE

Pressure Will Win

PASSENGERS on the No. 118 bus service from the Plough, Clapham, S.W., to Streatham Hill Station, S.W., are organising a petition to the Minister of Transport urging a reduction of the fare.

Harringay (N.) Tradesmen's Association are renewing efforts to secure a bus service between Harringay and Stamford Hill through St. Ann's Road.

Do Your Friends A GOOD TURN Introduce Them To Us See Page 7

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PRESS CLIPPINGS...

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"The British taxpayer is assuming his historic rôle—that of saving civilisation," comments the Paris *Intransigeant* on the defence programme.—"Glasgow Bulletin," February 18.

Mrs. Kathleen Watts, aged 46, once the wife of Brig-Gen. Watts, of the Sherwood Foresters, who, after his death, was left penniless, stole, went to jail, and finally, "down and out," reached the Embankment. Her body was taken from the Thames and identified by the finger prints. —"Daily Express," October 17.

A Stockton family, father, mother and six children, became chargeable to the Guardians through unemployment. The father has just died in the Institution hospital, the mother has been taken to the mental hospital, and the children of 16, 15, 11, 10, 7 and 5 have been sent to homes.—"North Eastern Gazette," February 10.

Up in North Norfolk, bluff, hearty Charles Joyce devotes 600 acres to brussels sprouts and cabbages. "I have ploughed in scores of tons of cabbages, peas and runner beans," he states. "There was more than the stock could eat, and they did not pay to sell."—*"Daily Express,"* October 27.

The Labour Party Commission received some nasty shocks when investigating conditions in the North of England. At Thornaby they were told that an analysis of 53 families, employed and unemployed, showed that after rents were paid, 6s. 10d. a week remained for adults and half that for children, to cover everything.

Alderman Harris, vice-chairman of the Tees Commission, said that at Thornaby, in spite of the armament revival, there were still 23 per cent. of the insured workers unemployed, and 600 on public assistance.

In Middlesbrough they found that they were producing 33 1/3 per cent. more steel with 33 1/3 per cent. less labour. There were more than 9,000 men unemployed in the town, and 2,000 women and juveniles, and a further 2,500 on public assistance. (Middlesbrough is not officially a distressed area.)—*"News Chronicle,"* January 19.

Minister of Labour Ernest Brown promised in Parliament that there would be no delay in setting up the committee which would investigate the holidays-with-pay claims of industry.—*"Daily Express,"* February 26.

FROTTI : A FABLE

Mr. Millichap Has A Change of Heart

MR. MILLICHAP, released from his office stool at 1 p.m. because it was Saturday, slunk past the ticket-collector at his local tube station and went home to lunch. Mr. Millichap was afraid of the ticket-collector, who was often cross with him. Not that Mr. Millichap ever did anything wrong; he was far too timid. But sometimes he mislaid his ticket through nervousness of the uniform.

After lunch, served by his worried little wife, he went out of his front door and fell over the hole in the pavement. He picked himself up and went on to his bowling-club, vaguely wondering when the Council were going to repair that hole. It had been like it for over a year.

In the washroom of the club there was a tap which went gug-gug-gug-gerrumph-gerrumph every time you turned it on. It had always been so and always would.

A NEW member was washing his hands. "Why don't the committee see to this tap?" he asked Mr. Millichap. "There's something wrong with it."

"What's wrong with it?" "How should I know? But you can hear for yourself that something is wrong."

"The committee won't do anything. They never do," Mr. Millichap replied despondently.

"Have you complained?" asked the new member.

"No, of course not." Mr. Millichap shuddered. He was afraid of the committee, who, he thought, might have the power to turn him out of the club if he was a nuisance. "Well, you ought to. You helped to elect the committee. They're your representatives. I tell you what. If you are game, we'll go together to the secretary now and tell him what we think about it."

MR. MILLICHAP looked at the new member in horror. He opened his mouth to refuse at once.

"All right," he muttered—and was amazed to hear his own voice saying it. There was something compelling about the stranger. Mr. Millichap took comfort in this, but was dashed the next instant by the other saying:

"You're the older member, so you'd better do the talking." In terror, Mr. Millichap walked behind the stranger to the secretary's office.

And again he could not believe his own ears. "It's a disgrace—been like it for years,"

he heard himself saying sternly. And then, "What do you suppose we pay you for?"

Mr. Millichap waited for the secretary to blast him out of existence, expunge him for ever from the membership of the club.

"You ought to have told me of it before, sir," a meek voice replied. "I'll have it seen to at once. Really very sorry it's been overlooked—careless of the attendant not to report—is there anything else?"

"Well, yes, there is," Mr. Millichap burst out. "Half the time there's no soap in the basins, and the towels are dirty. The brush and comb were stolen weeks ago, and the place hasn't had a clothes-brush for months. The boot—"

"Just a moment, sir. I'll make a list. I wish more members would speak about these things as they are needed. It's very hard for the staff to keep track."

Mr. Millichap stalked out, the new member following respectfully in the rear.

FALLING over the hole in his pavement that night, Mr. Millichap eyed it calmly as he scrambled to his feet.

"You won't be there much longer, my lad. I'll see to that," he said confidently. There was something compelling about Mr. Millichap.

Press See the Truth

ARROGANCE

"IN the office I hold, I furnish a target for a certain number of critics and cranks to shoot at. This, no doubt, relieves them and it does no harm to me."—The Archbishop of Canterbury.

This remark comes under the heading of "bland arrogance."

The self-satisfied assumption of this gentleman, that he is above criticism does not become him as the first Churchman of the land.

Blessed are the meek . . . —"Daily Mirror," March 2.

MILK SALES

"I AM astonished that milk can only be sold on such a complicated document as this," said the Master of the Rolls, referring to a contract with the Milk Board.

But surely the object of the Milk Board is that milk shan't be sold?

—"Morning Post" (March 2)

Sanctions for Jane

THE professor was annoyed. "Jane," he said, "this is Wednesday and the curtains have not been changed in my study. You know that Tuesday is the day for that."

"Wot, Mister," exclaimed Jane, "d'yer mean ter sy that yer policy ain't bin put over, like?"

The professor could hardly believe his ears. "My policy . . . I hope this is not impertinence, Jane?"

"No offence, sir, no offence; but ain't that wot yer mean—ain't it your objective, so ter speak, ter git them curtains changed on Toosdays?"

Dignity seemed the only resort. "The discussion of my objectives, which are many and varied, is beyond the scope of your activities, my good woman."

But Jane was not to be deterred. "But about them curtains, your Honour, ain't it, in a manner o' speaking, yer limited objective in respect o' them winders ter git clean curtains on 'em o' Toosdays?"

She added "Ain't it wot yer want, stoopid?"—this very much an aside.

The professor gave in. "Yes, Jane," he replied quite meekly, "that is what I want."

"Then it's yer policy," retorted Jane, thinking "of all things—the old geezer don't h'understand plain h'English." "Well, sir," she went on, "yer policy ain't bin effected, I mean yer h'aims ain't bin accomplished like—well now—Y'AIN'T GOT WOT YER WANT this Toosday, an' for why? Cos the administration 'as broken down—tain't no fault o' mine!"

"Administration!! Jane—"

"Well, your lordship, ain't the laundry van h'an h'essential factor o' the administration calculated, like, to h'effect yer purpose? Beg yer pardon, I'm sure, I mean ain't that van part o' the way yer git it done—git them curtains put up fresh h'every week? An' ain't it broken down—the van, I mean?"

The professor "caught on."

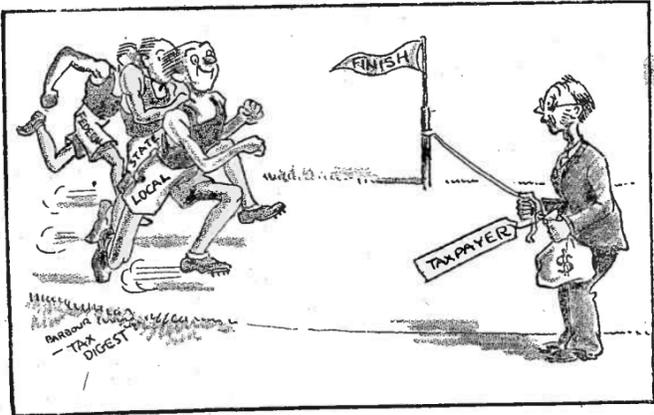
"Yes, Jane," he said, "I will admit that

your diagnosis is not at fault, but I feel compelled at this juncture to pronounce my ultimatum. If you find yourself unable to proceed with your normal avocation without some considerable reduction in this conversational redundancy, I shall regretfully be compelled to resort to those sanctions which I hold against you for use in such a contingency."

Jane understood. "Orl right, sir, orl right, sorry, I'm sure, I only wanted to get it strite, like," said she, thinking sadly of the shilling an hour "sanction"—quite strong enough to restrain her from the delights of further attack.

H.E.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO WINS: EACH ONE GETS A PRIZE



—from the Lux Digest

SOCIAL CREDIT IN THE NURSERY

LITTLE Jack Horner sat in a corner Eating the Banker's pie; He put in his thumb But found there no plum, And said "what a fooled boy am I."

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LITTLE Tommy Tittle Mouse Built himself a little house, It wasn't all honey For he borrowed some money And the Banker claimed his little house.

THINK a moment . . .

WHERE DO TAXES GO?

Do YOU think the taxes you pay go to pay the police, the army and so on?

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PAGE FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Palmer says:

DON'T BLAME SCIENCE

AIR Raid Precautions lectures are being given in country districts now.

In the *Kentish Times* they have a "Tea-time Gossip" column for women, and the writer tells how one mother refused to go to the lecture, saying "If things come to such a pass, I would rather spend the money on a revolver and shoot my children."

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

"Let them not forget," she says, "they would have their wonders of electricity, X-ray, wireless, motor cars and aeroplanes."

"It was they who encouraged and applauded science to give them these things—the old with its slow ways was not good enough for them."

She herself hates so-called progress, and in her house uses oil lamps and candles, coalfires and oil cooker, and will have no wireless or gramophone.



I am reminded of an arts and crafts teacher, who used to say that if only we had the courage to destroy our machinery, all would be well.

Such a wonderful spell has the past over romantic souls. Just as a smoky city, viewed from a mountain side, is veiled with glamour, so to them the receding years become golden and take on a splendour which had no existence save in their own imaginations.

It would be idle to deny that we are not beset with terrors worse than we have ever before had to face, but it is useless to take refuge in romance.

Of course the writer, in common with many of us, is afraid. After long years of comparative security we no longer feel safe. How easy to blame the instrument by means of which our security is threatened, without thinking of the motive power that is behind it.



From the beginning of civilisation man has been struggling to improve his environment. Each invention or discovery has been a step along this road, and in its turn has made possible a further advance. The organised knowledge so gained we call science. It had its humble origin when a man invented the first rough tool.

Discoveries of today become the commonplaces of tomorrow. Even the oil lamp and cooker, on which the woman prides herself, were once new inventions, and looked at askance by those who preferred rush lights and brick ovens.

One of the most powerful motives behind many inventions was

the desire to save work; to get a better return from the amount of energy expended.

Inventions and discoveries should set men and women free from labour, so that they can give their attention to other things.

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 science of antiseptics was made possible by Lister's discoveries. She would see a few sights that would make her thankful to be alive today.

Sir Frederick Treves tells how surgeons wore the same overall for months, proud of the tales it told.

Contrast with this the modern hospital, with its X-ray, chromium plate, plate glass, and instruments of super-human precision. Who would want 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 lessening of daily drudgery. And we should accept them with gladness if we are lucky enough to have the chance.

But increased knowledge brings increased responsibility. Are we ready to accept it?

The sad part about modern times is that although most men and women would, if left to themselves, use the discoveries of science in the right way, to promote the comfort and happiness of mankind, yet those who govern think more often in terms of poison gas and aeroplanes.



Who is responsible for those who govern? The people, you and I. If we shirk our responsibility the government is like a body without intelligence to guide it—a lunatic.

We all know what a lunatic would do in a scientific laboratory. If we retire into the past, or thank God we are not as others are because we dislike modern ways, we are refusing to accept responsibility.

In this country every woman has a vote, and it is her duty to assess the value of her franchise and use it in the right way.

This newspaper tells her how.

If the women will only awake in time they can save this country from the possible horrors of modern war, and bring in the new era in which all will share in the comforts and convenience made possible by applied science, without fear of evil consequences.

B.M.P.

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THOUGHTS OF A WORKING-CLASS WIFE

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WE workers labour long to produce goods of all kinds—goods that we never expect to possess, even wrap them up in cellophane, glad to hand them over—touch our hats as we do so, receiving in exchange a few miserable pieces of paper with which to buy barely enough to live on.

That is what life is to us. And how we resent it! Why should we be content now that we know there is abundance available, that the fruits of our work may even be destroyed?

Our lives pass without joy or pleasure, with never enough to eat except on pay-day—if one is working—and never enough at any time if one is unemployed.



We have become so civilised that we never have enough, never even an occasional feast, just one continuous fast. What a world, where we have too much to enjoy life! Bedlam itself could produce nothing as crazy.



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"THE MOST CLEVER WOMAN"

"ONE OF SEVEN," of Sidcup, Kent writes to the *News Chronicle*:

I think that the most clever women are those who do the housework, washing, cooking, making and mending and doctoring for a family of, say, four or more persons (there are many of them), and make a success of it from a limited income—receiving no "cash" wages for their never-ending toil.

They are not only clever—they are the backbone of our country.

Of course the women are clever; they are marvellous.

The short-sighted writer thinks they are well rewarded by being called the backbone of the country. He does not see, poor blind man, that they are the victims of sweated labour, and that it is only love for husband and children that makes them bear the never-ending toil.

Wait till women see that it is possible for them to have a National Dividend. That man will get the surprise of his life. For the backbone is close to the brain.

(Continued from previous column)

else, it gives us what we so badly need, protection from each other. People have often told me that I am too serious about this—too intense.

Well, it's a serious thing, we shall never laugh the Bankers out of their positions. How can anyone laugh when his life is at stake—for it is at stake, yours and mine and our children's?



MY childhood was hard and bitter, hard and bitter my youth, and now in middle age when I have been made, through SOCIAL CREDIT, to see the needlessness of it all, what kind of a fool should I be to laugh?

No; these are not laughing matters, and I say to anyone who may read this: Put every ounce of your weight behind SOCIAL CREDIT; laughter and joy and the fullness of life will come afterwards in plenty, if not for you, then for your children.

ELLEN WHITE

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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. This state of affairs in Britain has been accomplished largely by the Government Subsidy to Tramp Shipping. Yet Government spokesmen have often taken credit for having reduced our idle tonnage without their explaining that the reduction of our "redundant" 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 quantity in housing operations. Nothing was worse than ugly sporadic development, he said, and we must do all we could to secure the preservation of the amenities and beauty of our country. 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 compliance with the by-laws. Builders will build good houses when people can buy good houses. If people have the money they will buy the best and that applies to builders as well as to house-seekers.

The policy of Scrap-and-Build was of course instigated by our bankers, who condescend to rules the waves as well as the roost for Britannia.

But why the long delay on the part of our bankers in "coming to the rescue" of our tramp-shippers? Because in the early days of the Slump the bankers were busy squeezing the owners to "rationalise" their industry.

OVERDRAFTS

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

Hence the sale of "surplus" ships at "knock-out" prices to the Japanese and other foreigners.

Hence their foreign purchasers' ability to compete at freight-rates so low as to be ruinous to British shippers with their more costly new ships.

Hence the undignified squealing about "unfair" competition.

Hence the necessity for "saving" our great international industry from bankruptcy; the continuation of the Subsidy of £2,000,000 for another year; the "serious shortage of scrap-steel" as a result of this idiotic policy inspired as usual by the bankers.

Hence the money of the taxpayers being again thrown to the lions of the shipping-world to make a Norman holiday!

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Taxed, Crushed If They Don't Have Four Children

ITALIAN bachelors are going to lose their jobs — and thus their means of living — if they don't soon marry and produce lots of little soldiers for Il Duce Benito Mussolini. And if they dare to suggest that they don't want big families they are to be crushed by heavy taxes.

All Italian married couples, decrees Mussolini, must produce four children within a reasonable period, or, failing valid reasons, be heavily penalised.

If you stick to the existing economic fabric you get war, for competition for markets, an essential part of the fabric, leads to armed warfare in the bid for markets. And if you have war you must have soldiers.

British people, who still have some liberties, must learn by the dangerous examples set abroad while Britain's bosses shout for bigger families.

TRADE CONTROL

AGRICULTURE

ANYONE who is in close touch with a farming opinion will agree that there is a sense of frustration, which sometimes finds expression in bitter terms, at the lack of direction in agricultural policy and the unsatisfactory state of farming in comparison with the improving condition of most of the country's great industries. — "The Times," March 8.

STEEL

THERE is grave misgiving among industrialists dependent for their manufactures on steel.

The present position arises entirely from the attempt to control the output of the trade. When the depression was on 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 those who control the destinies of the Federation have been making representations against the erection of new blast furnaces and have much delayed the expansion of plant to meet the requirements of the consumer.

The whole steel trade 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 carries with him satchels of documents, some of which they have been carrying backwards and forwards for months.

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

Services Cut, Rates Up

Liverpool's City Council ordered the public assistance committee to reduce its estimates by £77,000 last year, in an endeavour to balance their budget.

During the winter, the poor have suffered additional hardships in consequence, and still the Council are faced with an overspent sum of £102,000, instead of a reduction. This will add a further fourpence to the rates.

If They Cannot Pay Doctor, They Must Stay Ill

A BLACK-LIST of patients who will not pay doctors' and dentists' bills has been drawn up by the Merseyside Medical Practitioners' Association.

Tens of thousands of pounds are, it is claimed, owed in bills, and scores of people are owing accounts to many doctors at the same time.

The black-list will be sent round to members of the association, who will refuse to attend to the people on it until they pay their bills.

Here is another scandal of false economics. If people are ill and cannot afford to pay their doctors they must stay ill and perhaps die or fall victims to chronic disease.

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