

able trends in bourgeois thought today: supernaturalism, subjectivism, positivism, pragmatism, and their reflections in natural science, economics, politics and popular literature. All the prophets and soothsayers, witch-doctors and oracles of our day—Polanyi and Ayer, Broad and Dingle, Baillie, Eliot and the rest—are systematically confuted. Dr. Lewis does not mince his words. Where his opponent is guilty of intellectual dishonesty, he says so. To Labour Party members in particular I would commend the discussion of the philosophical beliefs of Keynes and their influence on Labour Party economics. This book engages the enemy on one of the most important sectors of the class struggle. Let us hope it will be followed by the large-scale work which Dr. Lewis is singularly fitted to give us.

PETER FRYER

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This Housing Problem, by Alec Johnson. (120 pp. Lawrence & Wishart. 5s. paper, 8s. 6d. cloth.)

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This useful book makes the case for increased subsidies and lower interest on housing loans amply and factually. It advocates outright nationalisation for building materials, but Direct Labour schemes to supplant (rather than taking over) the private building contractors. Many aspects of the housing programme put forward would be no more than carrying out Labour's post-war programme but in fact Labour's failure in 1945 to take strong measures against private interests led to a come-back by these same profit-makers, on almost every count. Thus Johnson's book shows the need for a People's Government — 'Housing, ever improving . . . will be ours in the future, when the people come to power'. The next edition might well include an index, for it is a book to study and refer to. JOE BENT

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