

## MORE LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

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### "HOLIDAY PARALYSIS"

Sir.—Many of your readers will have felt the force of those criticisms levelled against New Zealand by Ian Stephens (editor of *The Statesman of India*). As a working man, however, I feel that "Holiday Paralysis" bears some comment. Since the depression years the New Zealander has bent his mind towards a more communal and less despotic economy. He has deliberately voted in a government which by nationalising certain industries and taxing others has acted as a levelling agent on income and provided us with life's basic securities.

The reins of industry, however, are not shared; the worker, therefore, remains in a position where his ethical responsibilities are neither developed nor exercised in regard to the relation between his occupation and the world situation. Before the last Election there was much talk by the Opposition and its supporters of Profit Sharing, a system which, whatever its difficulties, could have developed into a type of joint ownership wherein the accent would naturally have moved from grossly materialistic considerations to an interest in the trade itself and further towards the obligation of an industry in the present world situation. Since the Election the idea has lapsed, although its inward worth should be patent to all industrialists of good will.

The final outcome of inertia on the part of the industrialists and of insufficient emphasis being placed on the moral responsibilities of freedom by the Labour Government, is that we appear as a smug people deaf to the voice of compassion. On the other hand a reversion to longer hours and less holidays is no remedy since it would merely mean that we gave back to the industrialist both the profit and power, the inequalities of which we disapproved. Should our government propose any measure for the relief of stricken people we want to know that it is not a trap to cast us once again into the ethical and material bog which has its origins in unrestrained capitalism.

JOHN SUMMERS (Hororata).

### DIET IN OLD AGE

Sir.—Dr. Muriel Bell's article in *The Listener* for January 13-19 enlightened me on the previously puzzling subject of issuing extra butter to old people. I still cannot understand why they are not issued extra sugar. The butter, it appears, was just kindness to those who had been through the battle of life and were now entitled to live in Easy Street. I should rather put it "giving them a square deal" in the matter.

But it might be a good idea to let people know that after the last war the diseases of degeneration were found to be much reduced in those countries which were fat-starved. An elderly woman told me, when I mentioned that I had surrendered all my meat coupons and butter coupons (I have been getting fish and unrationed meat, though, and I find that I am better without fat), "well they do say that at our age it's the things we don't get that do us the most good!"

I understand that sugar facilitates the loss of lime from the body and that this is the way it affects the teeth of the

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