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Dumping

Sir.—I noticed a comment in "The Examiner" about the dumping of axes and hams in to Australia. Why object to Australians getting a few cheap axes and hams? Australia does not practice what it preaches. This country is an inveterate dumper of cheap foods into other countries. We dump cheap wheat, flour, sugar, eggs, butter, fruit.

Australians are charged grossly inflated prices for food-stuffs, not only to make up the losses on dumped food but also to provide profits for the producers. For many years we have dumped cheap sugar abroad. Twice since Mr. Menzies attained power the price to us has been put up a penny per lb.

The Egg Board is dumping 28 million dozen eggs abroad while charging us extortionate prices to make up the losses. A re-

cent Sydney article quoted a producer who stated that "it was silly to be selling our good eggs at two bob a dozen to British housewives while charging our own people 6/6 a dozen for inferior eggs."

We have latterly been dumping cheap wheat into Communist China. The Wheat Board is so ashamed that it is keeping the price dark. It is not long since the last lot was sold largely on tick.

The price of bread was recently put up on us a penny a loaf. Our record wheat crop failed to provide us with cheap bread. That is reserved for the Commo Chinese.

Why the hypocrisy of complaining about a few cheap axes and hams?—A. G. HUIE
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