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EDITORIAL

SOCIAL CREDIT AND RELIGION

Nothing so illuminates the fundamental problem of how to bring to life a new civilisation out of the one now disintegrating, than the charge sometimes levelled against us that we are introducing religion into Social Credit. The very fact that this charge is made is itself confirmation of the widespread confusion of thought and words, and of a divorcement from reality. Let us first point out that although related, religion is not theology.

Religion concerns a conception of reality. Douglas dealt with the derivation of the word and pointed out that it meant a binding back. Now if Social Credit policy is not an attempt to relate action to reality, it is meaningless and no realist should bother himself any further about it. But Social Credit is primarily concerned with relating action, or policy, to reality. Social Credit is, as Douglas insisted in one of his memorable addresses, "the policy of a philosophy." That policy is designed to make real the underlying philosophy, which produced Western Civilization. It is a matter of historical fact that it was the attempted incarnation of the philosophy of Christianity, which produced Western Civilization.

Now it is important to note carefully that Western Civilization did not develop merely because large numbers of people *believed* the Christian revelation of reality; the social structure of Western Europe developed as it did because a sufficient number of Christians, probably only a minority of all believers, took seriously the words concerning the necessity of works growing out of faith. There was an incarnation of Christian philosophy and values into the social structure, probably the greatest success being achieved in England where our priceless heritage of Constitutional Government and Common Law was the result of direct and indirect Christian influence.

A study of the works of that evil genius, Lenin, leaves no doubt that this enemy of Western Christendom grasped the basic importance of relating policy to philosophy. He taught that a comparatively small but dedicated number of Communists whose actions were dominated by a complete and integrated philosophy, dialectical materialism, could have a decisive impact upon events and defeat a majority without a dominant

and coherent philosophy. Periodically the Communist Parties purge themselves of those members whose belief does not produce sufficient action. It is a sobering thought that if the Christian Church were to purge itself of all those who merely formally expressed their faith without being seized with the necessity of taking appropriate action to have the whole of the social structure conform to the rightness which Christianity claims to reveal, there would be comparatively few members of the Church left.

Douglas made it clear that he did not believe it possible to avert complete disaster for Western Civilization unless there was a return to the earlier Christian conception of the Church and Christians insisting that "right" relations between individuals were increasingly difficult to establish unless the whole social structure - - the political system, the economic system, the financial system reflected rightness. It is unfortunate that much of the current emphasis upon "changing hearts" diverts attention from the real issue. When it is realised that the present social environment, the product of false policies, tends to prevent the individual from developing his most divine attributes, it is encouraging that so many in their personal relationships reflect the Christian ideal. For any preacher to keep harping away on the comparatively minor evils of the individual, usually a direct result of an unreal environment, without attacking the evil policies which produce that environment, is both cowardly and a failure to face reality. In this sense, such preachers are ignoring true religion.

No matter how a man in business may experience a "change of heart," and no matter how

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NEWS SECTION

Voting And Responsibility: It is one of the hopeful signs of our times that some political observers are beginning to realise that at present there is no way of making the individual personally responsible for his political vote in the same way as he is responsible for the use of his money vote. But it is certain that there is a long way to go before the exploitation of the secret, irresponsible vote to advance totalitarianism is stopped, as witnessed by an editorial in the *Melbourne Age* of February 26.

The editorial deals with the present Government's banking "reforms," and observes "The mass of consequential legislation makes the reforms large and complex." After referring to the fact that some Government Members are not completely satisfied with the legislation, the *Age* makes the following comment: ". . . it is better that they should be accepted in the form approved by the people than with major amendment." How could "the people" possibly approve of legislation, which they did not understand? There was comparatively little mention of banking at the last elections and any electors who voted for the Government parties primarily because of its proposed banking legislation, must have taken at their face value the generalities concerning banking "reforms." It is not only the great majority of electors who do not understand the Government's banking legislation; the majority of Members of Parliament - - of all parties -- is in the same position.

Those who drafted the banking legislation understand full well just what it means. It means the very opposite of what it is supposed to mean, and will enable the policy of centralising power to be continued. The disintegration of civilisation cannot be halted until every individual in society is made personally responsible for his policies.

Revolution In Africa: There is nothing surprising about the revolutionary developments in Africa. Realistic Europeans, including Christian missionaries, who know Africa intimately and who understand the African mind, have warned of the ultimate consequences of allowing the African natives to be subjected to propaganda directed both from the liberally-financed American Foundations and from the Communists. The dollar-financed propaganda and the ruble-financed propaganda have one common basic feature: the stressing of the "wickedness" of colonialism and the necessity for "liberation." The ultimate result is the emergence of native demagogues who in the main have received their

"education" in Western countries under the influence of Leftist intellectuals.

It is significant to note that the British Socialist M.P., Mr. John Stoneham, whom a press headline refers to as "this famous man," and who has had to be prevented from fostering further trouble in Africa, was educated at the notorious London School of Economics and idolised the late Professor Harold Laski, a subversive creature if ever there was one. The Mau Mau leader, Kenyatta, was also trained at the London School of Economics.

As we have followed the reports of the developments in Africa we thought of a dramatic moment in Monsarrat's novel, *The Tribe That Lost Its Head*, (subtly smeared or given the silent treatment by the press critics) in which the Dutch farmer tells the "famous correspondent" who has been causing unrest amongst the natives, that people like you who start something but who are never present to suffer the inevitable consequences." The Dutch farmer is murdered later by his own native employees. Those fostering unrest in Africa know all too well that "independence" for the African at the present stage of his development means eventual chaos and the replacement of the European Powers by either the Communist or Dollar Empires. The natives of Africa are merely pawns in the game.

The Retreat From Sanity: Sane people are those who are firmly in contact with reality. In recent weeks there has been such a rapid retreat from reality that we must face the fact that mass insanity has almost reached the stage depicted by George Orwell in his famous 1984. "Doublespeak" is in operation. Mr. Harold Macmillan visits Soviet Russia "to probe the Soviet mind," treats with mass murderers and dedicated advocates of world conquest through subversion, obviously believes that the words used by these criminals mean what he believes them to mean, and is then hailed by the controlled press of the world as having achieved a victory. The truth is, of course, that it is the Communists who have scored a major diplomatic victory.

Mr. Macmillan and his colleagues have accomplished another remarkable "victory"—in Cyprus. Two years ago the villainous Markarios was sent into exile because the British Government claimed that it had irrefutable proof that he was actively promoting murder and terrorism in Cyprus. But instead of being tried for his crimes, he is welcomed to Britain and graciously says he will accept the British plan of scuttle. Another major

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British defeat is hailed as one more example of Mr. Macmillan's brilliance. Revolutionaries and murderers everywhere will take heart from this and logically conclude that murder and terrorism are never-failing instruments of blackmail against modern British Governments. And those finding the dollars and rubles for these revolutionary activities are undoubtedly delighted that Mr. Macmillan and his colleagues are willing to fool the British people with the use of "double-speak" hailing every defeat as a victory for their statesmanship.

The Liberal Party And Salary Increases: At a meeting of the Victorian Liberal and Country Party State Council held on August 27 and 28, 1958, the following resolution was carried: "That this State council would strongly disapprove of any increase in Parliamentary salaries at the present time." We have seen no evidence that the Executive of the Liberal and Country Party is acting strongly in accordance with this resolution by opposing proposed increases in the salaries of both Victorian State and Federal Members of Parliament. If rank and file members of a party cannot have their policy concerning salary increases carried into effect, how can they claim that their views on financial or economic policy counts for two hoots. Mere voting in any political sphere today makes no impact upon those wielding power.

False Economics Dominate Politics: We have often pointed out how false economics, which force every industrialised country to seek feverishly to solve domestic problems by increasing exports abroad, force the Western world to accept political policies which further the drive toward world tyranny. Claimed by Mr. Macmillan as another of his great "victories," the Anglo-Egyptian Pact, helped along by the World Bank, is in reality an admission that the British were guilty in the Suez affair. But obviously the British Government is not only prepared to admit guilt; so desperate is it for exports that it is now prepared to allow British firms to sell Nasser planes. And so the British now help Nasser because it is considered "inevitable." Exports to Communist countries are justified on the same basis.

U.S. Elections And The American Stock Market: A few discerning American observers have drawn attention to the significant fact, that although the American elections on November 4 produced the nearest to a labor-socialist Congress in American history, the stock market immediately went up, and not down as might have been anticipated. Those operating on the stock exchange realised,

of course, that a Congress pledged to increased Government and semi-Government spending, would under present financial rules produce a faster increase in the rise in the price level. Douglas pointed out in his early examinations of the workings of the present financial and economic systems, that inflation was inevitable if new financial credits were applied to further capital expansion, and that this in turn must produce increasing speculation. This is what is happening in America and every other Western country today. Those seeking to gain a financial income through speculation therefore have a vested interest in progressive inflation and Governments, which foster it. The creation of a stable society is impossible while this development continues.

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kindly his customers may feel towards him, if the scales which the businessman is using are not weighing correctly, are not reflecting rightness, then either the businessman is robbing his customers or they are obtaining an advantage at his expense. The right relationship between the businessman and customers cannot be corrected by vague talk about a "change of heart," but only by taking action to make the scales conform to rightness.

There is a general retreat from rightness in all spheres of social life today. What do Church leaders think about the progressive centralisation of power in all spheres, robbing the individual of control of his own life? If this development does not reflect rightness, then what is the Church going to do about it? Does increasing financial indebtedness, both public and private, reflect economic reality? Is confiscatory taxation which robs people of assets honestly acquired a reflection of the Moral Law? These and similar questions are being asked by thinking people interested in religion, but who find that the Church has nothing to say about these great issues. Some thought that they might hear something of importance from Dr. Billy Graham on these issues when he visited Australia. But any doubts that the worshippers of power may have had were dispelled when the American evangelist made it clear upon arriving in Australia that he was going to say nothing about politics. He said in effect that politics had no relationship to religion. It is on this issue that Social Credit specifically claims that politics divorced from religion lead straight to tyranny. There is a great urgency for conscious, persistent thought on this issue because it will decide the future of the human race upon this planet.

TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN STARTS ENCOURAGINGLY

The trial subscription campaign launched in our issue of February 13 has already made encouraging progress. This campaign has as its objective the obtaining of at least 500 trial subscribers by the end of May. This campaign is an important part of our mission to make every endeavour to reach those people who should be receptive to what we have to say, and who are most likely to take appropriate action.

While events continue to provide unmistakable evidence of a disintegrating civilisation, they also force those whose instincts and minds have not been completely poisoned by organised evil, to look for some avenue of activity through which they might work to avert the disaster threatening. These are the people we must search out and bring to them that revelation of Truth for which those of us who have grasped must regard as a sacred trust.

The late C. H. Douglas observed that he was not so impressed by the number of people who said they believed in Social Credit, as he was by those who translated their belief into action. Faith without works leads to death.

Every reader should be able to participate in our trial subscription campaign. The special trial subscription rate for six months is 10/-. A reader sending two subscriptions need only send 7/6 for the second subscriptions, and 5/- for all additional subscriptions. We appeal to every supporter to give this matter his immediate attention. In our next issue we will publish the total number of trial subscriptions sent in. We would like to be able to announce that we were approaching at least 150 of the 500 trial subscriptions desired.

"ALL MEN ARE NOT EQUAL"

Preaching at St. Mark's Church of England, Fitzroy, on Sunday, March 1, the Reverend Norman Hill said that all men are not equal. In the course of a sermon dealing with the question of how to treat elderly people as individuals instead of passive recipients of "mass distribution schemes," Mr. Hill said:

The first fact I wish to consider tonight is that all men are not equal. They are not born equal neither can they become equal. It is interesting to note that no two people have even the same fingerprints! It would be hardly possible to find any two persons alike. If 12 adults were each given say £500 to spend on whatever they liked, how different would be the range of articles they would bring home! Now the world pressures opposing the Christian religion force men to accept the lowest common denominator. They try to suppress

the Christian teaching of the uniqueness of the individual. They put people into compartments - - the mass, the commune, the group, the team. These same world pressure groups decide what we will read, hear, wear, how much we will earn and spend. Men become the playthings of the powerlusters.

One great teacher, C. H. Douglas, taught this: "To treat human beings as a collectivity is a sin against the Holy Ghost. The menace of mobs reduces man towards the one level." He added: "There is an organised attempt to drive man down the scale of existence."

It is completely untrue to say that all men are born equal. We, none of us, are equal, whether we are white or black. We are all DIFFERENT. Each of us is unique both in the eyes of man and God. That same great Anglican Douglas says that man "descends to meet." A most profound statement.

In the field of social activity, both in this country and overseas, especially in the arena of what is termed "Social Service," the Church as well as the State has failed to take sufficiently into account the uniqueness of each single person. So we find ageing people brought together into Coolabah clubs, elderly citizens' groups, pensioner associations and the like. I put before you tonight, my friends, that such grouping of mature people in many ways defeats the very cause, which the groupers claim to be fighting for.

Mr. A. W. NOAKES

It is with deep regret and the sense of a great loss to the Social Credit cause that we report the recent death of Mr. A. W. Noakes, affectionately known as "Bill" to all his friends, Queensland Social Credit stalwart. Words cannot adequately describe the invaluable service, which Mr. Noakes rendered to Social Credit. His greatest contribution was his insistence over the years that there be no departure, consciously or unconsciously, from genuine Social Credit teaching. Almost single handed he kept a Social Credit centre open in Brisbane and was responsible for the distribution of an enormous amount of literature. He saw early the fallacy of attempting to advance Social Credit by party politics and faithfully followed the advice of Douglas.

We extend our sympathies to all members of Mr. Noakes's family in their sad loss. We trust that his passing from the temporal scene will not leave a gap in the Social Credit "front" in Brisbane; that younger supporters will step forward to carry forward the great tradition established by "Bill" Noakes.