

Doctor's Indictment of Man's

Intelligence Arouses

Lively Comment

"MUSSOLINI" NEEDED

Citizen Counsels Sound Leadership

SHEEP WITHOUT SHEPHERD

Says Work is Best Remedy for Ills

Mr. W. Rule has not a very high opinion of man's intelligence. We are the largest mob of sheep which ever pastured on this planet," he says.

His comments are inspired by the Adelaide doctor's remark last week that "man's intelligence is no higher than that of a sheepdog."

"I agree," says Mr. Rule, who appeals for sane leadership to stop the "awful drift," and declares that the remedy for our ills is work.

He wants to see Australia run as a business concern with a managing director of the Mussolini type.

He thinks that because we are sheep without such a shepherd "the union bosses do as they like and land us where they like."

A student takes up the cudgels on man's behalf.

AWFUL DRIFT

Vision Wanted

(To the Editor)

Sir—Once again "The Mail" must be thanked for its far-seeing policy. In this instance "The Mail" must be strongly commended for the prominence it gave to the views of a doctor of the University of Adelaide.

Probably no stronger truism has been printed by the press during the past 50 years than the statement that "our intelligence is no higher than a sheepdog's." The writer will go farther, and say that we are the largest mob of sheep pastured on this planet today.

FOOL'S PARADISE

For years we have been living in a fool's paradise. What a pretty mess we have made, and what a name for our beloved Australia—a land of strikes and turmoil, poverty, and ill-feeling.

Let us clarify our minds by sober thought and fearless action, and a great wave of resentment will spring into being, and, inspired by sane leadership, will gather the tired, weary people into the grandest of all crusades:—

"Where none is for the party, and all is for the State;

Where the rich man loves the poor man, and the poor man loves the great."

The doctor says that people are like children, and that their emotional age is that of a child of 10 years. I entirely agree, but who is doing anything to remedy the evil?

Upon every hand you will hear insane optimists saying, "Oh, things will be all right soon." I would rather be a sane pessimist and say things are drifting from bad to worse.

A MUSSOLINI WANTED

The sooner we look upon Australia as a business trading house, producing manufacturing, exporting, and importing, and have it properly managed, the better. We need a managing director or statesman of the Mussolini type, and an efficient board of directors in place of the complex and unwieldy 13 Houses of Parliament, the bulk of whose members are merely office seekers and more or less misguided, unthinking sheep. We are overgoverned and yet not led.

The doctor says, "Our conceit is simply colossal, and we shout down those who chide us for doing wrong." Never was this statement more applicable than to Australians. I showed the doctor's statement to more than 100 people. One only lent me fullest support. A few glanced at it, but knew more about the football and races. One person exclaimed, "I wonder if he has children of his own?"

WORK IS THE REMEDY

What Australians need is work, plenty of hard work, and honest toil. They must be taught and forced to work honestly. Is it not only because we are such sheep that those pseudo leaders, the union bosses, do as they like, and land us where they like?

One has only to look at the faces of the unfortunate unemployed in Port Adelaide and elsewhere, or take a walk late any of these cold nights along the banks of the Torrens, and dire tragedy is revealed. Ask any of these poor benighted souls about the "no slow policy" of the union bosses now!

The ration distribution business is a blot on our intelligence. Look at its effect upon the half-starved children. They listen to their fathers telling how they stoned the police at Port Adelaide, and see their mothers collecting rations as they talk of "scabs." We are breeding a nation of wasters.

Liberal and Labor have fought too long. Nothing has been done to stop the awful drift. The writer would like to meet this far-seeing fearless doctor, and later other great-minded citizens who are tired of party squabbles, and ready to overthrow this policy of "do nothing."

Adelaide, August 2.

(Sgd.) W. RULE.

CASE FOR MAN

Unsound Reasoning

(By a University Student)

The statements by a prominent doctor of the University of Adelaide that the average man's intelligence is no higher than that of a sheepdog, and that we are only guided by brute instincts, should arouse a good deal of criticism. Either the writer is not sincere, but merely impish, or he has a very unsympathetic outlook.

His whole process of reasoning is illogical, and I would consider his views the quintessence of conceit, for how much more intelligent is he than the average man, except by a specialised training?

THE WORKERS' LOT

The doctor talks about the lack of responsibility on the part of the people at large. I ask him how he expects the workers to take any great interest in industry, from the profits of which they are totally divorced, and the routine of which is deadly.

Seventy-five per cent. of our wage-earners receive on the average no more than £4 a week, and I would ask the writer how he would subsist on that remuneration.

In these lean days only exceptional entertainments are packed to the doors, and the racing clubs are feeling the effect of smaller attendances.

Approximately one family in 10 possesses a motor car, not every other person, as the doctor declared, in a reckless moment. Because of the sales organisation of the motor car trade (hire-purchase), few people actually get into debt through buying motor cars.

WHY NOT THE NON-WORKERS?

The doctor's most damning statement was that thousands of manual workers could be removed from the earth, and their work performed by machines.

If he wants to remove anybody—I don't particularly—why not remove the 10 per cent. of the community who never do a day's work for industry, and receive 35

per cent. of the national dividend?

When the world's work can be performed completely by machinery, then let the whole of society enjoy the fruits of the earth—its just desert.

The present industrial depression, which the doctor deploras without fully comprehending, is not a peculiar happening of today, but has occurred roughly every 10 years for the past 100 years, and is a phenomenon of our present capitalistic system. In a year or two we will again be passing along the road to temporary prosperity.

"Humans Not Morons"

Prominent members of the law and clergy and well-known business men, refuted the doctor's statement. They pronounced it "ridiculous and sweeping."

"The doctor is absolutely beside the mark," said Canon Wise, the well-known Anglican minister. "There is no justification for his remarks. Human beings are not the morons he paints them. A little research on the doctor's part would reveal this to him."

The Rev. A. C. Stevens, M.A., of Glenelg Congregational Church, said:—"Man's intelligence is infinitely above that of the animal. Let us look at the virtues of mankind rather than the faults."

Mr. Norman Myer, director of Myers Emporium, South Australia, spoke of the high intelligence and ability of his employees.

"The education of the modern young person," he said, "gives them chances that their parents lacked. To say that the present-day man and woman has the emotional age of a child of ten is laying oneself open to a grave charge."

...of culture, refinement, grace, beauty, and the huge stained-glass window above the main stairs leading to the library is an abiding joy. I'm sure the eighteen hundred students who have graduated at the University will agree with me.

"What is your income, Mr. Eastler?" including the Waite Institute, £110,000 a year, and we live up to it."

P.A.D.V. 7-8-29

SPENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

At a meeting of the advisory committee of the Catherine Helen Spence Scholarship, held at the Education Department in Adelaide on Monday, it was unanimously resolved that the Minister of Education (Hon. M. McIntosh) should be asked to approve of the committee calling for applications, to close on October 31, for another Spence scholar, and under the conditions prescribed in the regulations. The proposal has been approved. This scholarship was founded in 1912 through the exertions of a committee of citizens, the endowment of £2,000 having been granted by the Verran Government at the same time as a similar sum was set aside for a Price Scholarship. The object is to commemorate the great public services rendered to the State by Miss Catherine Helen Spence, and to carry out, as far as possible, her life's desire that other women should have the best available opportunities for training for social service. The scholarship is open to women of South Australia of not less than 25 years and not more than 40 years of age who have been bona fide residents of the State for the past five years. The total value of the present scholarship will be £542, and it will be tenable for four years. In the appointment due consideration will be given to definite social service previously undertaken by applicants.

A.D.V. 7-8-29

MATRICULATION STANDARD

CONFLICT BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

Sydney, August 6.

Regarding the reported criticism by the Melbourne Schools Board of the refusal of the University of Sydney to recognise matriculation certificates issued to students of class A schools by the University of Melbourne, it was explained to-day that it was customary for the Melbourne institution to issue matriculation certificates to students of such schools on the recommendation of the headmaster, who would certify that the student in question had reached the necessary matriculation standard. This is an American practice that is not recognised by the University of Sydney, which recently decided that two such students from Melbourne were not eligible for admission.

The registrar of the Sydney University (Mr. W. A. Selle) said the matter was governed by the by-laws of the professorial Board.

ADV. 7-8-29

CONSERVATORIUM ORGAN RECITALS

The last of the present series of one-hour organ recitals will be given tomorrow at 1.15, in the Elder Hall, by Mr. John Horner. The programme will include Rheinberger's "Sonata in C" (with its rousing finale), Geoffrey Hawes's very English variations on "Heartsease," "The Answer" (by Wolleholm), the lovely "Adagio" from Bach's "Third Sonata" (in which the two upper melodies imitate each other and intertwine with beautiful effect), and the magnificent "Marche Pontificale" (from Widor's "First Symphony"). In addition, by special request, Mr. Horner will play Bach's prelude on "O, Ian, Thy Heavy Sins Bewail"—one of his most expressive works. The attendances, averaging over 800, at these recitals seem to indicate that, although there may be many who cannot sit through an organ recital unless the programme is full of ear-tickling titles, there is still a large public in Adelaide for programmes of a different order.

P.E.G. 7-8-29

AIR SURVEY PARTY WILL LEAVE TOMORROW

Mr. Madigan, Two Pilots, And Three Others

MELBOURNE, Tuesday. — The expedition led by Mr. C. T. Madigan, lecturer in geology at Adelaide University, which will make an aerial survey of about 30,000 square miles of unknown country in the south-east of Central Australia, will leave Melbourne in two Waspiti planes, lent by the Federal Government, on Thursday.

The planes will be in charge of Flying Officers A. G. Gerard and F. J. B. Wight. Two fitters and a photographer will be included in the party, which will be absent for a fortnight.



Mr. C. T. Madigan, lecturer in geology at Adelaide University, will lead an expedition to survey a vast territory in the south-east of Central Australia.

WORK PLANNED

"Between Oodnadatta and Alice Springs railway and the Queensland border," said Mr. Madigan today, "is a vast territory never yet crossed by a white man. It is ringed with hills and sand. Two or three explorers tried to get through, but failed because of lack of water and the difficulty of crossing the sandhills. We shall investigate this area."

"A survey of the land in south-east Central Australia will show whether it is worth while exploring the country on camels. There may be mineral ranges. The South Australian branch of the Geographical Society will outfit a ground expedition if an aerial survey shows it is warranted."

"Three flights will be made across unknown country. The landing places will be Broken Hill (N.S.W.), Marrac (S.A.), Birdsville (Q.), Alice Springs, and Oodnadatta. Two additional flights will be made from Alice Springs to investigate the geology of the MacDonnell Ranges."

P.E.G. 9-8-29

£11,900 For Relatives

LEAVING an estate sworn not to exceed £11,950, Mrs. Evelyn Muriel Brown, of Commercial road, Hyde Park, who died on June 22, divided it between her mother, Laura Jane Day; her husband, Leon S. Brown; and her son, Warwick Day Brown. If her son should die before he reaches 21, Mrs. Brown directed his share is to go to the Adelaide University, to form a fund to be known as the Warwick Day Brown bequest.