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PARTY POLITICS

By C. H. Douglas

Endeavouring to bring about Social Credit by Party Politics is like backing a dark horse against all the entries including the dark horse, and allowing the book-maker to fix the handicaps.

THE following observations are made without reference to any Social Credit "principles" and are based purely on a detached examination of the control mechanisms of modern Politics.

(1) The Case of Alberta

The Election of 1935 was not a Social Credit victory, it was primarily a verdict on the results of the U.F.A. Administration, and secondly, a personal triumph for Mr. Aberhart in conditions perhaps approximating to those which would now obtain if Mr. Lloyd George were thirty years younger, lived in South Wales, South Wales had Home Rule, and Mr. Lloyd George had control of the B.B.C. As Mr. Aberhart himself complained, he was opposed by the Social Credit Movement in Alberta, an opposition which was only silenced by a personal appeal from myself.

It should be noted that Mr. Lloyd George's, like Viscount Snowden's, success was achieved with the complete support of the financiers, who benefited by his policies at every point ("He did everything we asked of him") and his defeat was caused by a revolt against their orders.

There never was, and is not, a Social Credit Government in Alberta. From August, 1935, to March, 1937, there was a financial Dictatorship working through an increasingly restive Premier. There is now a Social Democratic Administration with Mr. Aberhart as its Chief Executive, which cannot govern because it is not allowed to govern, but which can and has demonstrated why it is not allowed to govern and so has set in motion forces which will eventually give it the power to govern.

It should be noted that no step taken in Alberta before 1937 was opposed. Every major step taken since 1937 has been blocked not only in Alberta but elsewhere. ("Freedom of the Press" agitation in England since 1937, Electoral Reform Bill, Ottawa, etc.)

(2)

There is no more chance of obtaining an electoral majority within a reasonable time for a titular Social Credit Party in

this country than of the survival of the well-known celluloid cat in Hades, and by the time it was elected it would have jettisoned everything that would make it effective.

The work complex makes the Labour Movement by far the most plausible movement for political purposes as a titular opposition to the present Government, and there are few Social Crediters who do not know the attitude of the official Labour Movement to Social Credit. I do not, myself, think that the Labour Movement is at all likely to come into power just yet, but it is a hundred times more likely to come into power than a titular Social Credit Party, and would be a good deal less unorthodox than the New Zealand Government which places a balanced budget in the forefront of its policy.

The political machinery of this country is organised with one primary object—to make it as an organisation the best possible instrument for the support of the existing financial system. To this end every device which brains, money, time and opportunity can provide has been used.

I am willing to credit even congenital Party politicians with the best of motives, but anyone who supposes that this system can be captured by a frontal attack, is either childishly ignorant of its mechanisms or is a dangerous megalomaniac. On the other hand, it has been demonstrated that a different form of organisation can be brought to bear, not upon the political organisation, but upon the individuals who compose it. The elaboration and pursuit of this policy has been endorsed not merely by a small body of individuals in the Secretariat itself, but by the registered electorate of the Social Credit Movement all over the world. Every event which is taking place at the present time, both inside and outside Social Credit circles, seems to me to justify this attitude and to endorse the policy.



Might of Bankers' Overdraft

IF one or two deaths are caused by some poison, there is an outcry to have that poison made more difficult of access by the public. The sale and possession of fire-arms is licensed and controlled. There has been talk of attempts to make coal gas less lethal. Devices have been installed in tube railways, and at certain places in the country, including prisons, to make more difficult the task of some unhappy person attempting to escape the financial worries of the world.

A banker touches a button, and one hundred thousand tons of stone a hundred miles away come tumbling down. A banker lifts a pen and writes figures in a ledger, and as a result many human lives are snuffed out perhaps hundreds of miles away. So great is the awe and dread of a bank overdraft in the minds of the majority of people, that mental worry often results in an attempt to escape by way of death. A recent instance was the death of the rector of Holton St. Mary, near Ipswich. The Rev. Howard received a letter. It referred to a bank overdraft. He exclaimed "How awful!" Half-an-hour later he shot himself in bed. Here is an instance of a priest of the Christian Church losing his life to the black magic of a bankers' practice.

There should be an insistent demand that licences be necessary before such enormous powers can be wielded by bankers. Make banking less lethal.

ROOSEVELT THE DANGEROUS

Leading Straight to War

"The most dangerous man at the present time," said Major Douglas in answer to a question at Liverpool in 1936, "is the man who wants to get everyone back to work, for he perverts means into ends, and is leading straight to the next war—which will provide plenty of work for everyone."

What a Politician Said

"We in America . . . seek . . . continuous employment," said President F. D. Roosevelt during his radio talk on June 24, 1938, and he added, "I . . . insist on . . . sincere respect for the need of ALL AT THE BOTTOM to get work . . ."

BARTER

Germany—Mexico

"Germany is to send Mexico tinplate in exchange for 50,000 tons of sugar and 5,000,000 gallons of alcohol and molasses. Mexico usually purchased her tinplate in the United States."—Daily Express.