

strife as inevitable, put their faith in armaments to keep the peace. Might not U.S.-Russian tension be lessened and Anglo-American relations be greatly improved if the United States would open her ports and markets to the world? It is an experiment worthy of a great country that boasts its love of freedom and its desire for peace.

TO HELP BACKWARD AREAS

The Honourable William O. Douglas, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, addressing the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, in Atlantic City, N.J., December 15, said: The mark of government of the landlords, for the landlords, and by the landlords is heavy on the country to the east of Israel. People live in squalor with no opportunity of escape. Some men own 200, 600, 1,500 villages. They own every piece of property in these villages: the mud houses, the community bath house, the fields, the animals, and the water in the irrigation ditch. They even own the people who, for all practical purposes, are their serfs. The peasants vote as their landlord dictates. Some landlords control 500,000 votes and cast them in a way that perpetuates their control.

Israel tolerates no such condition. Israel has a social and economic base that is democratic, not feudal, healthy not sick.

I have been alarmed and distressed at the way we in the United States have been wasting our inheritance by mass spending of money abroad. Our purpose has been fine; the aim worthy. Stop Communism has been our goal, and none can quarrel with that. But we have thought that dollars could do it. That was the most egregious and the most expensive error we have made in our history. The growth of Communism is due to the existence in large areas of the world of feudal systems. A feudal system beget Communism in Russia, and a feudal system in any country will beget Communism, unless the feudal system itself is supplanted by an honourable one, a democratic one.

When we, as a nation, loan money to a feudal country, we prop up that system, give it strength and vitality, and perpetuate the causes that breed Communism. Unless our loans and grants are discriminating, unless we tie them to democratic leaders who will work in their own country to abolish feudalism or ameliorate its vices, we waste our money. Let us make it plain to the world that that is our policy; let us make plain that our money follows democratic programmes, not feudal ones.

MEDICINE FOR PROTECTIONISTS

Dr. Charles Hill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, replying to the Adjournment Debate, February 19, rejected a plan for special assistance for the Apple Juice Industry advanced by Wing-Commander Bullus, M.P. Dr. Hill said he desired to avoid food wastage and he admitted the food value of apple juice. But, he asserted, "the real value of apple juice is not that it gives some nutritional satisfaction, but that it meets with the wishes of those who like it. What the hon. and gallant Member is really saying is that we should select this drink, that we should place on it a high value and as a Depart-

ment persuade more people to drink more of it. I suggest that it is not something we can properly do. It costs 1s. 6d. a pint as compared with other drinks; I will not proceed with that comparison. I suggest that one of the reasons why sales have gone down is because of the price and because it is so much more expensive than the fruit squashes which contain a much smaller proportion of natural juices Hospitals are free and indeed are encouraged to take advantage of these natural juices but it is for the individual hospital, the individual doctor and, most important of all, the individual patient, to decide the amount of this liquid he desires to drink. I say nothing about the prospect of its sale in N.A.A.F.I. canteens. That must be a question of persuasion by the proprietors of these products. If, as I am sure they do, they believe they have something of great public value to put before the people of this country, I suggest that this is the task of the individual organisation or firm which seeks help and which will profit by the appetite it creates. It is a task for the individual organisation and not a task to be laid on a Government"

Messrs. Eric Bullus (Cons., Wembley North), M. Philips Price (Lab., Gloucestershire West) and Gerald Nabarro (Cons., Kidderminster) had told the House that while upwards of 50,000 tons of English apples were wasted each year, the Apple Juice Industry was working at less than a quarter capacity and in danger of having to close down. It could process the waste apples into a nutritional beverage, thus reducing the need to import apples. By-products of the process included natural sugar and pectin, which are also imported from "dollar countries." Wing-Commander Bullus made it clear that the industry did not ask for any form of subsidy or financial help, saying, "obviously the Government could not sponsor any individual industry." But he asked that in the schools those children who do not like the milk they are given might be allowed to take apple juice instead; that the Minister of Food should use the "Food Facts" newspaper advertisements to publicise "the value of fruit juices produced from our own English apples"; and that apple juice should be issued in the hospitals and nursing homes under the control of the Minister of Health, and served in Service canteens such as the N.A.A.F.I.

Dr. Hill's ruling deserves the widest publicity. We hope his colleagues in the Government will notice it and apply it to every commodity which receives any measure of State aid or protection. Particularly do we commend it to the President of the Board of Trade. May he deal as severely with the vested interests which, with the sanction and connivance of the State, oblige consumers to buy their products. Let him restore to the people of Britain freedom to spend their own money as they will without let or hindrance from the Government.

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