

# Maxims by Philip Wallace of Jamaica W.I.

*Most newly independent nations are discovering to their horror that they've merely swapped exploiters; that independence has only meant a change of masters, instead of freedom; and that local colonialism is as bad as or worse than its foreign counterpart.*

*Bureaucracy impoverishes a people in two ways—by consuming without producing wealth, and by wasting the valuable time of producers through constant ceaseless interruptions, in filling out endless forms, questionnaires, reports and surveys, reading verbose laws, statutes and regulations, and conforming to a maze of red tape—requirements which not only leave them no time to produce but compel them to pay in taxes from their meager earnings, for the bureaucrats, stationeries, office and office equipment used to impoverish them.*

*When men become so corrupt that they give government the power to cheat by "proxy" it's only natural justice when they're cheated.*

*Slavery has not been abolished—it has merely been refined; shackle slavery has been transmuted into economic slavery.*

*National debt will result in national death.*

*You cannot get a handout without handing in some of your dignity, character, individuality, humanity and priceless virtues.*

*When politicians promise to do something for us it's a good idea to find out what they'll do to us.*

*Expediency is not a guide to action but an invitation to disaster.*

*Free enterprise cannot endure half-slave and half-free (with apologies to Abraham Lincoln).*

*Morality is a growth not a creation; a development not a construction.*

*Liberty is only a means to an end—the indispensable basis on which the economic, social, moral, ethical and spiritual super-structure necessary to the attainment and enjoyment of freedom must be built.*

*Freedom—unrestricted right to the full exercise of all the faculties and full satisfaction of all desires, provided only that the equal rights of others are respected—implies internal control and can be enjoyed only under God, by obedience to his social, moral, ethical and spiritual laws.*

**If news from Australia and New Zealand reaches us intermittently it does not mean that nothing is happening — something is. For instance, there is a municipality on the outskirts of Adelaide with some 6,000 homes, bearing the delightful name of Tea Tree Gully. Its residents voted solidly for the local government revenues to be changed to the land value system. It seems the Council of the municipality initiated the matter and it is presumed they will proceed with making the change.**

**From another Australian source we learn that the N.S.W. Commission of Enquiry into local government finance found that: "The rating of land constitutes the most convenient, logical and lucrative means of raising local government revenue — it is the most appropriate method of financing council services and should remain the basis of local government revenue."**