

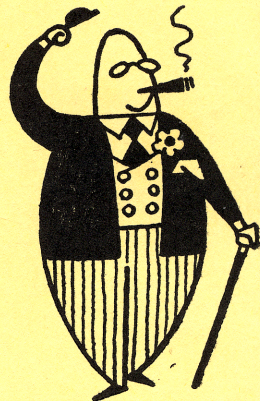
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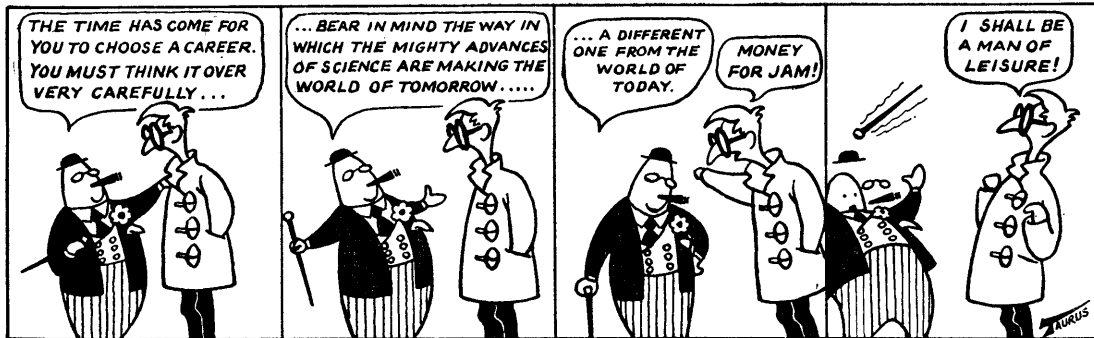
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LEISURE

The word "Leisure" is too often taken as synonymous with "Laziness," which is hardly surprising under a system which persists in attaching a stigma and economic penalties to those who, whether by choice or by circumstances beyond their control, don't "work." I put the word "work" in quotes ; because its generally accepted meaning is the hiring of one's labour to some impersonal

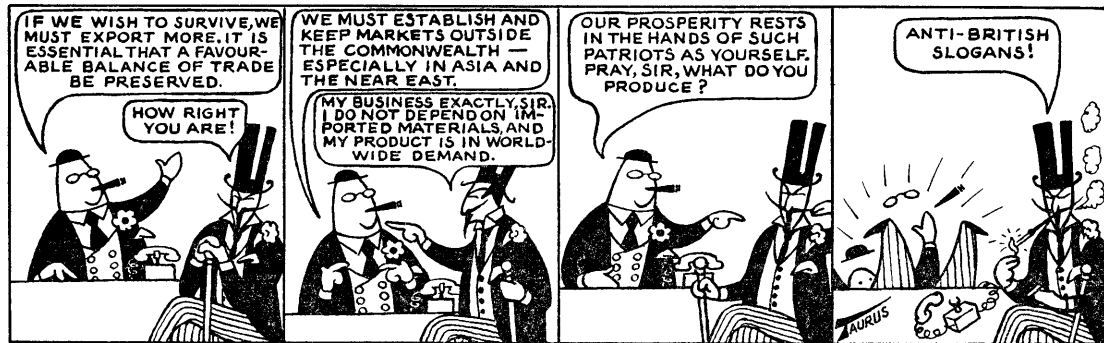
organisation in return for a pay packet or cheque. Those who work on their own account—and are penalised for doing so by being subjected to higher direct and indirect taxation—are not quite playing the game ! But, inevitably, the age of More-Leisure-For-All draws steadily closer, and even our rulers are beginning to pull their heads out of the sand and recognise the fact.



EXPORTS

Orthodox governments have a knack of putting the cart before the horse, for trying to find remedies without interfering with causes, and for going about things in the opposite way to the logical. An ordinary individual is keen to acquire property, and by no means anxious to heap what he possesses upon someone else who doesn't want it anyway. But governments spare no efforts to unload on reluctant foreigners

what their countries produce, and put every kind of control on the acquisition of anything from others—which is scarcely in keeping with the “We-Must-Have-Prime-Materials” argument. “An economic necessity!” comes the retort. The word “economic” means “sacred”, and not-to-be-tampered-with. “Economics” as instituted today has nothing to do with reason.

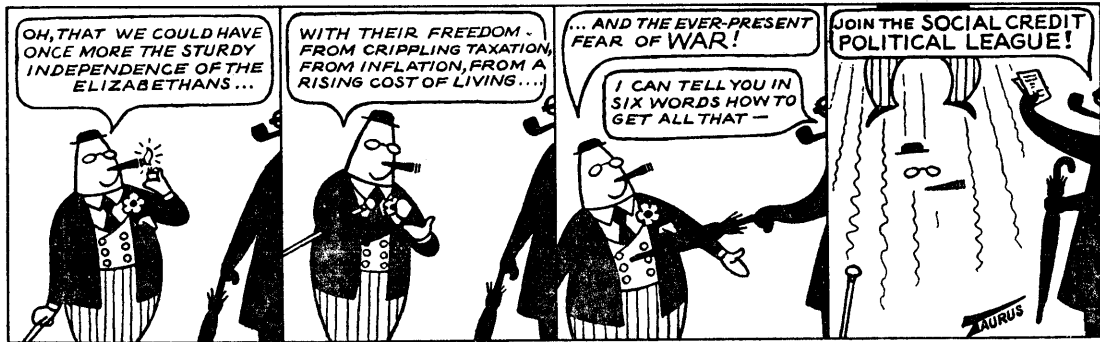


WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

The only way to get what you want today is to form a party big and powerful enough to make a great deal of noise and push other people around. The more noise you make, the more likely you are to be listened to, and the more people will climb on your bandwagon. When the champions of the New Economics can produce a body formidable enough to push around the parties who have been pushing us around in aimless

circles for altogether too long, it will suddenly be realised that Social Credit is the only sane solution conceived up to now for the existing financial and social chaos. But most people are like mice, scampering around the skirting boards and not daring to venture towards the middle of the room. They fear to relinquish the refuge of accepted doctrines, whatever the obvious evils arising from these !

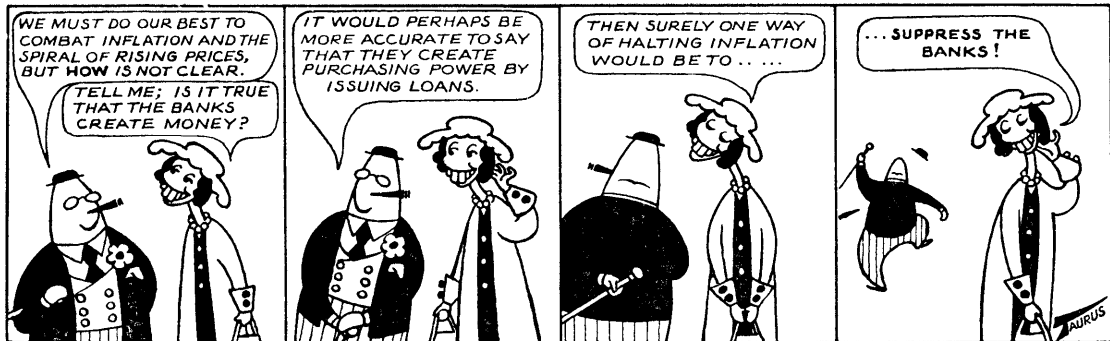




INFLATION

A bogle which won't bear close examination—a fearsome spectre which proves to be no more than vapour when probed—that is Inflation! Our orthodox politicians and economists teach us that Inflation is a world-wide disease that would rapidly render our currency worthless were it not for their own wise precautionary measures, which, of course, comprehend the restrictive legislation designed to shackle personal liberty and initiative, and keep us securely at heel.

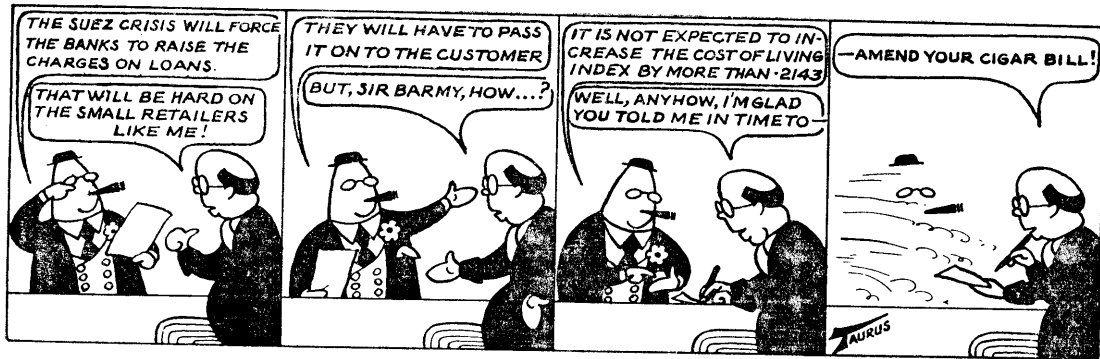
Inflation is a condition that has been a function of currency since money was first put into use. The child grows out of its clothes, and is given new garments that fit. Production outgrows purchasing power as mechanisation increases. We of today have outgrown our old, worn-out financial system, which in any case was not intended to benefit the people generally. It's time we had a new one—one that will benefit US.



INTEREST

The Bank Rate is raised, and millions suffer either directly or indirectly. Building Societies put up their interest on mortgages, regardless of the rate quoted when the loan was arranged. Up goes interest throughout the whole financial structure. The ordinary person is powerless to retaliate. And all because a few—probably a very few—financial tycoons decide that it shall be so ! Oh yes ; of course the Press will be full of

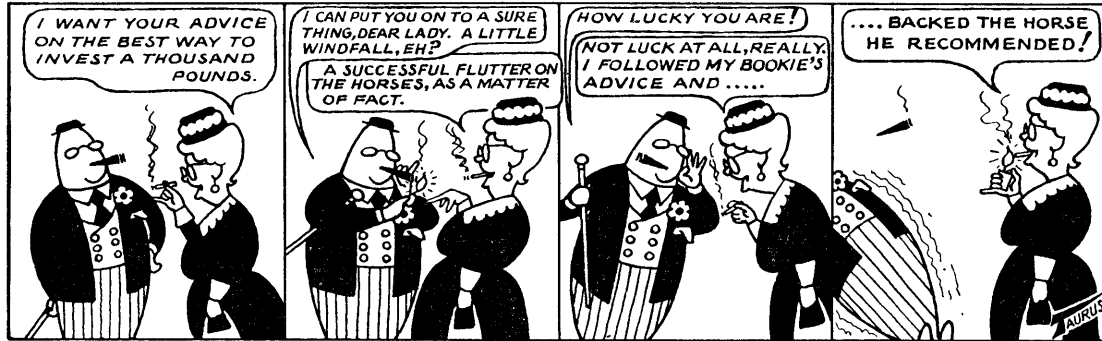
very sound reasons for the move ; but we shall suffer just the same. When, and if, the Bank Rate goes down again, somehow we never seem to reap any corresponding benefit from it ! But we are thoroughly educated to accept these ups without downs as the mysterious workings of High Finance, to be understood only by specially trained experts, and never under any circumstances to be questioned.



ADVICE

The Bank Manager is a good chap, respected in the community, friendly and always diplomatic. We trust him implicitly, and seek his advice about investing that little nest egg. And if he can do you a good turn, while furthering the interests of his bank, rest assured that he will. But if he has to choose between his bank and you, which do you imagine he will favour? What do you suppose he's a bank manager for, anyway?

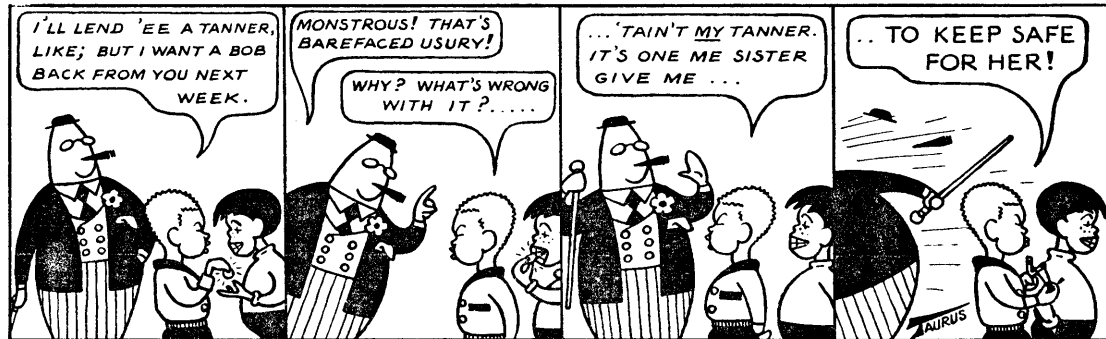
After all, the whole financial game is to separate the public from its own money to the utmost farthing that can safely be taken, and leave debt in its place. But the Financial Bosses know well how to manipulate the level of private spending power in order to keep a conflagration from bursting out, as it undoubtedly would were we rendered completely destitute.



USURY

How fashions change ! Time was when usurers were execrated, sometimes even burned at the stake. Now they are extolled, heaped with honours. That which a few hundred years ago was considered shameful, has now become more than respectable—one might say Sacred. The usurers are the most revered members of our communities ; their dignified establishments occupy the

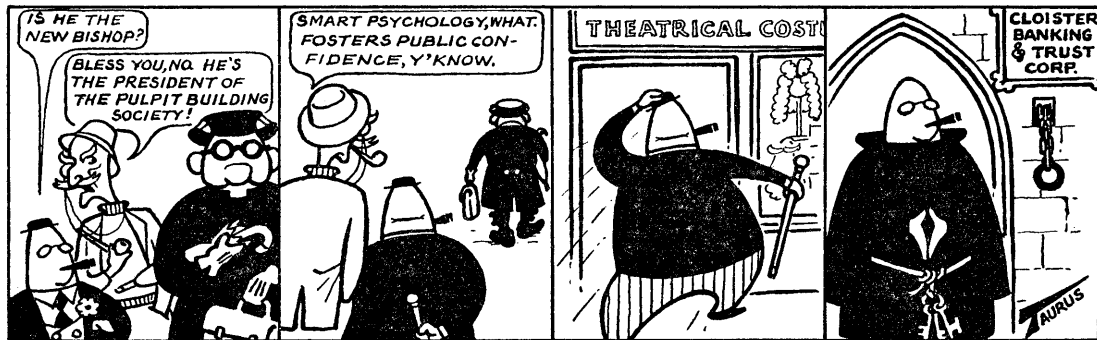
choicest sites in our cities ; titles once reserved for chivalry are lavished upon them ; and they sit in the highest places to govern us as they see fit. Who was it elevated them to this envied state ? Did they usurp it, or did we in our ignorance place them there ? Or did they propagate themselves like dangerous germs in the human body ?



CONFIDENCE

Have you ever wondered why financial institutions, such as building societies and insurance companies, seek to associate themselves in name with religion, or with revered edifices? And why do some newspapers favour Gothic for their titles, when this obsolete form of lettering is so intimately associated with sacred writings? Is it that the directors are pious Christians imbued

with desire to sacrifice themselves for the welfare of mankind ; or is it a mere trick to win from the public some of that confidence which reposes in Church and State ? Makes one think of Little Red Riding Hood : "What big teeth you have, Granny !" Or perhaps the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing—you know the old tale. Somehow, it's difficult to regard the profession of usury as saintly.



TAXATION

“That which goes up must come down,” is a questionable statement. Applied to aircraft and rockets it may be true enough ; but it certainly doesn’t seem to apply to taxation—at all events, not under the present system ! We are taught, and we firmly believe, that without contributing to the State for the expenses of running the country, we could have no social services, no amenities ; and we accept this as the whole

story, in doing so permitting a continuance of the most outrageous example of legalised robbery that has ever been perpetrated upon a docile nation ! On the face of it the statement is eminently reasonable, and that’s why we don’t analyse it. The voices of the few who question it are easily quashed under the weight of pseudo public opinion wielded by a Press in the control of the few whose interest it is to preserve the *status quo*.

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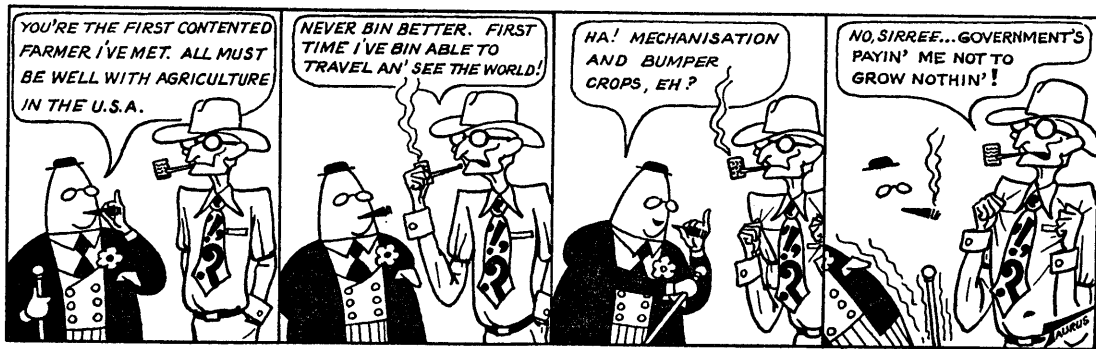
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OVERPRODUCTION

Scientists warn us grimly that in a few centuries more there will not be enough food in the world to feed the vastly increased population. One visualises an adult, well-fed mankind all of a sudden finding nothing left for the next meal ! The warnings are intended to be serious, but we laugh at them because at the same time we hear that in America there is so much wheat that they don't know how to get rid of it, and we know that at the moment our big problem is that

there's too much of everything ! But all this abundance must somehow be withheld from us and dribbled out in the form of bare adequacy, or its cost will fall and living will become generally cheaper. And, we are told, if food and commodity prices come down, inflation will be the result. Abundance, then, is a fact ; but we are prohibited from benefiting from it by a mere traditional method of using money !



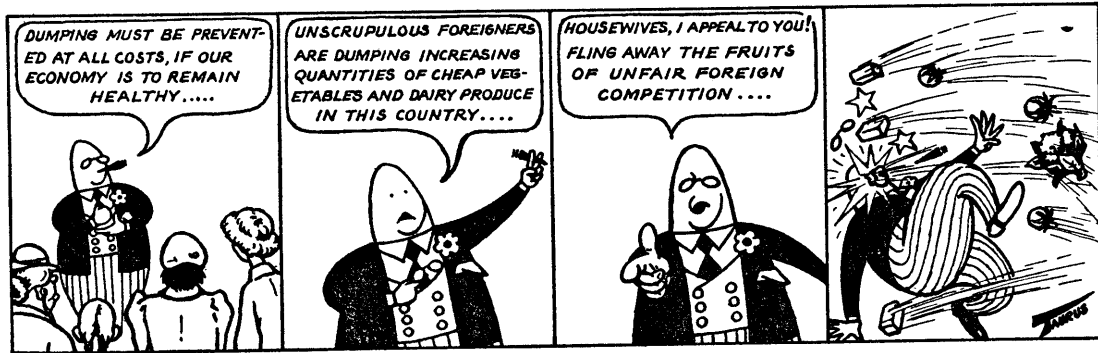
DUMPING

A word suggesting something undesirable—unscrupulous foreigners playing a mean trick on us—a method of cheating—unfair competition ! Our orthodox economists and their politician pawns voice cries of horror at the very idea of the housewife's being provided with foodstuffs and manufactured products at a price lower than the ordinary. "Dumping" is a word designed to make the consumer ashamed of buying so-called

"cheap" goods. Far from being a shameful thing, it is a manifestation of the abundance that is our birthright, and which is kept as much as possible out of our reach by the practitioners of selfishness and their ignorant followers. It is a hint of what could be done with man's productive capacity were our war-torn world freed from the curse of Power Politics.

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PURCHASING POWER

It has become obvious to our financial directors that the only way to get rid of the accumulation of consumer goods is to put more purchasing power into the hands of the people. So far, Social Credit and Orthodox Finance go along together. But when it comes to the means of achieving that object, their ways diverge. Social Credit wishes to do it by means of the National Dividend and the Just Price ; whereas the way chosen by

the Money Bosses is to issue it in the form of Debt. This serves a dual purpose. It permits a current increase in the distribution of production—and to hell with the future !—while imposing on the public a bondage that will prevent moves towards independence. A crushing burden of debt is the most effective way of reducing us to a condition of abject serfdom. Ponder upon what's been done in that line already !



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