**The Advocate**

**Fair and Imperial.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1951.**

**DRAWING THE PARTY LINE**

SOME matters which come before Parliament are regarded by common consent as non-parliamentary; for example, the granting of prestige titles to members of other States of the British Commonwealth are not questioned: it would be as well to place foreign relations on the same dignified plane. The appointment of the Prime Minister for a Government of a joint committee on foreign affairs should come into that category. The suggestion is considered, and it is to be hoped a compromise will be reached between the schemes of the Government and the opposition proposed by the Leader of the Opposition.

As always, the suggestion is for Opposition to oppose, but Dr. Evatt has given only too much evidence that this idea dominates his thinking. The need for a more rational approach by the nation's leaders is not confined to Australia. It is only too apparent, so also are the lies, and Mr. Churchill has made political capital out of his country's troubles in the Middle East. An all-party committee on foreign affairs in Australia should put both sides in possession of essential information, and lead to the homogenising out of a national line of approach. In regard to the Middle East, Australia's attitude may be a predictor to Britain and other countries.

But that suggestion should be based on the considered opinion of the country's representatives as a whole. When it is presented there should be some survey that it represents the Australian public from all the party viewpoints.

**INFLATION SPIRAL IN ACTION**

The latest addition to the basic wage, bringing the increase to 274c. in three months, reveals the current inflation, and makes for a more-than-three-fold increase to the basic workers' wages, but more millions to come, and the least protected will be those whose wages are governed by industrial awards. In the case of small excess charges, the extra bill will be a burden on the consumer.

As it stands, in many cases are likely to rise above what can be broken down, with the 'reduction' of the common items of prices, partially effective in any case, the worse the conditions, the more likely they will be black marketing of goods as are not available to meet the demand.

The need is to demand by reducing the output of less essential goods and services, so that more limited supplies may be directed to things the community must have. We are safer from the economic warfare of a government, which we cannot withstand without endangering the safety of the nation.

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**PUBLIC OPINION**

**NOMINATION SQUEEZE**

No. - Do you know of any candidate for Parliament, well-known in the English family, that has made a secret of his candidature? That is the problem the candidate in your electorate is facing. So many of the good men are so secret that the elector is not always aware of their presence. Why not have a suggestion box at the Electoral Office, with the names written thereon after the candidate has signed a consent form. This would give the candidate a good deal of publicity without the suggestion of a personal campaign.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**in England**

To Mr. H. J. Fisher.

I ask Mr. Moloney, whatever the latter's personal views on the Labor party, that he may listen to the arguments of those who call themselves Liberals and Conservative alike, for the sake of the nation's well-being.

**in South Australia**

To Mr. T. M. Ford and Mr. E. H. McGlashen.

I suggest they both have a second thought about the prosperity of their community and its future, and carry on the leadership they have shown in the past.

**in Western Australia**

To Mr. J. C. O'Brien.

We have had a long and bitter struggle with both the Treloar and the Tresidder governments, but if solutions are to be found we must carry on with the same determination.

**in Tasmania**

To Mr. J. J. J. Payne.

God grant that you will never be a member of the Government again. Your present position is a disgrace to your community.

**A TREAT FOR THE FAMILY**

**Jubilee Band's Day**

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**Personal**

**U.K. butchers’ £240 million annual subsidy**

**ROBERT. — Subsidies in the British Government’s scheme to ensure food supplies for the U.S. troops in Western Europe, it is claimed today, are to be provided by British and U.S. taxpayers.**

**Sister Arts; Solicitors**

Both solicitors and members of the Aborigines, who have settled in the Arnhem land region, have been well received by the Aborigines in the area.

**24/- in subscription**

**The Advocate** has been a welcome addition to our list of publications, and we have received many inquiries about it. As a result of these requests, we are now able to offer a subscription price of £1.25 per annum, which includes delivery to all parts of the country.

**STATE’S ROAD TOLL EQUAL TO ARMY DIVISION**

**MELBOURNE.**—Road casualties each year are supposed to level the strength of an armoured division. The casualties of the State’s men have somewhat lessened the danger for the State’s army.

**Shortage of copper**

**Copper.**—The copper shortage is not due to any lack of copper, but due to the price of copper. As a result of this shortage, international copper production has been reduced to a minimum, and the last two years, production has been at a low level.

The international materials shortage has been caused by the closure of many of the world’s copper mines, which have been closed due to the high price of the metal.

**22nd birthday**

**Mr. V. J. V. Brown**

A well-wisher to Mr. V. J. V. Brown on his 22nd birthday, which was celebrated last Saturday. The event was attended by his family and friends.

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