

Miscellany

LVT Is For Highbrows

AN ARTICLE in the *Liberal News* by Dr. Roy Douglas, Prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate for Gainsborough, Lincs., brought the following comment from George Waddilove, Treasurer of the Association of Liberal Trade Unionists, in a letter to the editor of the *Liberal News* the following week.

"Roy Douglas bemoans the fact that the Liberal Party is not getting the support it had hoped for and outlines a 'distinctive' policy of free trade, co-ownership in industry, land-value taxation and retrenchment of public spending.

"What Roy fails to see is that many like him in the party have, for years, been pushing these policies aimed at the intelligentsia, who are a small section of the community, which is precisely the reason we are a minority party.

"It is time we put over our policy in simple terms to reach out to the masses so that in factories and fields there is an instinctive feeling of "togetherness" with ordinary folk and the Liberal Party.

"Until we do this we have a limited future.

"To hell with the highbrow approach — it is holding the party back!"

Land-value taxers and free traders have been called many things in the past, but "highbrow" is something new. To take Mr. Waddilove seriously, if the Liberal Party is not to "push" LVT, free trade, co-ownership and limited government—what is there of liberalism left to push?

By Gracious Permission

THE Board of Trade announces that arrangements have been made to permit the export to any destination from February 17 to May 16, of the following:

1. Scrap and old metal being material wholly or mainly by weight of aluminium or alloys containing 70 per cent or more by weight of aluminium, other than:
 - (i) scrap wrought material (including foil);
 - (ii) scrap comprised of articles consisting wholly or mainly by weight of wrought material;
 - (iii) unused cast scrap;

- (iv) swarf, turnings, millings, borings and routings.
2. Metallic residues, the following:
 - (i) aluminium skimmings and dross;
 - (ii) aluminium ball mill dust.All no doubt part of the Grand Design of our planned economy in which the Board of no-trade co-operates.

Ten Pounds Off His Rateable Value

ONE of the "shoddiest" buildings in Chingford helped win a £10 rate value reduction for Mr. Alfred Tate at South-Western Essex Local Valuation Panel on Thursday.

The so-called garage at his house at 80, Marmion Close, was nothing more than an appliance fixed to a wall, said chairman, Mr. G. T. Stone.

"It is about the shoddiest thing I have ever seen in Chingford," he told Valuation Officer Mr. W. E. C. Priest. "I don't think you can possibly charge £10 on the gross value for that."

—*Wanstead and Woodford Guardian*, February 21.

Aid To (The Land Owners Of) The South-West

A NEW road "of at least dual carriageway standard" is to be built from the terminal point of the M5 at East Brent in Somerset to a point just west of Exeter. At the same time substantial improvements costing over two million pounds are to be made to the A38 road in the same area. This, says Mr. Heath, minister for regional development, "will greatly help to open up the South-West for tourism and industry, and stimulate growth over a wide area."

And stimulate land values over a substantial area as well.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Liberal Hour by J. K. Galbraith, (Pelican, 3s. 6d.)

Economic Philosophy by Joan Robinson. (Pelican, 3s. 6d.)

What is History? by E. H. Carr, (Pelican, 3s. 6d.)

What Happened In History? by Gordon Childe, (Pelican Original, 5s.)

QUEST FOR TRUTH

THERE is in human affairs one order which is the best. That order is not always the one which exists; but it is the order which should exist for the greatest good of humanity. God knows it, and wills it; man's duty is to discover and establish it.

—*Emile de Laveleye.*

What's Wrong With British Industry? by Rex Malik, (Penguin Special, 3s. 6d.)

Contemporary Problems of Land Ownership by D. R. Denman and others. (Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge, 21s.)

The Economics of the Wartime Shortage by Mancur Olson Jr. (Duke University Press, \$4.50).

What's Wrong With Parliament? by Andrew Hill/Anthony Whichelow. (Penguin Special, 3s. 6d.)

The Treasury by Lord Bridges. (New Whitehall Series No. 12. George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 30s.)

Why Labour? by Jim Northcott. (Penguin Special, 3s. 6d.)

Why Conservative? by Timothy Raison. (Penguin Special, 3s. 6d.)

No Inflation For Mint Men

THE four remaining engravers at the Royal Mint are reported to be in revolt over a delay in settling their claim for pay rises of up to £20 a week. They have turned down the Mint's offer of £5 a week.

Why doesn't the Government take the easy way out and print the extra money these men would like? Would that be to let the cat out of the bag?

Still Trying To Get It Back

A GROUP of American Indians—full-blooded Sioux—have ceremonially laid claim to Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco Bay, which has been deserted since the prisoners were moved from there last year.

The Indians claim that under a treaty of 1868, the Sioux tribe has a right to claim any unoccupied government land.