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"THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL"

by Eric D. Butler

If, as we are told in "The New Testament", the love of money is the root of all evil, then this helps to shed light on Christ's warning that it is impossible to obey two masters, that man cannot worship both God and Mammon, and also suggests that there is a vital message in Christ's only recorded act of violence, whipping the money changers out of the Temple.

It is significant that the generally accepted presentations of written history make no reference to the vital role of those who, having mastered the technique of credit-money creation, used that which they had usurped to impose policies of centralisation. As Douglas has pointed out, the power of the money manipulators came not so much from charging interest as from creating new money claims and appropriating them for their own purposes. But this is only possible so long as money symbols are accepted as a reality, something to be worshipped. Christ's deadly adversaries, the Pharisees, are described as being "lovers of money". It is not money of itself, which is the root of all evil, but the love of it, the elevation of abstractionism over reality. So long as people can be conditioned to believe that money symbols are more important than reality, then they are enslaved by a form of Black Magic. The certified economists might be described as the witch doctors.

Man's subservience to abstractionism was challenged by Christ, who told the Pharisees that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. His attack upon the Money Power of the day highlights the vital importance of Christians honestly facing the role of money manipulation in the history of man. The Money Power operated as far back as the Babylonian Civilisation, when the silver and goldsmiths were issuing money in the form of more receipts than the gold and silver deposited with them. The Code of Hammurabai, No. 7, a revision of two previous legal codes, was designed to try to regulate the activities of the gold and silversmiths. The Babylonian Civilisation had a financial system, which extended internationally, to as far away as Cornwall.

TEMPLES TO BANKING BASE

The distinguished English Christian historian, Mr. Christopher Dawson, wrote in *Age of the Gods*: "Originally the state and the temple corporations were the only bodies which possessed the necessary stability and resources for establishing widespread commercial relations.

"Temple servants were sent on distant missions provided with letters of credit which enabled them to obtain supplies in other cities. Moreover the temple was the bank of the community through which money could be lent at interest and advances made to the farmers on the security of his crops. That in the course of the third millennium there grew up in Mesopotamia a regular money economy based on previous metals as standards of exchange, which stimulated private wealth and enterprise and led to a real capitalist development."

While the freeing of Greece from the Babylonian financial system was a major factor in the development of the great Greek Civilisation, Greece itself eventually became a victim of

financial debt, taxation and inflation. Writing in his book, *Primitive Money*, Mr. Paul Einzig said, "a credit system developed in Greece as in other parts of the ancient world long before coinage".

The great Aristotle, whose natural law philosophy was to influence St. Thomas Aquinas and other Christian philosophers, obviously had an understanding of the true nature of money, commenting in *The Politics* that "Numisma (Money) by itself is a mere device which has value only by law (Nomos) and not by nature; so that a change of convention between those who use it, is sufficient to deprive it of value and its power to satisfy our wants". Clearly Aristotle was no lover of money.

ROME DOWN THE DEBT ROAD

When the mantle of Civilisation passed from Greece to Rome, the same financial policies, which had helped to bring Greece down, were already preparing the road to the destruction of Rome. No serious student of history would dispute that the basic cause of the Roman collapse was debt, taxation and inflation. The barbarians merely walked through the disintegration. The process of Roman disintegration was well under way when Christ made His famous attack on the moneychangers.

After nearly two thousand years of the evolution of a Civilisation, which was basically Christian, the clock has been turned back. The worship of Mammon has brought yet another Civilisation to its final days. The Communist barbarians and their dupes are pressing forward. Another major battle has to be fought. It is the same battle, which Christ fought with the Pharisees, whom Christ charged with refusing to enter the Kingdom themselves and with trying to prevent others from entering.

Thanks to God's truths, material security and freedom for all are available, opening the way to the discovery and development of the Kingdom within on a scale, which would surpass all previous Civilisations. But the way is blocked by

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

In our last issue for 1982 we wish all our readers, and their loved ones, Christmas Greetings. We trust that they will enjoy both a Holy and restful Christmas, finding time to step away from the hurly burly of everyday life to contemplate things of the spirit.

May the New Year bring renewed dedication to continue the battle between Good and Evil.

the Pharisaical fostering of the love and adulation of money. Freeing men's minds from such adulation and showing them God's world is now the special responsibility of those who have seen the light revealed by Christ.

"ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

We pray, "Deliver us from evil". If the love of money is the root of all evil, then there can be no doubt where the regeneration of Christian Civilisation must start. It must start with individuals who first free themselves from the worship of Mammon and then invite their fellows to join them in the equivalent of throwing the moneychangers and their followers

out of the Temple. Onward Christian soldiers. Let the battle commence!

"THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL"

by Eric D. Butler

A most challenging new book with a message appropriate to the growing worldwide crisis. \$1.20 from all League addresses.

THE TECHNOLOGY/REDUNDANCY REVOLUTION

by Jeremy Lee

Lord Byron, the famous poet, is perhaps better known for his "Don Juan" and "Sohrab and Rostum" than for his parliamentary speeches. Nevertheless, his maiden speech in the House of Lords in February 1812 contained an example of foresight that would well become the western politicians of today.

Lord Byron exclaimed: "My Lords; During the short time I recently passed in Nottinghamshire not twelve hours elapsed without some fresh act of violence; . . . I was informed that forty Frames had been broken the preceding evening. These machines . . . superseded the necessity of employing a number of workmen, who were left in consequence to starve. By the adoption of one species of Frame in particular, one man performed the work of many, and the superfluous labourers were thrown out of employment . . . The rejected workmen in the blindness of their ignorance, instead of rejoicing at these improvements in art so beneficial to mankind, conceived themselves to be sacrificed to improvements in mechanism..."

Byron was, of course, referring to the now-famous Luddites, the nineteenth-century counterparts of modern Trade Unions and Labour Federations. These latter-day Luddites, in their eternally gloomy consideration of the redundancy factor resulting from an avalanche of technology, have, over 200 years, devised an agonisingly destructive array of "go-slow" armaments to replace the sledgehammers wielded by the workers of 1812. Feather-bedding, demarcation guidelines, the destruction of apprenticeship schemes by minimum wage restrictions, and, above all, the ever-present strikes have become the weaponry of a desperate Trade Union hierarchy who dare not face reality — technology has destroyed full employment forever.

GRIM FIGURES

This terror of reality has altered the miracle of liberation from work into the stigma of uselessness and a pervasive widening of poverty in the most productive era in man's history. The unemployment figures in the West in 1982 make grim reading: The United States, 11½ million and rising; Canada over 1 million; Britain, 3½ million; Europe a further 10 million; Australia half a million, currently increasing by 1,100 a day; New Zealand 50,000 out of a total population less than one-third that of London; and so on . . . and so on...

The Western total of unemployed now exceeds 25 million. But reality shows that number to be much higher. For every one unemployed "outside" the system, two unemployed have a niche somewhere "inside" the system which provides a generous wage, and ample provision for retirement, without any of the stigma those "outside" have to carry — for doing nothing or, much worse, widening the ever-growing bounds of bureaucracy. The latter depends for its 'raison d'etre' on an expansion of the very disease of which it is a part.

As 1982 changes to 1983, the educational systems of the West will pour out another generation of school leavers — many already intimidated by the destructive lack of choice in

the "real" world before they have ventured one footstep beyond adolescence. Between 60 and 70 percent of the West's unemployed are under 30 years of age. The hopelessness of their position now threatens to make them the revolutionaries of tomorrow.

THE 'GROWTH' SYNDROME

Modern politicians have only one blinkered hope as an answer to their impossible dilemma; that, by borrowing huge sums from a third party — the international bankers — they can stimulate enough increased production, and find markets for it, to offset the raging inflation the borrowed money must inevitably set off when repayments are costed into the price of the (hopefully) resulting consumer goods! There is only one way there is any chance — however remote — of achieving such an equation; namely, to so savage their own economies that their cost structures are sufficiently below those of competitors for a successful victory in the export war when the bell for the next round rings again.

Thus, burgeoning unemployment is accompanied by huge gluts and massive debts on a worldwide basis.

For over seventy years this century it has been possible to mask the essence of the problem so well described by Lord Byron by a sustained growth of production accompanied by ever-more sophisticated methods of its disposal — exports, built-in obsolescence and the most efficient disposal method of all — namely, war.

But even these techniques cannot cope with the growth of technology in the last 30 years. The world lies bankrupt under a mountain of production and unemployed. The politician of 1982 has neither the faith nor the wit to shift that mountain.

THE REAL STATISTICS

Consider the most brilliant — and therefore the most devastated economy in the world, the United States. In 1820 — only eight years after Byron made his maiden speech, 70 percent of the workforce was on the land. Farming was so enshrined into the American Way of Life that the Homestead Act of 1852, giving settlers free land in the West produced the famous slogan, "Go West, young man".

By 1920, although the number of farms had increased, the population had increased faster, and the rural workforce represented 40 percent of the total. Between 1920 and 1950, when the biggest explosion in mechanisation took place, the number of farms in the United States fell from 6.5 million to 5.6 million — a loss of 900,000 farms in 30 years — 80 farms A DAY for 30 years.

That loss is nothing to what has happened since 1950. In the 30 years from 1950 to 1980, American farms have dis-

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appeared at the rate of 300 A DAY in the period, falling from a total of 5.6 million to the current 2.5 million!

How fare the current farmers of America? The current average debt per farm is \$85,000, and as the savage depression now current has taken its hold, a further tragic loss of farmers has been set in motion.

The only yardstick allowed by an increasingly impersonal and tyrannical financial system was production per capita. No thought was given to the fate of over 20 million country people who have been shifted from rural areas in America, nor to the alternative that the husbandry of small farmers ensures a greater production per acre if not per capita. Into the bargain, the sad ecological effects of large-scale farming, which never shows up in statistics until it is too late, could have been countered by the old truism that "the best manure for the paddock is an owner's boots".

In 1982, America's total food production is achieved by 3.1 percent of the workforce — once more being culled by a financial tyranny, which has forced natural free enterprise into voracious monopoly. Although hard to believe, figures show over 63 percent of farm income in the United States comes from off-farm sources — bus runs, mail services, or urban employment.

MINERAL PRODUCTION

Eighty percent of America's mineral needs are now met by a tiny 1 percent of the workforce. The factor that has made this possible is technology. In the last 30 years, from 1952 to 1982, production of crude iron ore, for instance, in long tons per man/year (the normal system of measuring) has risen from 3,600 tons to 12,700 — an increase in over 30 percent.

In the same period, production of copper has increased from 3,700 tons to 9,000. But new innovations continue. The latest copper smelter in the United States cost \$450 million, and employs less than 50 men per shift.

Throughout America's mining industries, for every man under ground or at the face of an open-cut operation, 1½ persons are involved in administration. The same figures apply in the manufacturing sector. General Electric, for example, which produces tens of thousands of items, has only 40 percent involved in the production process. 60 percent make up an army of administrators, advertisers, marketers and salesmen.

In some factories now appearing, no workers are involved at all. General Motors, for instance, in its Numerically-controlled Paint System, which undercoats, paints and bakes in predetermined colours the car bodies streaming from increasingly-automated production lines, has no worker involved. The first factories producing shirts in a completely workerless system, programmed for colours, styles and sizes, complete with buttons and buttonholes, packaged for immediate retail sale, are already in existence. Long runs of single items — perhaps component parts of a larger make-up — such as pistols, con-rods, crankshafts or king-pins — are easily produced without human involvement.

America's robot army, capable of a multitude of precision actions, such as spot-welding, spray painting, machine loading and unloading and certain assembly operations, now numbers almost 7,000, and grows at a faster rate each year. In Japan the number of robots now totals 80,000. Often the robots are designed to do the dirtiest and most unpleasant jobs.

THE DOUGLAS LEAD

The sheer pace of productive innovation is forcing a few of the brighter economists to face reality at last. But they are sixty years later than they might have been had not the sin of Pride stood in the way. Consider these remarks of C.H. Douglas in his Newcastle speech in January 1923:

" . . . Shortly, the characteristics of inflation are: Enormous increase in production, fantastic rises in prices,

speculation, submergence of the professional and so-called cultured classes, centralisation of economic power, and industrial serfdom. Saving becomes impossible. There is little unemployment, at any rate for a time; but if you are unemployed, you starve immediately. Your immense output cannot be internally absorbed . . . and the urgent necessity of markets means certain war, sooner or later, and the greater the inflation the sooner war must come. In the meantime, however, you become more capable of the immense output which war demands; and your centralised industrialists, who do not expect to line the trenches, regard the prospect with complacency.

The characteristics of deflation are familiar. Somewhat lower prices, lower standard of living, industrial stagnation and unemployment, bankruptcies, grinding taxation, and class cleavage, some of them. They are all related; and it is probably not by accident that such emphasis is placed on one of them alone, as though it stood by itself — I mean, unemployment. . . ."

As a general description of the problem today, written as it was just on 60 years ago, Douglas's word-picture borders on prophetic.

THE DOUGLAS 'KEY'

C.H. Douglas, however, gave us more than a condensed description of disaster. He clarified both its cause and its correct cure. He went on:

" . . . I do not propose to numb you with a mass of statistics on production — such statistics are easily available to people who like that sort of thing — I do, however, ask you to take from me that one-tenth of the available labour, working short hours but with the whole of its attention

BASIC FUND ADVANCES

While support for the League of Rights' 1982-83 Basic Fund of \$45,000 continues to grow, there is a long way to go. It is probable that the Fund will reach \$25,000 by Christmas. But this leaves a balance of \$20,000, which must be obtained if the League is to meet the tremendous challenge of 1983.

The League has already laid the groundwork for the biggest national programme in its history, one designed to focus attention and discussion on the basic cause of the open revolutionary situation now developing.

The League appreciates the growing financial problems of many of its stalwart supporters, but urges that others who can contribute just that little extra. And if all subscribers to League journals were to make a modest contribution, the objective would be quickly reached.

One supporter writes "I regard the League of Rights as being almost in the miracle class. The basic budget is not even that which one backbench Member of Parliament has to operate with. And yet the League is the only movement which has made any realistic contribution towards holding the line against the enemies of our way of life".

The inspiring truth is, of course, that with its small Basic Fund guaranteed, the League is able to build upon that with its many activities. And the members of its small full-time staff operate on salaries, which are an example of real dedication.

We again appeal to the great majority who have not yet contributed to the 1982-83 Basic Fund to do so immediately. All Northern N.S.W. and Queensland contributions to Mr. Jeremy Lee, Institute of Economic Democracy, Ravensbourne, Qld. W.A. contributions to P.O. Box 16, Inglewood, W.A., 6052. All others to G.P.O. Box 1052J, Melbourne, 3001.

directed solely to the objective of the most efficient production, could supply all the general demands of the population of this country, either by direct production, or by exchange of proper methods for the production of other countries, in respect of articles which cannot reasonably be produced at home; in other words, production as a problem has been solved long ago. There is not a single country where western methods of production are in operation, in which there is any technical productive problem at all, either productive or otherwise; and the problem we have to solve is a problem of distribution . . . In short, there exists in the world today a producing system which has an immense latent and undrawn-on capacity to deliver goods (of which unemployment is only the most obvious indication), and there is, on the other hand, an immense body of unsatisfied consumers; while standing between and outside both, and run with an objective entirely separate from the interests of either production or consumption, is a money system, that is to say, a banking and financial system . . ." (Emphasis added)

Those who have read and understood the real objective of the Brandt Report will have no difficulty in correlating it with the objective of the banking and financial system referred to

by Douglas — namely, world government.

THE DOUGLAS SOLUTION

The final part of Douglas's Newcastle address — "The Breakdown of the Employment System" — was devoted to showing how the use of employment as the sole means of income distribution could and should be broken. His analysis of the banking system's monopoly over 'debt' money, with a resulting disparity between the availability of purchasing power and prices, has borne the test of time.

(For those interested in a masterly and prophetic analysis of the current financial breakdown, with its remedy, "The Breakdown of the Employment System" is currently available in booklet form, \$1.50 posted).

It remains only to say that Douglas concluded the main barrier to surmount was a political barrier, rather than an accounting one. Again, history has proved him right. The barriers against which his foresight was helpless may yet fall to the pressure of events as the world is gripped in chaos. Such vindication Douglas would have cheerfully foregone had there been any hope that the agony of that chaos could have been, or could now be avoided.

BEHIND THE BEIRUT MASSACRE

Students of the long history of Zionist terror are not surprised to learn that there is mounting evidence that Israeli leaders were to blame for the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut. There are well-informed observers who believe that a special Israeli IDF unit wearing Falangist uniforms actually entered the refugee camps and conducted the killings, not only to wipe out any remaining PLO troops, but to stampede other Palestinians in Beirut. These were the tactics of Begin in 1948 when he was responsible for stampeding Palestinians with the dreadful Deir Yassin massacre. Defence Minister Sharon has a long record of terrorist activities. Sharon shocked large numbers of Israelis with his decision to bomb Palestinian hospitals during the recent invasion of Lebanon.

The following article "American Jews in 'Christian Militia'", by Ivor Benson in the November issue of his "Behind the News" (P.O. Box 1564 Krugersdorp, South Africa) sheds further revealing light on what actually happened in the Palestinian refugee camps:

Israeli Defence Minister General Ariel Sharon is said to have "fidgeted nervously" and "fiddled constantly with his spectacles" as he gave evidence in Jerusalem on October 25 before a commission set up to investigate the massacre of hundreds of civilians, including women and children, at the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps in Beirut. According to the latest Red Cross estimate up to 1,500 men, women and children were massacred in the two camps.

We are also told in a Reuter report that "several times the Defence Minister asked the commission to hear his testimony in private", but was told that he could reserve until later any evidence which could not be given in public.

Earlier evidence from the Army Chief of Staff and his intelligence officers had all been given in private, General Sharon being thus the first to give at least part of his evidence in public.

The fact that the largest protest rally in Israel's history, attended by an estimated 350,000, had angrily demanded a full state inquiry, many of those present even calling for his resignation, may help to explain also the beads of sweat on General Sharon's face in *Time* magazine's October 4 cover-page picture of him facing the microphones at a Press conference.

What can all this mean, if not that the events leading to the Beirut massacre, and the massacre itself, have become a source of great political danger to the Israeli Government and to the world Zionist movement in general?

General Sharon finds himself under the necessity of choosing his words with extreme care and circumspection. The commission is more or less bound to find that **someone** was responsible — but who?

The Government is desperately anxious to avoid being held responsible; the Army has already indicated that it will not

allow itself to be blamed; and it would be somewhat risky to try to make a scapegoat of Major Sa'ad Haddad's so-called "Christian Militia", even if these were almost certainly the actual perpetrators of the massacre.

The problem which had Defence Minister Sharon fidgeting nervously was this: how is he to acquit himself of responsibility for a monstrous crime committed by a military force which the Israeli Government created and has for a number of years trained and equipped and used for its own purposes?

As was only to be expected, much recent pro-Zionist propaganda, disseminated worldwide as news by the establishment media, has sought to represent the so-called Christian Militia as an autonomous fighting force, which just happened to share with the Israelis a bitter dislike of the Palestinian Arabs and of Muslims generally.

A vastly different picture is presented by foreign correspondent Jim Taylor in a report from Beirut written and mailed off **before the Israeli's launched their attack on Lebanon**, and published in the July 12 issue of *The American Sunbeam** — a report all the more trustworthy for having been uninfluenced by the outraged feelings which have coloured much subsequent reporting from the Middle East.

Jim Taylor writes: "I located 41 American mercenaries serving with the militia of the so-called 'Major' Sa'ad Haddad, a renegade Arab soldier who has been disowned by his own people, and who commands the Israeli-backed rightist group which controls a border enclave in south Lebanon. The entire cost of financing the military operations of this band of murderous outlaws who are without any official ties with any country, except Israel, is borne by the Zionists . . ."

"You will sometimes see this fighting unit mentioned in US newspapers where it is always referred to most piously as the 'Christian Militia'. Well, let me tell you first of all that the only

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thing Christian about this group is that they kill Christians, Moslems, and anyone else that Israel orders them to go against, including innocent children at play.

"I asked one Arab sergeant in this outfit about using the name 'Christian Militia'. He explained that this name was thought up in Israel because the Zionists wanted the outside world to think it was just that type of military unit..."

THEY COMMIT FALSEHOOD

Jim Taylor continues: "Of the 41 Americans I found there, 38 were American Jews . . . Michael Field (one of them) told me, their primary loyalty lies with Israel. He and his comrades-in-arms get their uniforms, weapons, and pay from the Israelis. But the Zionists would like the American public to be kept in the dark about this so you will believe that this militia is entirely of Arab Christian origin."

C.H. DOUGLAS - A SUPER SCOT

by Neil G. McDonald

When C.H. Douglas, founder of the Social Credit Movement, addressed a capacity audience in the Perth Town Hall on January 16, 1934, he compared the modern West Australian capital city with Perth of Scotland. It too, in the 14th Century — was once a capital city — the gateway to the Highlands.

From the Palace of Scone came the coronation stone — now at Westminster. Without the stone from Scotland, no coronation of an English monarch is legal.

Apart from the colossus of Douglas, many other inventive contributions have come from the Scots.

In the Holy Bible, the first man mentioned is a Scot, King James VI, who authorised its translation.

The Bank of England was founded by William Paterson of Dumfries.

A Dumfries blacksmith, Kirkpatrick MacMillan invented the bicycle and another Scot, Robert William Thomson of Stonehaven inflated pneumatic tyres, 43 years ahead of Belfast's Dr. John Dunlop.

The smooth surfacing of modern roads originated from John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland.

The Scots kept kilts to clans, but offered the world a "Macintosh" raincoat patented by a chemist — Charles Macintosh from Glasgow.

Hospitals — worldwide use two of Scotland's medical discoveries. A patient may receive penicillin from the skill of Alexander Fleming of Darval — or an anesthetic originated by Sir James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland.

The breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland.

They take some licking! Postal adhesive stamps were invented by John Chalmers of Dundee. In Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, the telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.

Every minute of every day, millions pay tribute to television. The inventor of T.V. was John Logie Baird of Helenshead.

Of the three non-Jewish Americans, the most interesting character was a drawling country boy from Alabama, who had been an American Army Sergeant. Ben Lancaster said his only reason for being there was 'because the money was good'. Neither he nor any of the others voiced any lofty 'Christian' motives for being members of an illegal Israeli fighting force.

"So what you really have here is a bunch of American Jews, non-Jews, Europeans, twin-coat Arabs, and Israelis, all fighting under a false banner of 'Christian Militia'."

Lebanese Member of Parliament Jubran Tawc, speaking on behalf of the Maronites, the country's largest and most important Arab Christian community, is quoted by Taylor as saying: "The Israeli-backed Arab bands have no religion or politics. Their threat is the threat of the Zionists, which in reality means the stolen farm, the bombed home and the murdered child".

The reporting of events in the Middle East by South Africa's Jewish Press is contradictory even to the point of being amusing. Thus, in the September 28 issue of the *Jewish Herald*, Israel is self righteously described in massive front page heading as having been made the "World's Scapegoat", followed three days later by a report in the *Zionist Record*, under the heading "350,000 demand inquiry", in which it is made clear that it is the Israelis themselves who are now the government's most formidable critics.

**The American Sunbeam* is a strongly Christian-oriented newspaper, 1906 Lowell Road, Springdale, Arizona 72764.

Inventiveness is no monopoly of the Scots. They have done a fair share. It comes back to heritage, climate, dedication and intense desire. The Red Indians watched Niagara Falls for centuries, but failed to harness the power.

C.H. Douglas has revealed how the untapped physical potential can be fairly distributed. But, first we must control our Parliamentary representatives. "You must send candidates to Parliament to impose your will upon the technicians who already exist". (Address to British Social Crediters March 7, 1936).

"What Is Social Credit?"

By Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs

This brilliant examination of Social Credit by one of the pioneers of the Social Credit Movement is essential reading for all those who wish to make a contribution towards the regeneration of a disintegrating civilisation.

"The Left/Right conflict is a divide-and-rule strategy . . . The two sides are at one on their evil policy, they differ only on the truth, which they render between them and so render impotent." This is one of the many "gems" with which this booklet is studded.

The money question is presented in a manner, which clearly demonstrates that Social Credit is much more fundamental than merely one more scheme of monetary reform.

"What Is Social Credit?" is the Social Credit book of the moment. A must. \$1.10 posted from all League addresses.

CORRECTION

Mr. Sid Goodman, author of the widely-commented upon article, "Usury", in our August issue, writes to say that following the sub-heading, "The Growth of Debt", the second paragraph should start, "But an even more sinister note has entered the scene and this has been the financing of World Revolution during this century".

GEMS FROM DOUGLAS

"Not a day passes without some action being taken to make the individual more impotent and to transfer his individual initiative — his personal power — to the mass. The Trades Union, the Co-operative 'Movement' (Co-operation between High Finance and the 'labour' Party to monopolise and cartelise distribution), the Producing Cartels, the various infringements on real property, and most deadly perhaps of all, the combination of calculated inflation, taxation and 'coupon' restrictions are all steps to Russian serfdom."

- *The Situation and the Outlook*

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"To the extent that Socialism tends to produce social equality, it increases social entropy. It is in fact the technique of social death. So far as I am aware, there is no instance of an individual who has accomplished anything which is not routine while retaining abiding belief in equality as a social principle."

- *The Great Betrayal*

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"There is no possibility whatever through the agency of institutions designed or moulded for the use of usurped power to restore power to its legitimate locus, personal responsibility proportionate to power exercised."

"Just as a maniac is irresponsible, so an irresponsible voter is a political maniac, and would know it if he were not. Power without responsibility is the broad way which leadeth to destruction and the World of Nightmare."

- *Clear Your Minds*

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"The socialisation of credit, so far from being an attack upon private property, is probably the only method of which private property can once again become reasonably secure. It is the alternative to ever increasing taxation. It is a method by which everyone can become richer without anyone becoming poorer. It is . . . the only method by which the pernicious doctrine of a 'favourable balance of trade' can be exploded. In consequence, it is the primary requisite to the removal of the fundamental causes of war."

- *The Use of Social Credit*

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"There are as many definitions of 'democracy' as there are men; yet, in fact . . . 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 very simple electoral issues."

- *The Political Problem*

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"The philosophy of Christianity, as I apprehend it, contends for certain immutable principles which may have many permutations ('Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away')."

"The business of the Church in politics is to be the Authority on the Mills of God, which are, of course, *inter alia*, Political Principles which can be checked like any other genuine Laws, by their observed operation over a sufficient period of time."

- *The Realistic Position of the Church of England*

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"Integrity is single mindedness — the mind of a little child. It is the test of quality before quantity. If success is to attend the efforts of monetary reformers, *inter alia*, it will not be because of numbers. It will be because of a sufficient quality of Integrity."

- *The Big Idea*

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"All these things, and many more, have convinced me that

one of the fundamentals of genuine Christianity is that the only true focus of power is the individual, which is simply a matter-of-fact method of affirming the Imminence of God over the Monotheistic Jehovah. The conscious man is not born to be ruled, neither is he born to rule over other people. Jesus said so, and the Jews crucified Him. They could do no other."

- *Programme for the Third World War*

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"It is hardly an exaggeration to say that 75 percent of the ideas and inventions, to which mankind is indebted for such progress as has been so far achieved, can be directly or indirectly traced to persons who by some means were freed from the necessity of regular, and in the ordinary sense, economic employment, in spite of the fact that such persons have never been more than a small minority of the general population. Even more transcendent genius has been able to overcome the limitations of financial stringency; it is probable that the results achieved have been nothing like those, which would have enriched the world, had those barriers been non-existent. To use a somewhat homely simile, it is common knowledge that every racing stable produces a higher percentage of 'weeds' than potential Derby winners; but he would surely be foolish who would suggest the way to get more Derby winners would be to work horses of every description at the plough."

- *Social Credit*

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"The danger which at the moment threatens individual liberty far more than any extension of individual enterprise is the Servile State; the erection of an irresistible and impersonal organisation through which the ambition of able men, animated consciously or unconsciously by the lust of domination, may operate to the enslavement of their fellows . . . In attacking capitalism, collective Socialism has largely failed to recognise that the real enemy is the will-to-power, the positive complement to servility, of which Prussianism, with its theories of the supreme state and the unimportance of the individual (both of which are the absolute negation of private enterprise) is only the fine flower; and that nationalisation of all the means of livelihood, without the provision of much more effective safeguards than have so far been publicly evolved, leaves the individual without any appeal and so substitutes a worse, because more powerful, tyranny for that which it would destroy."

- *Economic Democracy*

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"The essential nature of a satisfactory modern co-operative State may be broadly expressed as consisting of functionally aristocratic hierarchy of producers accredited by, and serving, a democracy of consumers. The business of producers is to produce; to take orders, not to give them; and the business of the public, as consumers, is not only to give orders, but to see that they are obeyed as to results, and to remove unsuitable or wilfully recalcitrant persons from the aristocracy of production to the democracy of consumption."

"No peace will ever settle on the distracted earth until this matter has been fought to the finish, and it rests with the intelligence of those who are from time to time in a position to guide popular movements, whether a mere remnant of civilisation will achieve the Golden Age awaiting the settlement, or

whether a decisive verdict is close at hand."

- *Credit-Power and Democracy*

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"Production is far more dependent upon real capital than it is upon labour, although without labour there is no production. More and more the position of labour, using this word in its widest possible sense, tends to become the catalyst in an operation impossible without its presence, but carried on with a decreasing direct contribution from labour itself."

- *The Monopoly of Credit*

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"A Jewish financier, expressing his contempt for Gentile mentality, once remarked that the secret of the inability to shake himself free from the dominance of finance resided in the fact that the Gentile was incapable of distinguishing between numbers and things. I should be inclined to go further than that, and say that the mentality, which is attracted by the Internationalist idea, is incapable of distinguishing between numbers, things and individuals. It is a type of mentality which is fostered and ultimately becomes inseparable from people who deal with nothing but figures, and is, in my opinion, the reason why the banker in particular is fundamentally unsuited for the position of

reorganiser of the world."

- *The International Idea*

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"Arms are merely a special form of tools — they increase the power of the individual over circumstances. If this be recognised, it will easily be grasped that there is no essential difference between the disarmament of an individual and the taking away from him of any other tools, and that, fundamentally, the desirability of such a line of action depends very much on whether you believe that the individual or the nation can desirably relinquish all socialised action in favour of some exterior organisation. Disarmament is simply disempowered. If there is anyone finds such prospect attractive, then Soviet Russia, or Fascist Italy, are the spiritual homes for him."

- *Disarmament*

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"... Society is never in more deadly danger than when it is committed to the mercies of the idealist, and particularly the Utopianist. The fact is that there is no single Utopia which would give satisfaction to more than a very small percentage of us, and that what we really demand of existence is not that we shall be put into somebody else's Utopia, but that we shall be put into a position to construct a Utopia of our own."

- *International Finance*

TO THE POINT

Ten years ago an annual inflation rate of 5 percent was described as a major disaster. Today any nation, which can reduce its inflation rate to 5 percent, is applauded by the same type of people who previously said it was extremely bad news. Both the British and U.S.A. governments are congratulating themselves on having cut their inflation rates by at least 50 percent. But the price has been growing unemployment and economic sabotage on a massive scale as bankruptcy figures soar. The social and moral damage cannot be measured in statistics. Suicide rates have increased along with bankruptcies and unemployment. As C.H. Douglas pointed out 60 years ago, it is impossible to operate the economic system under present financial policies without inflation. Attempts to "control" inflation really means controlling the human being, conditioning him to accept a sub-human way of life.

The Reagan Administration has had to accept a compromise agreement with the Western European nations concerning the supply of Western technology for the Siberian natural gas pipeline. Under orthodox financial and economic policies, Western nations find that they must "export or perish", even if they export to those pledged to destroy them. The U.S.A. has been in a weak situation because it is also exporting to the Soviet Union — the vital grain supplies without which the Soviet would have tremendous problems. Vital assistance for the Western nations' defiance of Washington came from Japan, itself supplying technology for the Siberian gas project, and also planning to make use of natural gas from Siberia. Japanese policy makers see themselves playing a major role in the creation of a New International Economic Order.

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High inflation and political instability are closely linked. Yet another Italian Government has collapsed. Just prior to this happening the inflation rate moved up to 17 per cent, passing the 16 percent limit set by the government. It cannot be stressed too often that all inflation is the most insidious form of hidden taxation, eroding the value of fixed incomes and savings while at the same time making genuine stability impossible.

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Many of the self-styled intellectuals who have rejected the concept and authority of God because it is a "superstition", never cease to demonstrate their gullibility concerning many superstitions. Without entering the controversy about evolution, we recall that for many years supporters of evolution quoted the alleged evidence of the Piltdown man in England. Eventually this discovery was revealed to have been a hoax. But it has been estimated that over the many years that the Piltdown man was accepted as a genuine "missing link", some 500 people obtained PhD's writing theses on the

Piltdown discovery! It is impossible to list how many have been awarded PhD's on the basis of theses written on economics. Certified economists might be compared with witchdoctors, all putting forward different variations of a type of Black Magic, and demonstrating their capacity to believe the greatest nonsense, the situation reminds us of *Alice in Wonderland*. In *Through the Looking Glass*, Alice laughingly said that it was no use trying to believe in impossible things, to which the Queen replied, "I daresay you haven't had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast". The Queen would have been at home amongst the economists.

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The reliability of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, a body which in recent years has been involved in a number of issues, including that country now known as Zimbabwe, may be judged by the fact twice this year the Australian Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church have had to dissociate themselves from material issued by the Commission. The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace has issued material on behalf of the Bishops without their knowledge or agreement. So much for "justice".

Early this year the Bishops found themselves in the embarrassing position where they had to apologise to a number of prominent Australians, including former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, concerning a statement about the Indonesian take over of East Timor. Now the Bishops have had to order the withdrawal of a comic book, which purported to be a pictorial study of mining companies. The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace produced the comic book in association with the Uniting Church in Australia's Commission for World Mission. There was a suggestion that legal action might be taken against the publishers of what has been described as

scurrilous, childish and defamatory.

Like the World Council of Churches, the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace is a manifestation of growing Marxist influence in the Christian Church. With Cardinal Carter of Canada recently telling a group of Toronto businessmen that some of the teachings of Karl Marx "fit nicely into the Roman Catholic Church's stands on social justice", the evidence mounts that the anti-Christ is growing stronger inside all parts of the Christian Church. A cleansing movement is long overdue.

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The Socialist mirage in France is receding rapidly, obliterated by the harsh financial policies of the Mitterand government. The inflation rate has been temporarily slowed by a severe freeze of prices. No attempt has been made to deal with basic problems. The nationalisation of the banking system resulted, as we predicted, in no change whatever in credit policy, except to centralise the monopoly of credit still further. A \$4 billion loan has had to be obtained from the international banks, demonstrating once again the supremacy of Money Power.

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The reality of the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) disaster continues to contradict the rhetoric of Australia's Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and others who played a major role in the betrayal of Rhodesia. The bitter tribal conflict between

Nkomo's Matabele and Mugabe's Shona can no longer be disguised. There are large-scale Matabele defections from the national army, the defectors taking their arms with them, obviously for future use.

British Defence Minister Nott has said after recently visiting Zimbabwe that no more British support for the Zimbabwean air force should be sent until the white officers being held for the alleged destruction of a number of planes, are released. There is evidence that these officers have been tortured. One view is that Mugabe is attempting to remove all whites from the air force and to have them replaced with Nigerians. British officers and NCO's engaged in training the Zimbabwe national army have also had their activities confined to the capital Harare as they have been protesting about brutalities by the Zimbabwean troops. The action by the North Korean troops, brought to Zimbabwe to protect Mugabe, in holding the crew of the British plane sent to Zimbabwe when Princess Anne visited the country, has further highlighted the realities of the deteriorating situation in Zimbabwe.

Whites continue to leave the country. The history books of Zimbabwe are being rewritten, while President Banana says that "The Church must be revolutionised and must knock down the old edifice of colonial Christianity", Comrade Mugabe, promoted in the past as a "devout Roman Catholic", says, "I don't see how people fail to reconcile Marxism with Catholicism".

PEKING-MOSCOW TALKS

Closer relations between the Soviet Union and Communist China will almost certainly follow top-level talks.

"Free China Weekly", Taiwan, makes the following comments in its issue of October 3:

Communist China is playing the "Soviet card" in the diplomatic arena, while re-examining the suspended death sentence on Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, in the domestic field.

Liu Ta-jen, spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Ministry, said Communist China is about to hold talks on its frontier with the Soviets next month. He added that the result in any case is likely to put more pressure on the United States to concede some points in its foreign policy.

Liu Ta-jen's remarks have been reconfirmed in a speech by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev delivered September 28, in which he offered an olive branch to the Peking regime.

The significance of this is quite obvious. While the reaction of the Peking regime is not yet known, the possibility of Peking-Moscow rapprochement has become closer.

The United States should realise its failure in playing the Communist China card; hoping thereby to line up Peking against the Soviets. It is only a daydream. The forthcoming border talks between the two regimes will be used by Peking to further blackmail the United States.

As to wire service's reports in a reduction in Chiang Ching's suspended death sentence, a Taipei political analyst pointed out that this was a gesture by Teng Hsiao-ping and his supporters to reduce the risk of heavy retaliation from their opponents, including the remnants of the "Gang of Four".

The analyst said that in recent years, the Peking regime called the "Cultural Revolution" a holocaust. It also attributed all the failures to the "Gang of Four" and even held the "Trial of Ten Evils".

But now it is trying to find some excuses for Chiang Ching's crimes. The analyst said this only exposed its ambivalent and abnormal policy.

In fact, the political analyst indicated that both the "Gang of Four" and the Chinese Communists as a whole should be held responsible for the millions of innocent people who lost their lives in the "Cultural holocaust". Without the per-

mission of Mao Tse-tung and the existence of Communist institutions, there would be no "Gang of Four".

The analyst said since the fall of the "Gang of Four", Teng Hsiao-ping has made partial gains in strengthening his power. But the resistance from the radicals that characterised the Maoist era is still strong.

In fear of losing his grasp of power, Teng and his supporters then tried to soften their attitude towards the remnants by reducing the sentence on Mao's widow, Chiang Ching.

They hope that by thoroughly re-examining Chiang Ching's case, they might postpone any further confrontation with their political rivals. As a matter of fact, this only shows to the world that an acute political struggle still exists within the Chinese Communist Party, and more struggles can be expected in the following years, the analyst pointed out.

Collectivism

"If we then describe the deadly danger which threatens our whole Western civilisation as Collectivism we do not doubt that we shall be fully understood by everyone. We are surely within our rights in speaking of Collectivism as the fundamental and mortal danger of the West and in describing it as nothing less than political and economic tyranny, regimentation, centralisation, the despotic organisation of every department of life, the destruction of personality, totalitarianism and the rigid mechanisation of human society. And we do not doubt that we can count upon general agreement when we say that this resulting insect State would not only destroy most institutions and values which comprise a development of three thousand years and which, with a conscious pride, we designate Occidental civilisation. It would not only rob society of that organic structure, and internal support which gives it its stability, but above all it would take from the life of the individual just that essential purpose which only freedom can bestow; and with the loss of individual liberty every vestige of intrinsic worth and dignity would perish from the earth. In speaking thus we are expressing convictions which comprise the very core of Christian thought and which must perish with it."

—Wilhelm Ropke in *Civitas Humana*
(William Hodge & Co. Ltd.).

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