Constitutional Checks and Balances

By T. N. Morris

We have Constitutional Clubs up and down this country and a Constitutional Research Association which, we know, has received thoughtful and weighty advice from time to time; yet the very thing that these organisations were intended to protect and preserve was never in a more frail condition. In fact it almost looks as if research during the present century, and perhaps before, has been directed towards discovering ways and means of weakening what once contained the elements of a fine, well-balanced and enduring organic structure.

One document of which a Constitutional Research Association worth its salt should have taken cognizance is Charles Morgan’s Zaharoff Lecture for 1948, entitled “The Liberty of Thought and the Separation of Powers”, in which he considered the constitutional position at that time in the context of the doctrines of Montesquieu, the French political philosopher.

It is well known that Montesquieu was the oracle continually consulted by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America in framing their written Constitution. Montesquieu’s political philosophy was embodied in the thirty-one volumes of his work De l’Esprit des Lois. He had been much impressed by the English Constitution of his time (1689-1755) which had checked the despotic power of the Monarch. He thought that he saw in England a separation of powers between the executive and the legislature which constituted an effective system of checks and balances preventing arbitrary and oppressive government. It has been objected that Montesquieu was mistaken in this, but Morgan quotes Madison (a Founding Father) as saying that he (Montesquieu) “did not mean that these departments (legislature and executive) ought to have no partial agency in, or control over, the acts of each other”, but he meant “that where the whole power of one department is exercised by the same hands which possess the whole power of another department the fundamental principles of a free constitution are subverted”. In other words, Montesquieu did not advocate a pedantic rigidity. What mattered to him was the balance and check arising from a degree of separation and it was upon this contention that the United States Constitution was built, viz., that “the executive and the legislature must never be identified”. Morgan considered that it would have been better to have called Montesquieu’s doctrine “The Balance of Powers” rather than the “Separation of Powers”: the words used by Montesquieu were “Pour qu’on ne puisse abuser le pouvoir il faut que, par la disposition des choses, le pouvoir arrete le pouvoir”. (To prevent the abuse of power, it is necessary that, by the disposition of things, power check power.) “Hence it is as an advocate of balance and check that Montesquieu has always been interpreted by wise and practical men.”

Things have moved a long way since Montesquieu and, particularly, during the present century. Morgan has enumerated some of these moves as follows:— “Since 1911, the Upper House has had no power finally to reject any measure approved by the Lower. That check has gone, although a brief delaying power remains.” The Monarch’s power to withhold the Royal Assent has also gone. “Nothing at all remains to prevent a simple majority of the Lower House from doing whatever passion may suggest or fear compel. It may, after a brief delay, abolish general elections, vote itself into permanent power, repeal every statute protective of liberty, and set up a totalitarian state. All may be done legally and without a revolutionary act. The opportunity given to plotters is unparalleled.”

“By thus concentrating power in the Lower House; by removing the check provided by the Upper; by arming the Cabinet with the Royal Prerogative . . . . with extensions that would have shocked James II; by thus flouting every principle of balance for which Montesquieu stood and upon which our own Revolution Settlement was based; we have paved the way from Moscow to Prague and from Prague to London. It is time that Liberty rebuilt her barricades.” This was said in 1948.

Montesquieu had warned England—he was an Anglophile—in the following words:— “All things human have an end. The state (England) will lose its liberty, it will perish. Rome, Sparta and Carthage have perished. It will perish when the legislature becomes more corrupt than the executive.” Morgan asks: “When may the legislature be called corrupt?” He says:— “It is corrupt when it has destroyed its own balance by ceasing to consist of separate parts which check one another. It is corrupt when it so subordinates itself to the Executive that it loses control of legislation. It must become corrupt when the electorate on whom it depends ceases to [know or]* care whether the Constitution is unbalanced or not.” Have we reached that last stage?

The Upper House lost its power on the plea that the will of the people, as expressed in their support for a party programme at a general election, must prevail: the elected government must rule. This sounded good and, in the issue selected it seemed justified on humanitarian grounds. But now we see the result: the elected government has ruled.

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† My emphasis.—T. N. M.

* My insertion.—T. N. M. Morgan has a good deal to say about the corruption of the electorate. We may perhaps discuss this in a future article.
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FROM WEEK TO WEEK

"There will probably come well within the lives of the present generation, a period at which the blind forces of destruction will appear to be in the ascendancy"—C. H. Douglas, Social Credit, 1924. The trouble is that the forces which now are undoubtedly in the ascendant have been proved to be anything but blind. They have been Christian civilisation, with its Graeco-Roman values and traditions, for centuries as a target for destruction to clear the way for a collectivist international tyranny—the contemplation of which is, as Douglas said, a glimpse of Hell.

The chief, or central mechanism of the development has been the organised control of the monetary system which operates to license or channel individual initiative in predetermined directions—"large-scale planning". But a parallel mechanism is epitomised in the statement that "control of Soviet Republic or over world capitalism. America, she operates to license or channel individual initiative in predetermined directions—"large-scale planning". But a parallel mechanism is epitomised in the statement that "control of SOVet Republic or over world capitalism. America, she

pending on "whatever may be our local, national variant of the guillotine" if [when?] the revolution comes.

Douglas long ago warned that to look to ballot-box democracy to save us from final eclipse as a nation was completely hopeless. The last remaining potential of Parliament now is as a forum for the exemplary exposure of the thoroughly documented fact that the disaster which faces us is the outcome of conspiracy, not of "mismanagement".

We recommend that in every constituency in the United Kingdom one or more groups should be recruited to study None Dare Call It Conspiracy and to bring to the attention of their Parliamentary Representatives, regardless of Party. There is not the slightest hope in another General Election, which would be interpreted by whichever Party won simply as a renewed mandate for the policy which has virtually finalised Britain's ruin as a nation and a culture.

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While such politicians as Mr. Whitelaw and Mr. Wilson sup with the devil or terrorists not with a long spoon but in closest intimacy and secrecy and while an American presidential candidate advocates withdrawal before Soviet and allied power, one is glad to receive a dose of realism from The Remnant of Minnesota (May 15, 1972). It points to a student march for peace in that area where behind the placards was seen "the tell-tale symbol of the clenched-fist salute".

We read how Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly took issue with Bishop Dozier of Memphis on the question of preparedness in face of an implacable enemy, but he failed to answer her letter. She points out that the "beautiful phrases" of popes and bishops on peace are addressed to both sides and at no time called for unilateral U.S. disarmament. The Soviet drive for world dominion has not slackened, she adds, since Lenin predicted that a funeral requiem would be sung "over the Soviet Republic or over world capitalism". America, she adds, has the right and the duty to build weapons to defend herself against "an atheistic aggressor which has already enslaved twenty nations" and has vowed to "bury" us.

She further mentions Cardinal Journet's defence of the moral right of the West to "work for peace by stockpiling nuclear weapons". He saw that unilateral disarmament would give the world to the Soviet Empire and would betray all the holy values temporal and spiritual "which we ought to defend".

Other denominations show themselves no less interested in wrong solutions. Lord Soper, for instance, said at the Methodist Conference that as the "laissez-faire capitalist system was breaking up and was out of date they (Methodists) should confront it with the message of the Kingdom of God, of common ownership, and make their witness to socialism, Christian communism or call it what they would".

I do not know what happens to Christian freedom in this confrontation or surrender (The Times, July 5, 1972). Dr. Falcke, addressing the Protestant Churches in East Germany, expressed the pathetic hope that the leading role of the Communist Party might be enhanced "if it were seen as a source of liberty which helped men to stand on their own feet" (The Times, July 12, 1972). And the Anglican
Oestreicher, writing of George McGovern's background (The Times, July 15, 1972) approved of his "sensitivity" in allowing the "third world" delegates to "make the running" when he chaired the World Council's Consultation on Race, leading to the Programme to combat Racism, and the "symbolic grants to freedom fighters".

"A Conservative" writes in The Spectator (July 8, 1972) on "Heath's Betrayal", showing how he maintains the "stbornness of a weak man with a single obsession" as the rights of Parliament are eroded through a Bill which brings "the ultimate destruction both of parliamentary sovereignty and the common law", and the writer says that his ministers stand convicted of "thoroughgoing spinelessness". Stiffening comes, however, from Harvey Ward of Rhodesia who writes in World Survey that anarchy can "become king" unless drastic action is taken. He mentions the group that ran riot in Tel Aviv, the Baader-Meinhof group in Germany, also calling itself the "Red Army", and the "Marxist-oriented terrorists" in Ireland, together with left-wing terrorism in North and South America and in Southern Africa. He concludes that events will force recognition of Rhodesia and Southern Africa as a whole as a bastion and an ally against the evil forces harassing mankind today. The Anglican Dean Dixon of St. John's, RSA, has complained that churchmen have "brought this misfortune of confrontation upon themselves by their own negative attitudes of destructive criticism and self-righteous condemnation". They do not seem so anxious to confront the real enemy. (RSA World, fourth issue, 1972).

Belated enough, the Central Intelligence Agency and other Western intelligence organisations are reported to "have evidence that links had been established between Japanese, Irish, Palestinian and other terrorist organisations". Messrs. Whitelaw and Wilson must have read this report (The Times, July 15, 1972) but appear to shut their eyes wilfully to the international subversion which their "guests" represent.

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ever since. The plotters have done their work while "denying with their lips what they did with their hands" (Toynbee). The barriers have not been rebuilt. With all checks gone, the vital issue of the Common Market has arisen and the all-powerful executive has ruled that in this matter the electorate can be ignored: they do not know what is good for them! Paradoxically and ironically, if this final thrust succeeds and the Bill of Accession to the European Economic Community receives the Royal Assent, sovereignty, individual and national, will have vanished: parliament will have destroyed both the national identity and itself. Nature abhors a vacuum: with self-discipline finally rejected throughout the body politic, parliament, or what remains of it, and people will receive directives from regions beyond their control. The alternatives to such a submission have been published many times in this journal: let them be adopted before it is too late.

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The Key to Communist Semantics

From a Canadian correspondent we have received a reprint of the following article from a U.S.A. daily newspaper, America, for which no details of city or date of publication were given:

One of the greatest assets the Communists have in today's conflict with the free world is our lack of understanding of their objective, strategy and tactics. And a prime reason for this lack of understanding is the Communists' "double-talk" vocabulary. Louis Budenz, the former top Red editor, says that the Reds developed this deceptive Aesopian language in order to confuse and mislead the non-Communist world. In the following column we list a few of the most common terms of this Red Aesopian lexicon, together with their real meanings.

Peace — non-opposition to Communism.
Peace-Loving — supporting Communism.
Peaceful Co-existence — non-resistance to Communist policy and moves towards world conquest.
People — Communists (People's China, etc.).
People's Democracy — Communist slave state.
Democratic or Progressive — terms used by the Reds to describe persons, organizations or policies which further Communist aims.
Aggression — any firm action to prevent or defeat Communist expansion.
Colonialism — possessing territory that the Reds want.
Colonony — a non-Communist territory associated with the Western Powers.
Anti-Colonialism — the Communists' program for gaining control of territories presently associated with the Free World.
Oppressed Peoples — those living in countries the Reds wish to seize.
Liberation — the Communist takeover of a free country.
Fascist State — any country which takes firm action against Communist infiltration, espionage and subversion.
Militarism — creation of non-Communist armed strength or alliance.
Discrimination — a smear term used against people or actions which interfere with Communist plans and objectives.
Disrupter or Stool Pigeon — an anti-Communist worker or union man.
Traitor — a general term for anti-Communists.
Reactionary — a non-Communist.
Fascist — an anti-Communist.
Nazi or Hitlerite — an active anti-Communist.
Warmlunger — anyone strongly opposed to giving in to Red demands.
Anti-Fascist — a Red or one who fights against anti-Communists.
McCarthyism — any action to expose Communist espionage and subversion within our borders.
Inquisition — any governmental or judicial inquiry into, or investigation of, Red infiltration or subversion in non-Communist states.
Religious Bigot — anyone who opposes Communism on religious grounds.

Anti-Semitism — a smear term used by Communists against those who effectively oppose and expose them. This technique of smearing their opposition as "anti-Semites" is an old and proven method of discrediting, isolating and destroying their opponents.

Hate Literature — any booklet or publication which identifies and exposes Communist and Red strategy and tactics. A current smear term used widely by Reds to discredit anti-Communist publications.

The importance of understanding this game of Red semantics becomes apparent, for instance, when examining current demands to "ban hate literature" and "introduce anti-hate legislation." Checking Red semantics, we find that this is really a crafty manœuvre to censor or outlaw anti-Communist literature and activity!

That's how important it is for the informed people to understand Red semantics today.

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The Finance-Communist Conspiracy

The enslavement of Vietnam is only a step in a global strategy for the enslavement of the entire world, and the erasure from mankind's memory of all knowledge of any order of society other than complete collectivism.

It is all too easy to believe "that it can't happen here". But unless the Conspiracy is actually defeated outright, beginning somewhere, and defeated, moreover, with a full understanding of what has to be defeated, and why, the Conspiracy will proceed with its programme of destruction of national cultures and their exponents.

It must be remembered that a conspiracy of such daring magnitude when near its consummation must in the ordinary way become obvious and therefore repellent, provoking resistance which would destroy it. So deception as to its success and progress becomes ever more essential. Its objective is the disarmament, moral, intellectual, and physical, of those it intends to enslave. So African and Asian "nationalism" really mean fragmentation, part of the undermining of the structure of Western Civilisation.

The key to the situation remains finance. Economic policies, visibly leading to a universal crisis, are still being pursued. Astronomical debt, amounting to a mortgage over the globe, is owed to the banking system, which itself is an expression of international power at the heart of the Finance-Communist Conspiracy.

Nevertheless, the exposure of this situation is being steadily effected. Beyond doubt, public opinion is changing, almost certainly more rapidly than anticipated by our enemies. Our weapons—books and information—are now available in adequate supply to those who will use them.