"There Will be Many Turns"

In practice, the switch has expressed itself in a whirlwind campaign for imperial preference amongst farmers, and in the sudden discovery that people in Britain are "worn, tired and lacking in energy" (Guardian 27/9). Food parcelling is to be ended.

Which political party is most closely connected with British Capital? Surely not the ALP which is more nationalist and has isolationist trends. No, the "patricide elements amongst the capitalist class" will be found in the LIBERAL PARTY.

Compare, for instance, the above from the Saloon press with an extract from Mr. Menzies' policy speech declaring last year, "The Liberal Party's foreign policy was: A cohesive British Empire in which there were not only occasional conferences on the Ministerial level, but also permanent machinery for joint political, military and economic arrangements" (Guardian August 31, 1946).

Well? Can you see any difference? Does not the Communist Party now stand for a "cohesive British Empire-Prefecture" and "Defence"?

Only two months ago Dr. Evatt was denounced by the "Guardian" as a "wamong" who was threatening the Nation's liberty. Today, there are signs that Australian and American capital interests are beginning to clash over Japan, and Dr. Evatt now becomes a "fascistic satiro".

Truly, complications lie ahead. Boys, it won't all be so easy. If you're really going to hunt round for "patriots" you'll have to include Mr. Menzies (remember—he was "Pig Iron Bob") Mr. Casey (remember—he was "The Tiger of Bengal") and maybe even little Jo Abbot.

Of course, a party that could have a United Front with the Nazis on two occasions in Germany, won't find it very hard to have, if necessary, a United Front with the Liberals.

But, beware, boys—you'll have to think up some clever degrees to put this one over. There will be many turns, bends and difficult situations you'll have to tackle.

R.Y.

Are you earning over £20 a week? You're not? That's just for beds because if you aren't you won't be able to afford a house.

WANT A HOUSE

For the proletarian to be strong enough on the day of decision, it is necessary, and this view Marx and I have upheld since 1847, that it should form its own party, separated from all others and opposed to them, a class-conscious class party.

—Frederick Engels (December 18th, 1889).
SLAVE LABOR

"Forced Labor has become a positive..." in The New Republic, Volume 93, Number 3, July 18, 1934.

ROCKET BILL

The "Rocket Bill" was introduced... in the House of Representatives, The New York Times, July 22, 1934.

VATICAN'S ATTITUDE

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DEBATE

"Can the Liberals Solve the Housing Problem?" in The New Republic, Volume 93, Number 3, July 18, 1934.
RUSSIA'S RATIONS

One of the most frequent arguments made for Russian State Capitalism, and for the low standard of living for the workers under it, is that "it's due to the war." It is true that the war brought much devastation to the Russian masses. But the existing goods were distributed.


All receivers of rations are divided into categories: 1. Non-Workers (inc. school, etc.); 2. Non-Workers (able to work—teachers, etc.); 3. Children under 6 yrs. of age; 4. Employees; 5. Ex-Workers (who were formerly ordinary workers); 6. Ex-Workers (former shock-brigaders—pace sellers).

Class 6 gets the highest ration. But in addition to these normal rations, there are special cards, called "food cards and limited cards" given to certain persons—THE SOCIAL ELITE—AND WHICH THEY REQUIRE IN ADDITION TO THE CLASS SIX CARDS.

These cards, for the privileged only, include practically all articles absent from the ordinary ones—such as white bread, butter, bacon, eggs, toilet soap, cigarettes, etc.

"Internationalehefte" comments that while in practice, this may be of little effect, in all other capitalist countries the capitalists can largely disregard rationing, so that the wage-earner in the workers' state is in a system which openly reveals the privileges of the rulers. In addition those in charge can buy on the Russian "free" i.e. black market.

FARES PLEASE!

Did you know that—

The length of the daily journey to work has been increasing. In 1939 it was 45 min. But now it is over 6 miles every day, and from work.

Travelling time increases the working-day. At least 30 per cent of workers have to travel for more than 45 min. each day.

Average weekly cost for fares so far is 
4. 3. 4. from work, in Moscow, 13 rubles per week. Percentage are: 36 per cent pay no fares; 63 per cent pay under 2.0, 12.0 per cent pay from 2.0 to 4.41; 21.0 per cent pay from 4.0 to 6.11; 9.9 per cent pay from 7 to 10.4; 7.1 per cent pay from 10.4 to 11.11; 10.0 per cent pay over 11.11. Percentage of income spent on fares for work by fare-paying families, leaving out incomes of 300 and over, ranges from 3.4 per cent to 7 per cent—the average is 4.2 per cent. Adds up doesn't it?


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2. That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle, between those who possess the instruments of production and distribution, and the democratic control by the whole people.

3. That this struggle may be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

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5. That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.

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