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The Abolition of Control

WHY SHOULD WE BE FOREVER TIED TO THE APRON
STRINGS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Britain's Financial Interests will fight for the protection of the
Colonies whether the Colonials desire it or not.

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O. S. W. in his "Case for Control" in the Daily Argosy of September 23, 1945, would ascribe to those of us who desire its abolition a lack of information of the machinery of control and a sense of fear of "its official trend towards totalitarianism or as others choose to term it, statism." It is not that we are afraid of state control. The fact is that many of us want state control of production, distribution, communications and exchange. This control however, can only

be achieved when we have a truly representative government, interested in the welfare of the many as against the welfare of the few. Whether we like to admit it or not, our Legislature is mostly representative of vested interests—real estate business, sugar and as such cannot be vitally interested in control for the many. It is not only a matter of statism, but the type of statism. Will anyone doubt

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that our system of state plus business control is nearer the German Nazi state than it is to the Russian type of statism?

Let me quote the late President Roosevelt — Unhappy events abroad have retaught us two simple truths about the liberty of a democratic people. The first truth is that the liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism — ownership of government by an individual, by a group, or by any other controlling private power. The second truth is that the liberty of a democracy is not safe if its business system does not provide employment and produce and distribute goods in such a way as to sustain an acceptable standard of living."

Let us now look at the International situation. In the struggle for leadership, New York Wall Street has definitely superceded London. The British Empire is no longer a close-knit socio-economic entity. There is a recent shift in New Zealand and Australian policy to that of co-operation with their eastern neighbours and the U. S. A. Canada is looking more to the U. S. A. than to England for reciprocal trade and cooperation. In a similar vein, many Guianese are thinking in terms of future cooperation with Latin America and the West Indies and will not follow "Mudhead" (Daily Argosy, Sept. 25, 1945) and "stand four square behind any policy aimed at keeping the empire together with its head held high," *Why should we be forever tied to the apron-string of the British Empire?*