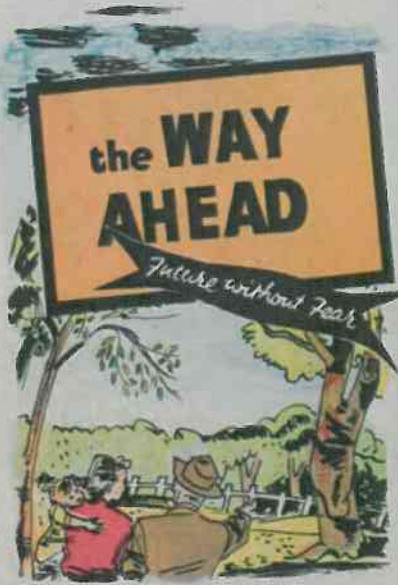
A political cartoon featuring a man with grey hair, wearing a dark pinstriped suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smoking a pipe. A large white speech bubble is positioned to his right, containing text. The background is a solid yellowish-brown color.

**YOU MUST
READ THIS STORY
HOW £18,000,000
GREW TO
£100,000,000
UNDER LABOR**



1943

AMIDST THE TURMOIL OF WAR A GREAT CONCEPT OF A NEW AUSTRALIA IS BORN-AN AUSTRALIA WHOSE PEOPLE ARE FREE FROM THE TORTURING UNCERTAINTY OF FEAR AND HARDSHIP...



PRIME MINISTER JOHN CURTIN CHATS WITH HIS TREASURER J.B. CHIFLEY

THE PEOPLE SHOULD NEVER AGAIN HAVE TO SUFFER THE MISERY OF THE DEPRESSION YEARS, JOHN!....

I AGREE WITH YOU, BEN..... SOCIAL SECURITY MUST BE OUR PEACE-TIME AIM!...



BEST OF LUCK TO YOU AND BABY, MRS. KENT!

GOOD-BYE MATRON... IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE THAT ALL THAT WONDERFUL ATTENTION SHOULD BE FREE!...



YES! I KNOW WHAT A BOON HOSPITAL BENEFITS ARE, I HAVE PEOPLE HERE ALL THE TIME WHO WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO AFFORD TREATMENT IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME.



... WELL GOOD-BYE MRS. KENT!

THANK YOU, MATRON... .. AND YOU KNOW JOHN WE STILL HAVE THE £16 MATERNITY ALLOWANCE TO COLLECT!



YES, IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP TOWARDS BUYING BABY'S THINGS. THE GREAT THING ABOUT MATERNITY ALLOWANCES IS THAT UNDER LABOR, THEY AREN'T SUBJECT TO ANY MEANS TEST IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE HOW MUCH I'M EARNING!...







CAN I SIT ON YOUR KNEE, GRAN'PA?

OF COURSE, DEAR. UP YOU COME.



YOU'RE A LUCKY LITTLE GIRL, YOUNG LADY. YOU'LL GROW UP IN A BETTER AUSTRALIA THAN I DID, OR YOUR DADDY DID, EITHER, FOR THAT MATTER. WON'T SHE, JOHN?



SHE WILL, DAD. I DONT KNOW HOW YOU AND MUM MANAGED WITH ALL OF US. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A STRUGGLE.



STRUGGLE! I SHOULD SAY SO! A FAMILY MADE A WOMAN OLD BEFORE HER TIME THEN. WHY, EVERY TIME ONE OF YOU WAS SICK, I DIDN'T SLEEP FOR WONDERING HOW WE'D PAY FOR ALL THE MEDICINE.



THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW, MUM. WHEN DAVID HAD PNEUMONIA, ALL THE LATEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE DRUGS WERE ON THE GOVERNMENT FORMULARY AND DIDN'T COST US A PENNY.



YES. IT'S A GREAT HAPPINESS TO ME TO KNOW THAT MY GRANDCHILDREN WON'T HAVE A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CAME CLOSE TO BREAKING MY HEART, AT TIMES.

THE NEXT AFTERNOON



HEY!
BILL!

WELL!
JOHNNY
KENT!



WHAT HAVE YOU
BEEN DOING
LATELY, BILL?

I'VE JUST LANDED MYSELF
A BONZER NEW JOB FROM
THE COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICE, JOHN. WITH THE
REDUCED TAXATION, I'LL BE
DOING QUITE NICELY



I'VE BEEN LAID UP FOR A LONG WHILE, YOU
KNOW, JOHN, GETTING OVER RHEUMATIC FEVER.
ALL THE WHILE THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT
PAID ME THE SICKNESS ALLOWANCE,
INTRODUCED BY
THE LABOR PARTY.

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A
HELP TO YOU. WHAT ABOUT
ONE TO CELEBRATE THE
NEW JOB.



WHILE I WAS LAID UP, I GOT TO
THINKING A LOT ABOUT THE CHANGE
THAT'S TAKEN PLACE IN
AUSTRALIA

HOW DO YOU
MEAN, BILL?



WELL THIS IS JUST ONE THING, BUT IT GIVES
YOU AN IDEA. THIS IS A LETTER FROM MY
YOUNG BROTHER ON THE LAND. THE GOVERNMENT
SET HIM UP WHEN HE CAME BACK
FROM THE ARMY.
YOU READ
IT.

Dear Bill
You'll be pleased to hear
that the Government has done the right
thing by us returned blokes this time
Another example of Labor
ing its promise. Of course
we got a bonzer block of
first-rate land, with an ex-cel-
lence all built for me. The wife
reckons that we have the
house in the dick
hope us in
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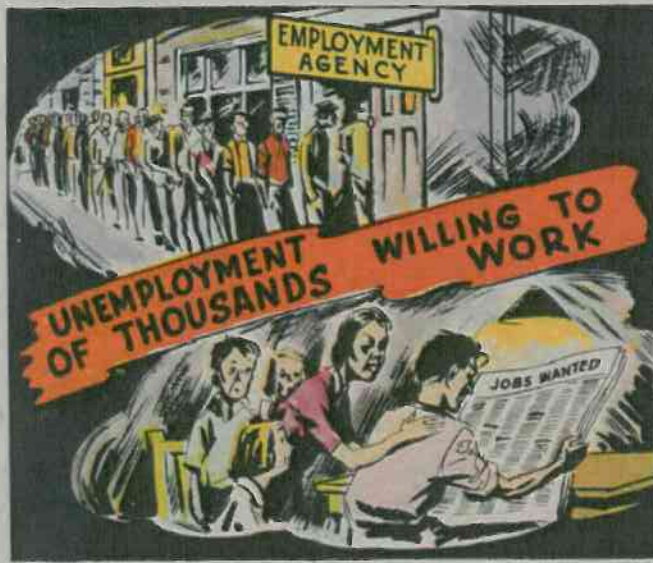


YES. NO ONE CAN SAY THE LABOR GOVERNMENT HASN'T HANDLED REHABILITATION WELL. EVEN THE LIBERALS ADMIT THAT.

WELL THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE CHANGES. DO YOU REMEMBER THE DEPRESSION YEARS?

THE DEPRESSION

- NO UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENT
- NO SICKNESS PAYMENT
- MATERNITY ALLOWANCE ONLY £4, AND THEN SUBJECT TO MEANS TEST.
- NO CHILD ENDOWMENT
- NO WIDOWS PENSION
- NO FUNERAL BENEFITS
- NO FREE MEDICINE
- NO FREE HOSPITAL TREATMENT
- NO TUBERCULOSIS ALLOWANCE



YES. I REMEMBER WELL ENOUGH WHAT IT WAS LIKE.

AND YOU'LL REMEMBER HOW MUCH SYMPATHY THE LIBERAL PARTY HAD IN THOSE DAYS WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE



... AND MOREOVER, THE PENSION WAS NEVER INTENDED TO SUPPLY THE AGED WITH A COMFORTABLE LIVING.

E.J. HARRISON, NOW DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, WENT SO FAR AS TO APPLAUD THE GOVERNMENT WHICH CUT PENSIONS TO 15%.

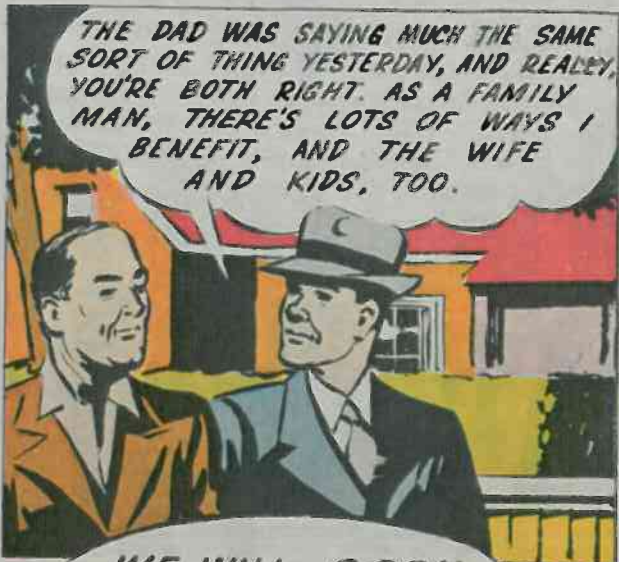


THAT'S WHAT I MEAN ABOUT A DIFFERENT AUSTRALIA. WE'VE GOT A GOVERNMENT NOW THAT'S REALLY DOING SOMETHING TO HELP BLOKES LIKE YOU AND ME.

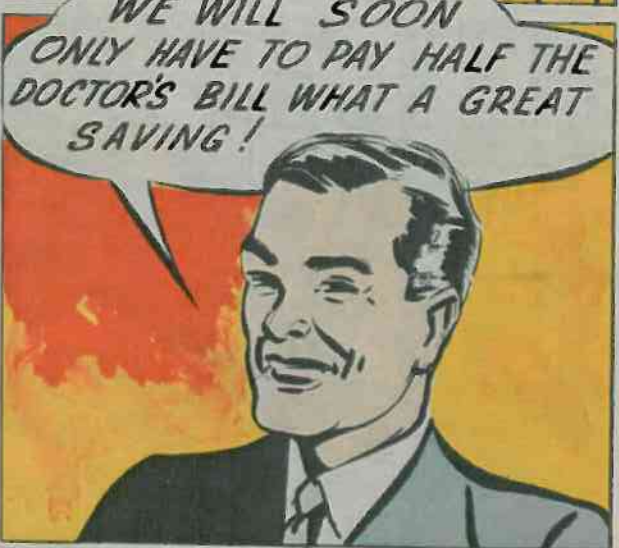


HULLO SON!
HULLO DAD!
THAT WAS MY ELDEST KIDDIE, BILL.

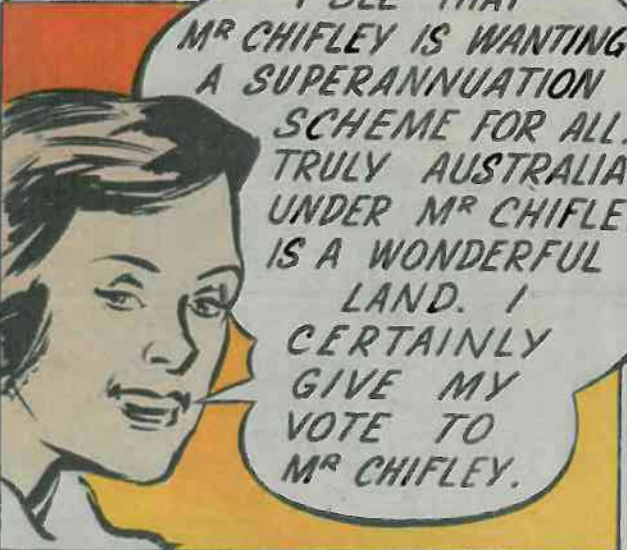
HE'S A FINE BOY, JOHN. IT'S OUR DUTY TO SEE HE HAS A GREAT AND SECURE FUTURE, AND IT'S IN OUR POWER TO MAKE SURE HE HAS!



THE DAD WAS SAYING MUCH THE SAME SORT OF THING YESTERDAY, AND REALEY, YOU'RE BOTH RIGHT. AS A FAMILY MAN, THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS I BENEFIT, AND THE WIFE AND KIDS, TOO.



WE WILL SOON ONLY HAVE TO PAY HALF THE DOCTORS BILL WHAT A GREAT SAVING!



I SEE THAT MR CHIFLEY IS WANTING A SUPERANNUATION SCHEME FOR ALL. TRULY AUSTRALIA UNDER MR CHIFLEY IS A WONDERFUL LAND. I CERTAINLY GIVE MY VOTE TO MR CHIFLEY.

1946 Repeats Itself
CHIFLEY SPELLS SECURITY