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The Political Problem

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It is a curious commentary of our carefully directed educational system that what is perhaps the most quoted phrase of that useful tool of international Finance, Abraham Lincoln—"Government of the people, for the people, by the people"—is an exposure and condemnation of Lincoln himself. What is a people?

The United States in 1861 consisted broadly of two Anglo-Saxon settlements, the "Yankees" or new Englanders, in the North, the descendants of the bitter Puritans of the Massachussetts Bay Settlement, and the Southern landowners, very much of the George Washington type, the Lees, Randolphs, the cadets of many Scottish Lowland families. Hereditarily, these were a "people" in any usual sense of the word. The rest of the population was an undigested mass of Dutch, German, and Mid-European elements, the disappearing "Red Indians," and the negro slaves.

It is only necessary to contemplate these unquestionable facts to be convinced that Lincoln's words are "a tale told by an idiot, all noise and fury, signifying nothing." Two parts of the only recognisable whole led the two sides of the American Civil War: Lincoln's actual policy (*i.e.*, the policy of which he was the visible executive) contradicted almost every one of his spoken statements—as for instance, his declaration that any country had a right to secede if it had the power—and a cold analysis of his most publicised apothegms indicates that they can bear any meaning which it may appear desirable to read into them.

If the orbit of the ideas for which Lincoln's verbiage was_supposed to be the expression_were bounded by the North American Continent, they might be left to work out their true meaning, as they are doing to-day, on the graveyard of the noble redskin. But of course, they did not originate in America, and they are not confined to it. Lincoln's travesty of "Democracy" is the sheet anchor of the Supreme State; vox populi, vox Dei is the travesty and blasphemy of the Immanence of Good; and Tool Power Politics is the Incarnation as manifested in the Coming of the Prince of This World, the False Messiah.

Nothing is more remarkable in matters of politics than the sheer inability of even thoroughly honest and wellintentioned people to realise the consequences of their opinions.

There are as many definitions of "democracy" as there are men; yet, in fact, as has been admirably expressed in an Australian Broadcast, the key to democracy is to reduce a problem to the limits of interest and understanding of those concerned. That is to say, democracy is not so much a question of the mechanism of voting (although that is not of negligible importance); but rather a rigorous exclusion of matters for which the franchise is too wide: and at present the number of persons who think they understand everyone's business, but cannot manage their own, would suggest simple electoral issues.

It is not too much to say, I think, that anyone who cannot grasp this simple idea, or, having understood it, will not admit its validity, is unworthy of a vote and is a public danger if in possession of it. In the light which it throws upon the limitations of democratic theory, it is perfectly understandable that the condition of the world in general and Great Britain in particular has deteriorated in proportion to the extension of the ballot-box plot. No one would give a child of six a ten-pound note, turn him loose with a box of matches in a firework shop, and tell him to set off the pretty rockets. But that is exactly what has been done by giving the initiative to an uninstructed—worse, a misinstructed—electorate, and allowing it to provide something claimed to be a mandate to interfere in the business of everyone having "a vested interest."

There are many matters which require attention; but interference with them will only deliver us from bad to worse until we can admit that power without understanding is the tool of the Devil. There is only one worse thing than the fool in politics and that is the technical expert who knows everything about his business except its legitimate object. We have often miraculously survived the former; but the latter shows signs of writing our epitaph.

The World Plot

It is a curious fact that the decreasing number of people who pour scorn on "World Plot" explanations of the present state of the world (not of one country only) do not appear to recognise the implications of their opinion. If they were right, the present discontents are inherent; we can do nothing more about them than we can do about the normal equipment of mankind with two legs and two arms. But if the "Plot" theory is correct then we can deal with it, great though the difficulties may be. Either all men are alike, as the Socialists would have us believe; or some are turned to the Light, and some love the Dark. That is the awful interpretation of the Judgment.

-A note by C. H. Douglas (1947).

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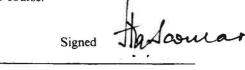
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Social Credit Secretariat

Circumstances have changed since the chairmanship of the Secretariat and the editorship of The Social Crediter were transferred to Australia thirty years ago. The reasoning at that time* no longer applies.

Furthermore, as our main thrust-has always been concerned with the British scene, it has advantages to have a chairman close to that scene. Mr. C. R. Preston has agreed to accept the responsibility and this will confirm his appointment. His appointments will be announced later.

With the change of location of the Chairman the editorial arrangements for The Social Crediter will pass to the United Kingdom in due course.



Our Task

As we have said many times before, our task is the vigorous exposure of the fact of conspiracy as the mainspring of world politics.

The Development of World Dominion[†]

This book contains that remarkable series of "From Week to Week" notes by C. H. Douglas, extracted over a period from The Social Crediter. A constant source of warnings and 'pointings', every paragraph cited is expositary and militant at the same time. The following two extracts were originally published in these pages on July 19, 1947 and July 17, 1948 respectively.

"I had a chance to discuss the political trends of postwar Europe with one of Britain's [sic] leading Conservative statesmen and publicists in London. Heartbroken as he was after the defeat of his Party, he envisaged a catastrophe even worse than mere socialism, in the near future. 'Believe me,' he stormed, pacing the floor of his fashionable West End apartment, 'the communists are going to take over. They'll step in when the socialists are through as sure as Lenin succeeded Kerensky, and there's nothing you or we can do about it.' 'Why?' I asked. 'Because the communists have got something. What have we got' etc., etc.'

The foregoing lurid extract is not from a Hollywood thriller but from an article by Mr. Ernest O. Hauser, an

*See T.S.C. Feb'5, 1955.

associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post. We should suppose that Mr. Hauser is an American Jew of German connections, but we may be wrong. The interest of Mr. Hauser's article, to us, lies in the confirmation it affords of a fact which is becoming increasingly clear. There is not room in the Universe, not to mention the planet Earth, for commu-socialism and Christianity. There can be no more fatal mistake than to suppose that socialism is merely an economic system—it is, in its materialistic aspect, the policy of a philosophy. The war between socialism and Social Credit is only an earthly simulacrum of a War in Heaven. Whatever of the meanings, which are almost endless, we choose to attach to the word 'occultism' there is no doubt that in various forms it is the background of Russian policy, just as the downfall of Imperial Russia was connected with Rasputin phenomenon. Occultism stands out from Mr. Hauser's suggestion that one of 'Britain's' leading (God help us) statesmen. . . stormed and said there was nothing we could do about it-the communists had something. It stands out a mile from the Canadian Spy Trials and their amazing revelations of completely inexplicable (by normal standards) subversive activities by well educated Canadians, Scots, and English. And it underlines heavily the really awful danger in which the majority of decent people in these islands stand by reason of a pathetic faith in the possibilities of salvation by an electoral turnover. A mysterious Power which can manifest, as it is manifesting, on every plane of human, and perhaps superhuman, activity, is not going to take a ballotbox very seriously except so far as it is helpful to the Big Idea.

It is becoming daily more obvious that the proximate agency for the suppression of vital information (which is not to say that it is the ultimate power) is Freemasonry.

While the financial-technical aspect of Social Credit was heartily disliked and ridiculed in influential quarters, it is possible to recognise in retrospect a well-known phenomenon -that an incomplete case always affords an opportunity to those who are in possession of one more comprehensive. Quite inevitably and logically, the financial-technical aspect of Social Credit was an attack on bankers, although a carefully premised attack.

Anyone who heard the late, and much belauded President of the United States deliver his Inaugural Address in 1933 when the economic life of the North American continent was paralysed, must be pardoned for believing, as so many Social Crediters did believe, that here was Social Credit enthroned in the seats of the mighty. No attack ever made in this country was half so virulent as that upon bankers (neither the system nor the money power) by the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The closest attention was directed to this speech by qualified Social Crediters, and the conclusion was reached that it was a centralising speech-a conclusion soon confirmed by everything connected with the New Deal, in-cluding its personnel. The Buxton speech and policy was the outcome of this conclusion. But the point we have in mind at the moment is that some-quite a large number-of bankers were thrown to the wolves of an unrestricted and condemnatory publicity. Banking, as such, was clearly not the Ark of the Covenant, and since hearing Mr. Roosevelt we have still more closely defined our criticism of banks. Centralisation was the signpost, and at the centre would

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[†] Tidal Publications (available from Bloomfield Books, 26 Meadow Lane, Sudbury, Suffolk: P/B £2.50; H/B £4.00).

be found the Centralisers.

Let us consider the views of Mr. Douglas Reed, whom we believe to be both well-informed and courageous. Writing in London Tidings of September 14, 1946, he observes "Is there an organised power in the world which pursues some world-wide aim and is powerful enough to promote, manipulate and prolong wars between nations and in the pursuit of this aim? Is there a super-national conspiracy, directed against the freedom of all peoples, which uses such men as Hitler as its servants? The strongest evidence in favour of this theory seems to us to be that there is a powerful ban, in practice, on the very suggestion; the mention of the word conspiracy is taboo. Politicians and newspapers shun it. Yet we have had abundant recent proofs that conspiracy is a very real and living thing in the world. The essence of conspiracy is secrecy. To our mind, that is why all attempts to penetrate this secrecy are so severely repressed. But they are also the proof that powerful conspiracy exists; they would not otherwise be necessary".

Ideas, and even whole paragraphs (but never those relating to a conspiracy) which first see the light in *The Social Crediter* can be read in increasing numbers in various reviews and periodicals, and with the exception of journals carefully branded as crankish (*i.e.*, courageous), almost invariably without acknowledgment. So far from objecting to this, we welcome it; but that does not alter the confirmation the procedure gives to Mr. Reed's thesis, which is also ours.

Exposure

The "From Week to Week" notes of Dr. B. W. Monahan originally published in our issue for Dec. 26 1970 and later in *The Survival of Britain*^{*} are repeated for actionists and new readers.

1945: "There is a working coalition between the scum of the underworld and the richest men in the world to murder those from whom redemption for the underworld can come, in order that any threat to the power of the financier may be removed. The underworld will be dealt with just as easily as Stalin deals with any opposition, when the underworld has done its job."—C. H. Douglas, *The Social Crediter*, Feb. 10, 1945.

1946: "Our first target is Great Britain, even though there may be a general impression that that country is only of secondary importance, and that all our forces should be directed against the United States. It should not be forgotten that Great Britain exerts a strong influence on four continents. Once this influence is extinguished, we shall have the masses at our disposal, and the field of action will be open. Everywhere we shall find allies in our fight against the British octopus, and against the head of that octopus, England herself."—Marshal Tito, reported in *Continental News Service*, Nov. 5, 1946.

1946: "It is not doubted today that Germany aimed at world conquest. What is not appreciated is the embracing nature of the strategy she followed. . . . 'Remembering how large Russia loomed on the political horizon in 1904, it is easy to see why Mackinder cast that country for a role it has only now [about 1942-43] begun to play. In revising his thesis after the war of 1914-18, he retained Russia as the pivot area, calling it the "Heartland". He then recognised Germany as the active force in a possible combination with Russia, extremely dangerous to maritime Great Britain'. (Derwent Whittlesey: German Strategy of World Conquest.)

"As a result of the defeat of Germany, the 'Heartland' ['Eastern' Europe] is now in the absolute control of Russia....

"In considering this situation, we must ignore ideology. Ideology is a weapon. As Stalin said, 'Words must have no relation to actions.... Words are one thing, actions another. Good words are a mask for the concealment of bad deeds'." —The Australian Social Crediter, March and April, 1946.*

1970: "Britain at this moment is under attack. It is not surprising if many people still find that difficult to realise. . . When we think of an enemy, we still visualise him in the shape of armoured divisions, or squadrons of aircraft, or packs of submarines.

"But a nation's existence is not always threatened in the same way. The future of Britain is as much at risk now as in the years when Imperial Germany was building dreadnoughts, or Nazism rearming. Indeed the danger is greater today, just because the enemy is invisible or disguised....

"This country is today under attack by forces which aim at the actual destruction of our nation and society as we know them or can imagine them. . . .

"Have you ever wondered, perhaps, why opinions which the majority of people quite naturally hold are, if anyone dares to express them publicly, denounced as 'controversial', 'extremist', 'explosive', 'disgraceful', and overwhelmed with a violence and venom quite unknown to debate on mere political issues? It is because the whole power of the aggressor depends on preventing people from seeing what is happening and from saying what they see" — Speech by Enoch Powell, June 13, reported in the Sunday Times, June 14, 1970.

1970: "The week ending August 8, 1970, saw two gigantic strides towards the culmination of the conspiracy to establish an impregnable World Government: a renewed German-Russian non-'aggression' pact, and the adoption of the 'Nixon' plan for a 90-day cease-fire in the Middle East". —The Social Crediter, Aug. 22, 1970.

1970: "The present Middle East situation stems proximately from the Balfour Declaration, which made possible the virtual Soviet control of the area. At stake is Europe's oil supply. Thus the Cold War is almost over, and the permanent enslavement of mankind in sight . . . Any idea that we may be saved by conflict between Washington and Moscow, or between Peking and Moscow, is a carefully inculcated delusion. But without the simulacrum of such conflicts, how could the present catastrophic situation have been brought about? If the Nazis were where the Soviets are, the world would know what to think. But brainwashing has blinded and paralysed the world to reality"—The Social Crediter, Oct. 3, 1970.

1970: "It has long been clear that there are people, with international connections, whose precise design is that 'the mob should take over' in industrial relations, in government, and in any other field where trouble can be fomented, whether it is race relations, or Miss World contests, or cricket matches. The purpose of this strategy is to destroy the fabric of capitalist industry and democratic government".—Angus Maude, M.P., in the Sunday Express, Nov. 22, 1970.

^{*} Tidal Publications (£5.00 from Bloomfield Books).

^{*} Article The State of the World republished with Introduction and additional Notes, 1967: Tidal Publications (50p from Bloomfield Books).

1970: "I pointed out that in each case [examples of enemies within Britain] the tactics and success of the enemy consisted in forcing everyone to speak and write as if what was self-evidently false was obviously true, so that law and order, reason and authority were themselves arraigned as responsible for the growth of anarchy and disorder.

"The reaction of the media to this speech was, with certain exceptions, hostile, and even violent. In fact the word violent is rather an understatement, since the burden of much comment was not so much dissent as the assumption that no one who was not actually deranged could hold such views, let alone voice them.

"Mr. Powell recalled that the Guardian had commented: 'No one will ever listen to him again on any subject of national importance'. The Times had accused him of 'dangerous nonsense'."—Sunday Express, Nov. 22, 1970.

In 1945, even when Germany's defeat was apparent, C. H. Douglas referred to the existing situation as the gravest crisis in the world's history: "It is essential to realise that the stakes which are being played for are so high that the players on one side, at least, care no more for the immolation of the peoples of a continent than for the death of a sparrow".

But even the Mr. Maudes and the Mr. Powells (if there are others like them) seem to miss the essential point, which is that the heart of the conspiracy which is so plainly obvious to them lies within the world of International Finance, and some of the most apparently respectable international persons -such, for example, as members of the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, or the Royal Institute of International Affairs- are the arch conspirators. At the present time, the supreme power in the world is financial power, which means, of course, those who wield it. But this power is increasingly threatened by the progress of the industrial arts, and in the last resort can only be maintained by essentially military sanctions. That is why Russia, with the collusion of the U.S., has occupied the centres of strategic control of the world; that is why a defective financial system, whose most disastrous aspect is manifest in a wholly unnecessary inflation, is maintained at any cost—the cost being that growth of anarchy which alarms both Mr. Powell and Mr. Maude. Mr. Powell is as much constrained to take certain financial falsities as true as others are of taking what is self-evidently false as obviously true-and for the same reason. He too can be made to play his part in destroying the fabric of capitalist industry and democratic government, because a failure to recognise that the purposeful maintenance of a mathematically defective financial system is the basic cause of the discontent which is organised and manipulated by lesser conspirators (but under the overall strategic direction of the Inner Conspirators) to produce the anarchy which is the prelude to a Communist take-over, is to play into the hands of the enemy. The Communists can handle anarchy. But they cannot withstand full-scale exposure-yet. Later they will boast of it.

Finance and Soviet-style Communism are two components of a single strategy; and any counter-strategy which fails to take that well-documented fact into account ultimately plays into the enemy's hands. Mr. Powell sees some of this: "We are told that the economic achievement of the Western countries has been at the expense of the rest of the world and has impoverished them, so that what are called the 'developed' countries owe a duty to hand over tax-produced 'aid' to the governments of the undeveloped countries. It is nonsense—manifest arrant nonsense. . . ." Yes: but who tells us, and why? It is quite certain that those who "deluge and saturate" us with this nonsense know quite well what they are doing; it is anything but nonsense to them.

The facts of the present situation are so painfully plain that they are almost universally overlooked. On the one hand we are constantly "deluged and saturated" with fabricated falsities, particularly economic and financial falsities; on the other, Russia is occupying strategic world stations by which it will be possible to *maintain* World Government when it comes in the wake of economic break-down and anarchy, which is the objective of the Financiers who, after all, financed the Russian Revolution, and have supported it, openly or covertly, ever since.

Bonn has made a 'deal' with Moscow. On Nov. 27 it was reported in a news broadcast that Mrs. Meir, of Israel, had said that Israel may resume peace-talks despite the advantage taken by the Soviets to improve their control over the Suez Canal during the cease-fire. Let nobody be surprised by a 'deal' between Israel and the Soviets—in the interests of World Peace, of course, and with the tacit approval of Washington. We hope Mr. Powell does not feel we are "actually deranged" for holding the view that the creation of the State of Israel was a key move in a very long-term strategy, aimed at placing armed Communism at the centre of world communications.

There is practically nothing that most of our readers can do about the present situation, except to let their Parliamentary Representatives know that they know what is going on, and attempt to force a disclosure in the House of Commons of information which Mr. Maude, for one, believes to be in the possession of the authorities. The elaborate pretense that anarchy is spontaneous; that Russia represents nothing more than a potential conventional military threat; that we are really in danger of a completely annihilating World War, after which, if they survived, the would-be World Governors would have nothing left to govern, and the productive resources of the world would be destroyed-all this must be abandoned. We are confronted with a gigantic conspiracy for World Government. The sole way out is to recognise that fact; rectify the defective financial system which is the chief mechanism of our disasters; and name, expose, and if possible, punish those traitors within reach.

Mr. Powell has claimed that his predictions, which caused such a furore, have come true within five months—and even that Mr. Heath is coming to agree with him. We claim that we made the predictions more than twenty-five years ago, and have been documenting them ever since.

If nothing drastic is done, it is now only a matter of time —and not much time at that—before Finance-Communist domination of the world is openly proclaimed—and enforced, with any degree of ruthlessness required. The extermination of the middle-class, precisely as it was carried out in Russia and Russian-dominated 'satellites', has always been, and remains, the Order of the Day for Communist revolution, whose approach in Britain, and elsewhere, is now visible to anyone who has not been brain-washed—by the 'Capitalist' press—into insensibility.