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CLEAR YOUR MINDS

by C. H. DOUGLAS

During the various phases of crisis which, in the Armistice years, led to the resumption of war and the present multiple tyranny, an accusation was levelled at the orthodox economists. It was said that, during that period, they had not made one single contribution to the solution of the nightmare of poverty amidst plenty. This may have been unfair; many of them suggested the abolition of plenty, now in progress.

A prominent economist of Cambridge commented on this accusation. He said, "It is not the province of a professional economist to suggest remedies—his business is to take the existing system as it stands, and to explain how it works."

This statement did not receive the attention which should have been given to it.

The emphasis of affairs has now definitely shifted from finance to politics and in a competent article in *The Nineteenth Century* on "English Conservatism" (January, 1949), Professor W. L. Burn by implication takes the same line in the wider field. To consider one example only, he remarks "It was politically impossible . . . for the Conservative Government in 1935 or 1936 to embark on that intensive re-armament and the correspondingly vigorous foreign policy which might very well have prevented the war."

In both of these dicta we seem to sense the presence of a Power which is impervious to both common sense and common interest, if such things exist. It is not so much a question of whether re-armament was the right policy in 1935—the point is that those in the Administration (Mr. Baldwin *et al.*) could not pursue it, because, as Mr. Baldwin engagingly said, they would have lost an election.

Now, in essence the explanation of the situation is simple, and no-one who will study the facts can miss it. We are in the presence of *usurped Power*—a kind of schizophrenia of the individual; and just as power, *ability*, in the *individual* requires a body and mind, so this usurped or Frankenstein Power automatically, as seen from our standpoint, clothes itself in institutions, obedient to the *usurped Power*.

Let us halt at this point lest we miss it. There is no possibility whatever through the agency of institutions designed or moulded for the use of *usurped Power* to restore power to its legitimate *locus*, personal responsibility proportionate to power exercised.

Just as a maniac is irresponsible, so an irresponsible voter is a political maniac, and would know it if he were not. Power without responsibility is the broad way which leadeth to destruction and the World of Nightmare.

In China

We publish the following communication from a British-born Chinese without comment or endorsement. If there is an answer to it, from an equally credible source, we will publish that also:—

THE EDITOR, *The Social Crediter*,

SIR,—In the name of God, and of British justice, (if indeed it has not perished from the face of the earth)—is there not a newspaper left in Britain with enough independence or courage to let the people of England and Scotland know the fearful, atrocities that have been perpetrated in Northern China, where an American trained, American equipped, American conscripted army of young Chinese, are being used to slaughter tens of thousands of their fellow countrymen? In 1943, during the cover of war, the U.S. conscripted over forty divisions of young Chinese. These were taken away into Indian territory from their Chinese environment and associations, and had American instructors, American equipment, tanks, planes, guns, *etc.*, American officers, American rations and American pay. They were in fact an American

Chinese army raised to further U.S. interests in China. This army was ostensibly raised to combat Japanese invasion. Photos of this army were reproduced in *London Picture Post*, during or about 1943 and can be verified by consulting back files. Immediately the Japanese Emperor surrendered this special army was rushed down by U.S. planes, trucks and shipping to Mukden, where they have been used ever since equipped with the most modern weapons, machine guns, tanks, *etc.*, to slaughter and exterminate the so-called "communists" and "reds." Recently the U.S. government supplied the "Nationalist" group with 132 million rounds of ammunition, a thousand American warplanes, and some 249 naval vessels all for the good purpose of carrying on the slaughter. Recent cables report that further military supplies are being rushed from U.S. to Chiang Kai Shek to carry on the more rapid extermination of all opposition to the centralisation of this vast land under his centralised domination. For twenty years past this Chiang Kai Shek has been financed from the big international financiers (headquarters New York) and supplied with arms and equipment for the purpose of seizing power and government by force of arms, and making himself the head of all Chinese government. As he subdued province after province these backers obtained

seventy-five year leases over all the territory thus won, giving a monopoly of banking concessions, railway building concessions, mining (minerals, oil, coal, metals, etc.) trading concessions. In other words he was set to conquer China for his financial backers safely ensconced in the United States, and creating unlimited figure and paper money which was being turned into a perpetual "National" debt on the "National" government of China. Of the fearful ravages of his own country by this military general, backed by New York high finance any reader can get some reliable information in Edgar Snow's book *Scorched Earth*. During the first nine years of his operations he raised five successive (conscript) armies, the last one being not less than 900,000 men. He was also lent a hundred American planes with a hundred American paid thugs to fly them and help the work of slaughtering the peasantry of the hinterland into subjection.

Now the Chinese is the most independant character of any nationality. This was all done before the Japanese took a hand. It finally became a war between the North and South, as the Northern men are the most independant and fightsome of all Chinese provinces. The Northern chiefs asked the Japanese to come to their assistance to defend their sovereignty, liberty, and Manchuria and as the Kai Shek operations were approaching Japanese territory, the Japanese, had mobilised some troops to ensure the integrity of her own boundaries against encroachment by either side of combatants. In a night movement by the Chinese "National" troops they fell foul of the Japanese lines, and a fierce battle ensued in which many were killed. The Japanese then took bigger measures and as the civil war had disrupted her trade with China, on whom she depended for her food supplies, as well as her chief export market for manufactures, she took the step of giving herself a mandate over Manchuria; and acting in conjunction with those people she set up a government by placing in power the rightful heir to the throne of China—the grandson of the Dowager Empress, Pu Yi.

There were five million inhabitants in the country when this was done. An immediate clatter and hullabaloo was set up in the "world" press and radio about the Japanese invasion, and the result was the Japanese government offered an open door for a British Commission of Inquiry—the Lyttelton Commission, which after investigation gave no condemnation of what had been done with a view to settling the Chinese civil war.

Manchuria was an extremely rich undeveloped province, with virgin forests, coal, iron, gold and mineral deposits that were practically untouched, and vast stretches of rich agricultural soil. Under the new regime the land was given to the people in small holdings (large for China) and immigration set in. Within five or six years a tide of immigration from other parts of China flowed in like a human tide—one of the greatest in history, and some twenty millions of Chinese from the southward left the land they had worked and their grandsires before them for centuries, and left the benefits of the benevolent "National" government to go to the North, and the old dynasty where they were given land with the only rental of a small portion of all crops grown to the government.

The Japanese made no attempt to colonise Manchuria

with their own nationals, and only army personnel, government officials, and business merchants constituted the Japanese portion of the newly swollen population now numbering over twenty-five millions of Chinese. Japanese are the most patriotic people of any nation, and no Japanese will willingly go to any other country with the idea of settling there permanently.

A complete trade war was then set up between all China under the "Nationalist" regime and Japan. No Chinese bank would finance any trade or transactions between China and Japan (the "Bank of China" was set up by New York financiers, and controlled banking in accordance with the seventy-five years' lease "agreement"). China needed the cheap manufactures of Japan, tools, machines, cottons, utensils, etc., whilst Japan needed the foodstuffs from China, lacking ground on which to produce them. They were mutually economically dependant on each other. Japan was the most formidable competitor of the U.S. in China, India, Burma N.E. and the Pacific. She has been thoroughly and effectively dealt with. We hear and read much of the "iron curtain" in Europe. It is nothing compared to the stone wall of China and the Pacific and the suppression of the news of the fiendish and relentless slaughter that is going on behind it. This people's army is now fighting against the fearful odds thrown against them by the financial interests of the United States, who have backed Chiang Kai Shek's group for hundreds of millions of pounds behind the scenes, and stand to lose all their ill gotten gains and options, leases, etc., if the people of China gain their right to govern themselves for which they are now fighting so desperately. If this Chinese national movement styled "communists" by press and radio are indeed communists, then your Oliver Cromwell was a deep red communist. They are the same party that drove Marshal Borodin and his communists out of China, and revolted from Kai Shek, who then, after serving a two years term in Russian military (communist) schools, was posing as a communist leader. It is only a matter of months since these men who are now being decimated through the activities of the United States powers that be, were our active and loyal allies resisting the Japanese in all occupied provinces after the "National" army had cleared out into the hinterland and left the people to the mercies of the Japanese army of occupation. They continually harassed and attacked the Japanese military. They would not accept the Japanese paper currency, confiscating it wherever they found it and destroying it. They kept some forty odd divisions of the Japanese tied up over the provinces through all our campaign in the Pacific.

It was this civil war in China which brought on all the trouble in the Pacific. The whole attention of British speaking peoples is being centred on Palestine and Berlin, trifles which are largely press and radio created, in order to

THE "PALESTINE" PLOT

By B. JENSEN.

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divert all attention from what is being feverishly perpetrated on the Chinese population and country. Peace arrangements between all Pacific nations have been held up by American influences until they have accomplished all their purposes in China. The American fleet rides mistress of the seas in the Pacific, and we have been pushed out of China, Burma, India, prevented from trade or co-operation with the Dutch, and now the same tactics are being set in motion against Britain in Malaya (rubber and tin and oil) as was successfully arranged in Palestine. Why, when the heart of the great conflagration in the Pacific is still bursting into fresh flames, are not the whole powers of the "United Nations" council brought to bear on the matter of mediation in the Chinese civil war? Why have they not appointed observers so as to acquaint themselves with the truth of the underlying cause of all the twenty years of fire, slaughter and scorched earth to subdue this race to civilisation, Jewish banking system and paper currency and a "national" debt? Let these facts be known to all British peoples, then if they so choose to be accessories to the fact there is nothing more to be said, save that they no longer deserve the name, British.

One of the major crimes of these Chinese "communists" is that they refuse to accept the American paper dollar as currency, just as they refused to do with the Japanese. The ultimate act of subjugation of a conquered race or nation is to do away with its form of currency, and to institute that of the conquerors. The American paper dollar is now legal currency in all Australian banks, where holders of these magic manipulations are entitled to demand 6/2d. each in coin of the country for them. Under cover of war the U.S. finance jugglers filled the world with this spurious paper money. They printed francs for the French, guilders for the Dutch, drachmas for Greece, liras for Italy, dollars for China and the Pacific. Through the manipulations of the banking system they have skinned China of her silver currency and all gold. Many of the planes flying over that awful high altitude air route carried loads of this printed paper instead of supplies of food or munitions. One of the chief reasons of the long drawn Chinese agony has been that the people kept all their own currency and except in port trading businesses did not allow banks to control their money. Thus a system of fire, slaughter and pillage had to be instituted, in order to strip them of their currency of silver, and make it possible to bring the country under the control of the great banking and financial monopoly. A stone wall censorship of all that was going on in China away from her port towns, was imposed during these operations. A journalist named Edgar Snow got behind this wall for some eight months and wrote of some of the happenings in *Scorched Earth* and though necessarily circumscribed by the fact that it had to be circulated in China reveals appalling facts.

Many of the foregoing facts of history will be officially denied by press and radio (both entirely under financial control); *but they cannot be refuted.*

British public opinion used to be a world force, exercised through the British Press. This is written with the hope that it may be roused to demand some justice for this long suffering, patient, brave and independent race. If we have reached the stage of neither regarding God, nor caring for our fellow man, then remains the last claim—that of self-interest—for if we are, and continue to be, a party to this awful crucifixion of these good people; and to the exploita-

tion of their country, then will we sooner or later face the tide of their wrath and vengeance and be engulfed in a racial war in which we shall be outnumbered ten to one and reap that which we have sown.

If our country is one of the United Nations, and that body is, as it claims to be, a democratic one; then I, who am British born, claim the right as a citizen of the United Nations to criticize the actions of the administrative body which has assumed the title of Council. This Palestine-Berlin trouble is not a fleabite compared with the colossal military activities now going on in the near North of Australia, and if the radio and press continue to suppress the truth about China, and the Council continues to ignore it neither Council nor Press have any sincere concern about working for world peace. You cannot have peace without justice. You cannot have injustice without lies. The most dangerous form of lies (deceptions) is the suppression of the truth. What is the Berlin trouble all about? We, and the Western nations are being used to force United States paper currency upon Chinese people and through them the rest of Europe. The slaughter in China has the self same object—to force upon these brave people a foreign currency and business system which will bring them under the financial domination of the big financiers of New York. There will be no "world peace" until each nation has the right to choose its own form of currency, and manufacture it, and issue its own credit upon the value of its own assets, and so control its own natural resources. It will be a time-wasting farce to trust this matter to any "official" inquiry; but I ask all British journalists to interest themselves in the matter. Behind the scene in China worse barbarities are being committed through foreign interference in her domestic affairs than could be conceived or enumerated within the volumes of a large book. Let all who possess a spark of humanity demand the truth about China.

—MAK LOON.

Launceston, Tasmania.

November 5, 1948.

The Marshall Plan

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From Week to Week

It ought to be obvious by now that the "theory" that policies should be attacked, not the people who carry them out and voice them, is just another of those political red herrings of which the Whig and Liberal mind was so prolific. We did not fight Hitlerism; we fought the German Army, Navy and Air Force.

With this in mind, we think our Australian friends, for whom our appreciation grows daily, might do worse than set themselves the task of driving Dr. Evatt out of public life.

In these days of the disintegrated Empire and "British" politicians whose only successes have been destructive of it, the fact that Dr. Evatt is anti-British is perhaps not specially worthy of attention. But that he is anti-Australian while paid and accredited by Australians is another matter. There is no single instance of which we are aware in which his activities in Paris or elsewhere have not been directed to further the Zionist cause. And if anyone supposes that Australia could retain any political autonomy, internal or external, with a Wall Street-linked Jewish Empire based on the Near and Middle East, then we suggest that they should glance at a map of those regions.

"We are coming to the climax of a change which has been going on underground in human affairs for years."—Professor Toynbee, speaking under the auspices of the Council for Education in World Citizenship.

No doubt Professor Toynbee was making reference to the Higher, or Chatham House, branches of the Mining Profession.

There is a columnist who appears with considerable regularity and for no obvious reason in many of the large Canadian newspapers, whose ostensible name is Elmore Philpott. (It may be his real name so far as our information goes). It would be an understatement to characterise Mr. Philpott as a Commu-Socialist fellow-traveller.

In *The Edmonton Bulletin* of December 4, 1948, in the course of an hysterical panegyric of the Dean of Canterbury, he states:—

In 1946,

Destiny hung by a hair.

Had Britain gone down, or cried for terms, mankind would have entered the new, longer Dark Ages of Hitler "peace."

Two men then stood in a little London room, before

a radio microphone.

They represented, I think, the two sides of the amazing British character, the balance of past and future. There was the great aristocrat Winston Churchill, who was to make one of the most moving, greatest speeches in the whole history of mankind. And beside him, to give him moral support, and by Churchill's own request, stood the man of the people, the man the world now calls "the Red Dean," but whom I call "The Dean of Peace."

If this story is true, it is an incident of major importance, and we are entitled to learn how Mr. Philpott came to be aware of it. So far as our information goes, the British public was not told at a time when Russia was in contractual relations with Germany that Mr. Churchill, just elected Prime Minister, was deriving "moral support" from a Church official whose political opinions were disowned by his ecclesiastical superiors and disliked by nearly everyone connected with the benefice from which he derives his title.

This Dean of Canterbury business deserves a great deal more specialised attention than it is receiving. Dr. Hewlett Johnson's opinions are of small importance; but the worldwide facilities he is obviously afforded to aid him in spreading them, in contrast to the obstacles placed in the way of expositors of, for instance, Social Credit, make it quite clear that he is serving undisclosed political objectives.

We feel that the excellent newsheet *Human Events* is sound in its devastating comment on a recent Enquiry. It remarks: "It is revealing of the English character that the indignation of the people is not so much directed to this lack of judgment as it is to the "high-living" of some office-holders. Stories of expensive dinners, off the ration, of expensive suits without coupons, deeply shock a nation which likes its royal family to use for the princely infant, not a new "pram", but the reconditioned pram of Princess Elizabeth."

A hundred years of Socialist tuition in envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness have made their mark, aided and abetted by the alien immigrants who live on us. And the end is not yet.

It is not difficult to grasp the policy of the so-called State of Israel. They will goad us into war, with the alternative of final loss of all prestige. That will enable the Wall Street Jews to rouse "American" sentiment against us. Russia (or the other Wall Street face) will step in and support "Israel", and Israel will retire quietly leaving us to fight "Russia." That will make three times we have been sold the same bill of goods, and will no doubt be final.

The Mountbatten-Cassel-Schiff-Kuhn Loeb combination is little less than the cancer at the heart of this country. Attempts are being made to instal Lord Mountbatten as Minister of Defence. Such an appointment might easily be the final step in "*Delenda est Britannia*."

Since this Administration is the spawn of Mond-Turner and the Cassel (London) School of Economics, with their affiliations, the line of control is obvious.

"The Flag in their Bag"

Now that the tribe, or "State", of Israel is revealing itself as the most aggressively 'nationalist' racial group in the post-war world some people might like to know something of the appearance and history of the most outstanding symbol of this "newfound" nationalism: the banner of Israel.

"The Jewish Flag," says Miss Frances Newton in her valuable work *Fifty Years in Palestine* (Coldharbour Press, 1948, p. 143) is simple and adequate for its purpose. It consists of two equal strips of blue and white with the intertwined triangle or "Seal of Solomon" imposed in blue on the white portion, and in white on the blue portion . . . "

The "Seal of Solomon," we need hardly point out, is also the central symbol of the Synagogue of the Dispersion, and plays, moreover, an important part in International Freemasonry and Secret Societies generally.

While the appearance of the Jewish Flag is, in a sense, simple and straightforward enough, the history of the Banner of Israel is surrounded by that atmosphere of mystery and intrigue which is characteristic of all Jewish activities in the Dispersion. Miss Newton relates that the Jewish Flag appeared everywhere in Palestine and on all sorts of occasions "like pigeons let loose from their roof":—

"One of the first things the Arabs recoiled against was the appearance of the Jewish National Flag. Early in 1919 it was shown as the flag of the newly created State of Palestine, printed in colour among other newly issued flags on a page of the latest edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. The Arabs of course saw it, and both they and I wrote to the publishers asking what authority they had for printing the Jewish flag as the flag of Palestine? After several reminders that I awaited their reply, the Editor wrote that 'its inclusion was somewhat premature.'"

A quarter of a century passes. The ownership of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* is transferred to 'American' hands (it is now printed and published in Chicago, the world centre of the leading Jewish Secret Society, the B'nai B'rith) and the Jews continue to 'return' to Eretz Israel, the "land of their fathers" in increasing numbers. On January 7, 1949 the Editor of the *Arab News Bulletin* wrote:

"a few years ago a friend of ours drew our attention to the fact that in Philips' Atlas of the world, the star of David was given as the Flag of Palestine and that before the termination of the Mandate, and when Palestine had no flag of its own at all. We drew the attention of the publishers to this inaccuracy and they expressed their regret, and gave us their assurance that it would not be repeated in later editions."

As a further instance of the relentless *Kulturkampf* waged in recent years by the Zionist Brotherhood, the *Arab News Bulletin* relates that on p. 1589 of the *Nouveau Petit Larousse*, 1948 edition, Palestine is described as an *état juif*, "which, if not a correct factual description, is certainly a very correct description of what the Zionists want."

Considering that France is at present ruled by a Communist-Grand Orient administration which hastened to extend 'fraternal greetings' and then recognition to the State of "Israel" in May-June, 1948, and that the only visible alternative to the prevailing political confusion in France is General de Gaulle, who recently urged that the Negev (Dead Sea Minerals!) be given to "Israel," the prospect of *Petit Larousse* reverting to the standard of objectivity that

one remembers from one's undergraduate days of twenty years ago, would appear to be rather dim . . . but that, of course, is another story, and during the next few weeks (perhaps months) we who live in these British Isles will have our "work cut out" in keeping a watchful eye on the activities of our local supporters and admirers of the Jewish flag-wavers in 'Eretz Israel.'—B.J.

"Testament of Murder"

[The following appears in an article by Richard Addison in *The Kiwi*, the official organ, published at Auckland, N.Z., of the 2nd N.Z.E.F., (The 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force):—]

"The Protocols of Zion" which Noel Gibson mentioned in passing in his "Kiwi" article of June last, set out in supra-Machiavellian clarity the fate that Zionists have planned for the Goys. This way and that, crossing and double crossing, this extraordinary document threads its way through every strategic move that might appear in its approach towards world domination. True, it may be a forgery. But it seems rather extraordinary that this manifesto of intention, although printed and re-printed, is never available to the public at large. Of course someone buys them up—but who? Your guess is as good as mine. I have seen but two copies in my lifetime of delving in out-of-the-way bookshops. One in London, and one in Auckland. If it is a true statement of policy, then there is little hope for our wide-eyed dreams of permanent peace. In the "Protocols" Britain's search for oil is fully discussed. The Jews will help, of course. Money is no object. But on the other side of the Atlantic, members of the same persuasion are equally intent in depriving Britain of British-managed oil! Both sides are Zionist, both demand Palestine as the State of Israel. Remember, it is not the solitary Jew who plans this, but a hierarchy of world grabbers, who would drag Britain down to a third rate power, obedient and subservient to the United States, and who would, at the same moment in time, justify themselves to Britain by preaching world tolerance. Hitler slammed the Jews hard, but Jewish-controlled capital gave him the power to wage war. It's a sorry tangle.

The persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany brought a great flow of immigrants to Palestine. While immigration had been kept under the ten thousand mark annually, it jumped suddenly to sixty and seventy thousand. Arab disorders were the result. The Peel Commission in 1937 recommended the Partition of Palestine. A fully independent Jewish state was to be formed out of the mainly Jewish-settled districts along the coast and in the North, while inner Palestine was to become an independent Arab state. Jerusalem and the port of Haifa were to remain under British jurisdiction, and the Arabs were to get a corridor to the sea near Jaffa. The scheme was rejected by both the Arabs and the Jews. A British Government White Paper, issued just before the outbreak of World War II said: "His Majesty's Government now declare unequivocally that it is not part of their policy that Palestine should become a Jewish State."

Nor was it to be a purely Arab state. Fear of the financier still stood behind the government. Britain needed more and more capital to finance the war that was even then declaring itself. Britain needed the oil. But both sides had

to be kept in check on diplomatic levels.

What did Britain intend for Palestine? The Holy Land which has to become the hotbed for the unholy of all human activities? "An *independent* Palestinian State, the two peoples sharing authority in government in such a way that the essential interests of each are secured." Very general, and very vague—but a beginning. The State was to be set up in 1949, *but* it was to be "on such treaty relations with the United Kingdom as will provide satisfactorily for the commercial and strategic requirements of both countries." There were other clauses, but this was the most noteworthy; it was the old story of "Oil, Suez and Sand" again.

But between 1939 and the promised Promised Land of 1949, came World War II, from which Britain emerged a victor among victors, temporarily devitalised, and unable, because of pressure from the United States borrowings during the war, totally unable to hold Egypt or the Near East. It was Truman's moment; the Mediterranean was his Duck-pond. Bernard Baruch, Zionist adviser to the White House, made certain he would not lose it. United Nations notwithstanding, International Jewry was king, and privileges were at a premium; a dollar premium.

'Nationalising' I.C.I.

According to *The Times* (January 15), the Labour Party and the T.U.C. are both maintaining a strict silence about the subject of meetings said to have taken place on Friday, January 14, and previously, concerning the possibility of 'Nationalisation' of the Chemicals Industry.

Mr. Harold Wilson, president of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Douglas Jay, economic secretary to the Treasury, arrived at Transport House as the meeting was due to begin.

"Mr. R. Edwards," the newspaper states, "general secretary of the Chemical Workers' Union, was among those there, besides such leaders of the T.U.C. as Mr. Arthur Deakin, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr. Tom Williamson, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers, Mr. Lincoln Evans, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, and Sir Luke Fawcett, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers.

"The meeting is one of a series now being held of sub-committees of the Labour Party and T.U.C. jointly and separately, sometimes with representatives of industries especially concerned also attending, to help in the preparation of the first draft of the Labour Party programme for the next General Election. During the past two or three years, many resolutions advocating the nationalization of particular industries have come before the Labour Party conference and the Trades Union Congress, and in most cases have been referred to the national executive of the party or the general council of the T.U.C."

The Newfoundland Question

Writing to the *Daily Telegraph* of January 14, Sir Alan Herbert, M.P., refers, as to "a discreditable episode," to the threatened loss of Dominion status by Newfoundland. He draws attention to the promise in 1934 by Mr. Alderdice, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, that a full measure of responsible government would be restored and to the fact that the condition has been fulfilled; and to the statement by Mr. Mackenzie King when Prime Minister of Canada that

the Canadian Government would only take steps to make Newfoundland a Province of Canada if the people "should indicate, clearly and beyond all possibility of misunderstanding" that this was their will.

Sir Alan Herbert gives the results of two referenda as follows:—

| June 3, 1948 | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| For Restoration of responsible Government | 69,000 |
| For Confederation with Canada | 63,000 |
| For Continuation of Commission of Government (for five years) | 22,000 |
| July 22, 1948 | |
| For Confederation with Canada | 78,323 |
| For Restoration of Responsible Government | 71,334 |
| Majority | 6,989 |

He says:—

"Can any responsible statesman claim that those figures are an indication "clear, and beyond all possibility of misunderstanding"? Yet it is those figures that we propose to use as an excuse for an exercise of autocratic power, contrary to the spirit and, perhaps, the letter of the Statute of Westminster.

"Newfoundlanders have said to me that if there were another referendum to-morrow Confederation would be defeated. Evidently, from the figures above, that is quite possible.

"We cannot tell. The simple thing, the honourable thing, is to give them back their freedom, arrange for a general election in May, and let them, through their own elected Parliament and Government, decide whether they wish to join Canada (and on what terms)—or stand alone, as they are well able to do."

Communist Police Methods

"Today in the Soviet-occupied countries it is common knowledge that any person arrested by the police is starved for a few days. Then for a week or two the prisoner receives salted fish but no water. When the unfortunate prisoner is on the verge of dying of thirst, when he has lost his power of taste and is in a state of collapse, then suddenly he is given a drink. It makes no difference whether it is water or soup; the prisoner no longer tastes anything, and he does not notice that a small tablet has been dissolved in this liquid—a tablet of the potent, nerve-destroying *actedron*. *Actedron* destroys the nerve centre, it does not kill, only paralyses. On the first day the psychic resistance of the victim is immensely strengthened. For twenty-four hours after having swallowed *actedron* it is impossible to extract a confession from the accused. His self-confidence and self-consciousness are unnaturally geared up; he does not feel hunger, his courage is superhuman. Next day the reaction sets in. It begins with a strong headache, and vertigo; then a steadily increasing sense of uncertainty overcomes him. Then the prisoner begins to feel frightened; finally he becomes semi-conscious. He is paralysed, as though he were in a hypnotic trance. Neither his judgment nor his memory functions any more. He has the impression of having a deadly, paralysed vacuum in his head. He has an urge blindly to obey the slightest orders, and is psychologically incapable of saying 'no' to anything. The victims are led to the trial in this condition . . ."—From a Statement drawn up before his arrest by Cardinal Mindszenty for circulation to the Hungarian clergy abroad. (*Tablet*, January 15).

'Management' of Criminals in Denmark

Those in England and in Scotland who are apprehensive concerning the conjunction of medical certification by doctors whose responsibility is primarily (in a legal and effective sense) to the State, incarceration in institutions controlled by State officers, and a legal system tending to approximate to that described in *Soviet Justice* (Haldane Society) will be interested in an article in the November number of the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine* (P.R.S.M., Vol. XII, No. 11).

The article is contributed by Dr. Georg K. Stürup and is entitled "The Management and Treatment of Psychopaths in a Special Institution in Denmark." Dr. Stürup begins by saying that, in order to understand the "unusual working conditions" which have gradually been introduced in the Herstedvester Institution for Psychopaths "it is necessary to explain briefly the special legislation which provides the framework for the treatment of psychically abnormal criminals and borderline cases. The Herstedvester Institution has two main purposes: To protect society and maintain public security by means of preventive detention of the inmates of the Institution, and secondly, to treat these inmates psychologically in order to fit them for a normal life as free citizens." Detention is "not a punishment but a security measure" and may be of short duration. The majority of the detainees are relapsed criminals who have committed serious crimes, e.g., murder, robbery, incendiarism, rape, theft, embezzlement. Their ages vary between the limits of 18 and 70 years. The therapeutic aspects (which do not appear prominently in the article) do not concern us so much as the social and personal aspects. The following extracts give some idea of these matters:—

"In sentencing persons to detention in the Institution the courts do not prescribe any definite period and the same court which has passed sentence decides whether the detainee may be released. Release is always subject to parole . . . During parole the prisoner is subjected to supervision directly from the institution. This supervision is carried out by officers specially trained by the institution, and the paroled person may not change his place of residence or employment without obtaining the prior approval of the institution. Final release is likewise only obtainable on application to the same court which ordered detention and parole. There must therefore be an intimate co-operation between the court and the psychiatrist responsible for the treatment which is given during detention."

The Danish criminal law does not resort to the MacNaughton (spelt 'McNaghten' in the article) rules which, since 1843 when one MacNaughton shot Mr. Drummond, Sir Robert Peel's private secretary, supposing him to have been Peel himself, have been the basis for the assessment of criminal responsibility in this country, and a new criminal law of 1930, still in force, substantially increased the scope for the application of psychopath detention treatment. A subsection of this Act provides that in certain cases sentence may be served in a specially constituted institution, "thus originating the so-called psychopath's prison."

The Psychopath Institutions at Herstedvester were brought into use as such special places of detention in 1935, and in the period 1933-43, the first ten years in which the new penal code has been in force, between one and two *per cent.* of prisoners sentenced were referred for special treatment.

"In recent years there has been attached to the institution a special psychiatric observation department which can receive prisoners from all other criminal institutions for observation and treatment . . . The treatment in this observation department is similar in principle to that given in the main detention institution but suffers from the drawback that the patients are serving a definite time sentence . . . Clinical experience shows that the predetermined term of sentence creates certain difficulties: the need for treatment is less obvious to the patient than when he is serving an indefinite sentence."

"The pervading atmosphere and tone of these institutions—determined under purely psychiatric direction—arouses most frequently in the new detainee an immediate awareness that he is in an institution of quite another character than a prison. Later there frequently follows a period of bitter disappointment, the indeterminate sentence begins to get on his nerves and very often there ensues a feeling of hopelessness. At this juncture the detainee, under suitable guidance, most frequently begins to realize the important part which his own active co-operation can play in determining the date of his release. Psychotherapy may be said to be applied from the first interview in the institution. We try at this stage to build up a certain feeling of confidence towards the authorities. A complete life-history is prepared shortly after admittance to the institution, a complete psychiatric-neurological examination is carried out, and a genealogical table drawn up. The Danish Marriage Law lays down that any person who is insane, mentally deficient, psychopathic to a serious extent or a chronic alcoholic shall be forbidden to marry without the permission of the Ministry of Justice, provided that such permission may be granted conditionally upon prior sterilization. As early as possible it is important to inform the detainee as to whether he can expect to get permission to marry without prior sterilization. Only a very few express a wish to be sterilized—about 4 or 5 a year. In the day-to-day treatment we attach great importance to inculcating in the detainee the feeling that he himself is responsible for his future . . ."

"What I have mentioned so far is perhaps not very different from what may be used in other similar correctional institutions. Perhaps it is elaborated rather differently in Herstedvester, where the emphasis is always on the psychiatric aspect . . . It may be stated, as a fundamental rule, that psychotherapy in general cannot be conducted in the same way in a closed institution as in a private consultation, and especially not if the person in charge of the psychotherapy has a substantial say in the duration of detention . . . It is a question, above all, of treating not merely the immediate mental symptoms, but also of preventing their recurrence, *i.e.*, to prevent recidivism."

"In a few cases we have applied hypno- or narco-analysis, but in most cases we have confined ourselves to the methods mentioned, partly because just at the present time we are not in a position to go further."

"Since 1929 Denmark has had a law which permits voluntary castration, subject to permission being obtained from the Ministry of Justice. The law was amended and extended in 1935 . . . A very substantial number of the persons who are sent to the psychopath detention institution because of sexual crime themselves express the wish to undergo the operation, which has long shown itself to be particularly effective . . . The law admits in theory the possibility of compulsory castration, but this provision has never been used and

presumably never will be used. Looking at the question from a psychiatric point of view, I have no doubt whatever that compulsory castration is less beneficial than the voluntary operation . . . Of the 161 cases so far, there have been 4 sexual recidivists, all of whom were homosexuals."

The article ends with the statement that more than half of the detainees after some years go back to normal life in the community.

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