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MR. IAN HODGE AND SOCIAL CREDIT

The Facts — Not the Fiction.

By Edward Rock.

Mr. Ian Hodge, director of the Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Studies (F.A.C.S.), is so far as can be judged, a man with a mission, the objective of which is most commendable, the advancement of Christian studies in a wide context to challenge the stranglehold of secular, materialist and humanist thought now so prevalent in society.

We cannot do less than applaud such objectives and wish any individual so engaged every success.

Prompted by the interest shown by one of his readers in his work who had suggested to him that Social Credit was a Christian concept, Mr. Hodge wrote a paper in 1986, which he titled, "Social Credit. Is it Christian?" His conclusion was blunt. Not only was Social Credit not Christian; it was in his own words, "neither Christian nor economic theory. It is a mish mash of ideas which deny the orthodox doctrine of scripture and therefore deny the explicit commandments of God which alone provide the moral and ethical base for economic theory."

The paper was in the main a tunnel-visioned view of an appendix to an early work of C.H. Douglas, *Social Credit*. The appendix was titled "Draft Social Credit Scheme for Scotland." To the unwary reader, ignorant of the main premises espoused by C.H. Douglas to explain what Social Credit is and how the individual can obtain access to it, that appendix could be very misleading, and Mr. Hodge riding on a wave of indignation and disagreement over Douglas earlier in the book rejecting out of hand the right of government to use economic production and its distribution as a moral weapon in the exercise of rewards and punishment, seized on the appendix to portray Douglas as a thinly disguised socialist. The extremely powerful and long established enemies of Social Credit who monitor everything written about the subject must have been amazed and not a little amused at Mr. Hodge's naivety.

A BADLY RESEARCHED PAPER

Not chastened by criticism of what amounted to a badly researched paper, with no apologies for what could be classified as a school-boy howler, Mr. Hodge has returned to the attack by publishing a paper, "SOCIAL CREDIT: Fact or Fiction?" This time Mr. Hodge is careful to steer clear of any discussion on Christian economic principles and contents himself with expounding on what he believes are the technical errors and weaknesses of the Douglas and Social Credit analysis of financial policy.

When a man is overtaken with missionary zeal to oppose something which attacks all his precious held conceptions about his particular religious belief, reason and logic must be accurate or they may become such real casualties as to make their defender even more ridiculous. Intellectuals like Professor Harold Laski who opposed Social Credit just as bitterly as Ian Hodge did not fall into such error. Well-known Fabians Sidney and Beatrice Webb had no illusions about the sound reasoning and logic of the Social Credit analysis as presented to them in personal discussion with Douglas. They just bluntly and honestly said they disagreed with

the premises and objectives of Social Credit, and would work for a social system the direct opposite to that which would result from the implementation of the Social Credit analysis.

Perhaps Mr. Hodge's first and most basic error is his failure to make any serious attempt to define and understand what Social Credit is. Obviously he thinks it is something invented by Douglas and social crediters generally. Failure to define what one is criticising can lead to real error. The term Social Credit merely describes that reality which is the ever-increasing and accumulating credit of society. That credit which accumulates as man refines, remakes and rebuilds production processes to a point of greater perfection each time he does in fact improve such processes, always drawing on the accumulating cultural heritage handed down by one generation to another. That is the

OUR POLICY

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To promote financial policies, which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities.

To oppose all forms of monopoly, whether described as public or private.

To encourage electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.

To support all policies genuinely concerned with conserving and protecting natural resources, including the soil, and an environment reflecting Natural (God's) Laws, against policies of rape and waste.

To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

credit of society, society's credit, Social Credit. Does Mr. Hodge deny such reality? We would hardly think so, even though there are some aspects of his latest paper which question whether the production process has advanced as far as Social Crediters believe it has. Even accepting such quibbles Mr. Hodge must agree that society's credit is that accumulated body of knowledge, translated into practical know-how, which can now supply society with anything from a pin to a space ship. Society's Credit, or Social Credit is a fact of life, irrefutable, undeniable, except to the man who "having eyes see not...." "Social Credit, Fact or..."

Why the "or"? Obviously an error in definition, which leads to further error.

WHAT ABOUT "SAY'S LAW"?

As already mentioned Mr. Hodge concentrates on expounding his superior expertise to Douglas on technical aspects of the financing and distribution of production. Much is made of the A + B Theorem. It is irrefutable Mr. Hodge acknowledges, but its irrefutability in no way mitigates its deficiencies which Social Crediters fail to understand. Social Crediters are taken to task for their lamentable ignorance of Say's Law, which according to Mr. Hodge brilliantly explains, "Prices — downwardly flexible prices — are the key to unsold goods and services" irrefutably proven by the A + B Theorem.

If it is any comfort to Mr. Hodge I have been reading Social Credit literature for over forty-five years, and yes, I must confess I have never heard of Say's Law, and I'm fairly sure most Social Crediters are equally guilty. I must confess it worries me not the tiniest bit. It is quite irrelevant. There are laws more supremely important. Mr. Hodges can have Say's Law. I will settle for the laws enunciated by Jesus Christ inherent in Social Credit financial proposals which reduce the role of finance to the function of a servant, meeting any altering or fluctuating price movement whether it be up, down, sideways or circular. For once it is agreed that finance is a mechanism, not a moral instrument, and its only function is to serve the individual, the techniques involved to make society's credit available to each individual are quite academic. It may be that Say's Law is superior to the A + B Theorem in performing a servant role for finance. If so bring on Say's Law and dispense with the A + B Theorem! What is at issue is whether either will free the individual from the control of those who control finance. Douglas saw finance as a symbol become master to which man is forced to bow down and worship. His objective was to liberate mankind from such idolatry and advance true worship of the one true God. It is in the arena of what constitutes the one true God that Mr. Hodge parts company with Douglas, and this is by far the most important aspect of this debate.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Mr. Hodge is a biblical scholar. In his original paper he takes Douglas to task for his statement in Social Credit, "Christianity comes into conflict with the conception of the Old Testament and the ideals of the pre-Christian era . . ." P. 22. Later he takes Douglas to task again for challenging the Mosaic concept of rewards and punishment. Mr. Hodge rests his case on the statement that as God is the author of the Mosaic Law, Douglas is in error in challenging the authority of that law.

What is at issue here is that of infallibility in relation to God's will governing the exercise of rewards and punishment. Mr. Hodge says the Old Testament is a record that God gave men right to exercise that power over their fellow man. Douglas says that concept is in conflict with the teaching of Jesus Christ.

In the following statement Jesus condensed what is accepted as acceptance of the Mosaic Law but giving it a new dimension, that of love. Jesus was answering a trick question from a lawyer who asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God

with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:36, 40. Elsewhere Christ said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34,35. Douglas gave expression to that law of love in his financial proposals.

THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE SOCIAL CREDIT

It has to be emphasised here that the central proposal made by C.H. Douglas designed to give every individual unqualified access to society's credit was the distribution of a financial dividend. Unqualified access implicitly concedes the giving of a gift without any conditions or judgment exercised by the giver. In another context it is referred to as the "Grace of God which passeth all understanding." In John 1:17 the great difference between Mr. Hodge and Douglas is perfectly illustrated in the words, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Mr. Hodge is all for a concept of law, Douglas for Grace.

Inherent in the simple proposal by Douglas is the greatest threat to those who have the power to divide mankind from the love of God. The apostle Paul said "the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Timothy 6:10. If the power of money is challenged, so is evil. By his simple proposal of a financial dividend payable to every adult individual Douglas brought the wrath of the greatest force of evil down on his head, for that proposal incorporated the most devastating mechanism for destroying the concentration of power. Lord Acton's statement, "All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely", is an exact statement governing the exercise of power. It follows that if power is decentralised then corruption by power is minimised. No greater proposal for the decentralisation of power has been made than the issue to each individual, without qualification, of a financial dividend giving each access to society's credit. The resulting advancement of personal sovereignty would parallel increased personal responsibility. The question of debt and control of the individual through debt would be resolved.

A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE

No body of power understands this more than that which exercises financial power concentrated into the hands of an elite few. Power in many hands is power in safe hands. Power in many hands also enhances freedom, and freedom is of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Douglas proposal has a deeply religious significance for the advancement of Christianity. Those opposed to Christ know it, and realise that the retention of the moral that man through government has the right to dispense rewards and punishment through the financial instrument is the basis by which they retain power.

The right to create all money as a debt, and demand of all governments that they tax the people with increasing severity to repay the inevitable debt is part of the reward and punishment syndrome. The moral position for such debt and taxation is upheld by the Judeo-Christian rump of the Christian church, and it is based upon a position similar to that adopted by Mr. Hodge in interpreting the Old Testament and Mosaic Law. That such an interpretation of the Old Testament is right is open to doubt. If the Mosaic Law is the Ten Commandments, then the system of rewards and punishments inherent within them is something quite different from those exercised by the controllers of the financial system. Inherent within the Ten Commandments is the right of each individual to inherit personal sovereignty with God as his only judge. Man is given the responsibility to administer justice which confirms that sovereignty, and in so doing expand the freedom of each individual. Pharisaism destroyed that freedom by

expanding the basic laws into a multitude of bureaucratic regulations, and made it necessary for God to send His Son in order to challenge again those who had destroyed his original edicts.

THE REAL AREA OF CONFLICT

Mr. Hodge along with the Judeo-Christian rump has chosen to join the ranks of the Pharisees. This is the real area of conflict between Douglas and his Christian critics. There is conclusive evidence that technology has brought a new dimension to the work ethic, and throws a glaring spotlight on the teaching of Jesus on the capacity of creation to supply our every need without "taking thought for tomorrow." Jesus exhorted us to compare ourselves with the lilies of the field, "how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin." He was entreating us to embrace the law of love and reject hatred. He said we would have to choose between one and the other. Instead of embracing Christ's economic laws based upon love we have chosen a system of rewards and punishment based upon hatred. Through lack of faithful leadership many take this path without knowing it. Jesus prayed, "God forgive them, they know not what they do" as He hung on the cross. The same prayer is applicable on this issue for the great rank and file of people who trust their leaders, but the leaders have a tremendous responsibility to repent age-old positions, which have brought disaster to the Christian faith.

There is a sifting process going on amongst Christians. The forces of evil are terrified that there could be a break in the ranks of the Christian church, which would result in a fundamental challenge to their power. In recent times the Logos Foundation emerged as a Christian body with the courage to take on issues, which the orthodox structured church has left untouched. Its work on such issues as the I.D. Card, the September 3 referendum and a whole range of humanist programmes has been outstanding. The director of Logos, Mr. Howard Carter, continuously emphasises that every position they adopt must come from Jesus Christ. However, on the vital question of power exercised by finance there is no difference between Logos and the rest of the structured church.

FINANCIAL QUESTION IGNORED

When Mr. Carter published an article by Mr. Hodge in the Logos Journal, May 1988, I wrote to Mr. Carter pointing out that Mr. Hodge was in grave error, and if Logos was to fulfill its role and contention that it was an instrument of the authority of Jesus Christ it should repudiate the stand adopted by Mr. Hodge which was an open plea for the destruction of national financial sovereignty in favour of those who want to internationalise both trade and finance. A specious plea for a "free market", it would destroy the whole basis of freedom. I also drew his attention to an article by Professor Rousas Rushdoony in the April edition, which was a brilliant expose of the immorality of debt, making it clear that debt was a negation of God's Law. However, the article contained a cardinal error when it equated gold and silver with wealth, decrying paper currency and its relation to debt. Six months after writing to Mr. Carter he has yet to reply to and deal with the matters I raised.

Tremendous pressure is exerted on any Church leader who dares to give sustenance and support to those who advocate policies, which would break the power of finance and bring a genuine restoration of decentralised political, finance, economic policies. Unless Logos remains faithful to its constitution accepting the authority of Christ in all things, it will fail, as have other sections of the Christian Church.

The League of Rights is now equated with the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party. Good Australian citizens who love their God and their country! Their basic crime is that they repudiate mammon and choose God, and the Christian Church stands silently by fearful that it may too bring down the wrath of those who control mammon on their heads. Christians true to Christ can, however, remain assured, the victory won at Calvary will be consummated and the powers of darkness dispersed. On that day the root of evil will be rooted out, the spade work done by the few faithful who refused to sell their souls in exchange for favour with men.

THE "LIBERATION OF THE CAMPS": FACTS VS. LIES

By Theodore J. O'Keefe

Nothing has been more effective in establishing the authenticity of the Holocaust in the minds of Americans than the terrible scenes U.S. GI's discovered when they entered the German concentration camps at the close of World War II.

At Dachau, Buchenwald, Dora, Mauthausen, and other work and detention camps, horrified American infantrymen encountered heaps of dead and dying inmates, emaciated and diseased. Survivors told them hair-raising stories of torture and slaughter, and backed up their claims by showing the GI's crematory ovens, alleged gas chambers, supposed implements of torture, even shrunken heads and lampshades, gloves, and handbags purportedly made from skin flayed from dead inmates.

U.S. government authorities, mindful that most Americans, who remembered the atrocity stories fed them during World War I, still doubted the Allied propaganda directed against the Hitler regime, resolved to "document" what the GI's had found in the camps. Prominent newsmen and politicians were flown in to see the harrowing evidence, while the U.S. Army Signal Corps filmed and photographed the scenes for posterity. The famous journalist Edward R. Murrow reported, in tones of horror, but no longer of disbelief, what he had been told and shown, and Dachau and Buchenwald were branded on the hearts and minds of the American populace as names of infamy unmatched in the sad and bloody history of this planet.

For Americans, what was "discovered" at the camps - the dead and the diseased, the terrible stories of the inmates, all the props of torture and terror — became the basis not simply of a transitory propaganda campaign but of the conviction that yes, it was true: the Germans *did* exterminate six million Jews, most of them in lethal gas chambers. What the GI's found was used, by way of films, which were mandatory viewing for the

vanquished populace of Germany, to "re-educate" the German people by destroying their national pride and their will to a united, independent national state, imposing in their place overwhelming feelings of collective guilt and political impotence. And when the testimony, and the verdict, at Nuremberg incorporated most, if not all of the horror stories Americans were told about Dachau, Buchenwald, and other places captured by the U.S. Army, the Holocaust could pass for one of the most documented, one of the most authenticated, one of the most proven historical episodes in the human record.

A DIFFERENT REALITY

But it is known today that, very soon after the liberation of the camps, American authorities were aware that the real story of the camps was quite different from the one in which they were coaching military public information officers, government spokesmen, politicians, journalists, and other mouthpieces.

When American and British forces overran western and central Germany in the spring of 1945, they were followed by

troops charged with discovering and securing any evidence of German war crimes. Among them was Dr. Charles Larson, one of America's leading forensic pathologists, who was assigned to the Judge Advocate General's Department. Dr. Larson performed autopsies at Dachau and some twenty other German camps, examining on some days more than 100 corpses. After his grim work at Dachau, he was questioned for three days by U.S. Army prosecutors¹.

Dr. Larson's findings? According to an interview he gave to an American journalist in 1980: "What we've heard is that six million Jews were exterminated. Part of that is a hoax."² And what part was the hoax? Dr. Larson nor any other forensic specialist has ever been cited by any Holocaust historian to substantiate a single case of death by poison gas, whether Zyklon—B or any other variety.

TYPHUS, NOT POISON GAS

If not by gassing, how did the unfortunate victims at Dachau, Buchenwald, and Bergen-Belsen perish? Were they tortured to death? Deliberately starved? The answers to these questions are known as well. As Dr. Larson and other Allied medical men discovered, the chief cause of death at Dachau, Belsen, and the other camps was disease, above all typhus, an old and terrible scourge of mankind which until recently flourished in places where populations were crowded together in circumstances where public health measures were unknown or had broken down. Such was the case in the overcrowded concentration camps in Germany at war's end, where, despite such measures as systematic delousing, quarantine of the sick, and cremation of the dead, the virtual collapse of Germany's food, transport, and public health systems led to catastrophe.

Perhaps the most authoritative statement of the facts as to typhus and mortality in the camps has been made by Dr. John E. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of preventive medicine and epidemiology at the Harvard University School of Public Health, who was with U.S. forces in Germany in 1945. Dr. Gordon reported in 1948 "The outbreaks in concentration camps and prisons made up the great bulk of typhus infection encountered in Germany." Dr. Gordon summarized the causes for the outbreaks as follows:

Germany was in chaos. The destruction of whole cities and the path left by advancing armies produced a disruption of living conditions contributing to the spread of the disease. Sanitation was low grade, public utilities were seriously disrupted, food supply and food distribution was poor, housing was inadequate and order and discipline were everywhere lacking. Still more important, a shifting of populations was occurring such as few countries and few times have experienced. .

Dr. Gordon's findings are corroborated by Dr. Russell Barton, today a psychiatrist of international repute, who entered Bergen—Belsen with British forces as a young medical student in 1945. Barton, who volunteered to care for the diseased survivors, testified under sworn oath in a Toronto courtroom in 1985 "Thousands of prisoners who died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during World War II weren't deliberately starved to death but died from a rash of diseases."⁶ Dr. Barton further testified that on entering the camp he had credited stories of deliberate starvations but had decided such stories were untrue after inspecting the well-equipped kitchens and the meticulously maintained ledgers, dating back to 1942, of food cooked and dispensed each day. Despite noisily publicized claims and widespread popular notions to the contrary, no researcher has been able to document a German policy of extermination through starvation in the German camps.

NO LAMPSHADES, NO HANDBAGS, ETC.

What of the ghoulish stories of concentration camp inmates skinned for their tattoos, flayed to make lampshades and handbags, or other artifacts? What of the innumerable "torture racks", "meat hooks", whipping posts, gallows, and other tools of torment and death that are reported to have abounded at every German camp? These allegations, and even more grotesque ones proffered by Soviet prosecutors, found their way into the record at Nuremberg.

The lampshade and tattooed-skin charges were made against Ilse Koch, dubbed by journalists the "Bitch of Buchenwald", who was reported to have furnished her house with objects manufactured from the tanned hides of luckless inmates. But General Lucius Clay, military governor of the U.S. zone of occupied Germany, who reviewed her case in 1948, told his superiors in Washington: "there is no convincing evidence that she (Ilse Koch) selected inmates for extermination in order to secure tattooed skins or that she possessed any articles made of human skin."⁷ In an interview General Clay gave years later, he stated about the material for the infamous lampshades: "Well, it turned out actually that it was goat flesh. But at the trial it was still human flesh. It was almost impossible for her to have gotten a fair trial."⁸ Ilse Koch hanged herself in a West German jail in 1967.

It would be tedious to itemize and refute the thousands of bizarre claims as to Nazi atrocities. That there were instances of German cruelty, however, is clear from the testimony of Dr. Konrad Morgen, a legal investigator attached to the Reich Criminal Police, whose statements on the witness stand at Nuremberg have never been challenged by believers in the Jewish Holocaust. Dr. Morgen informed the court that he had been given full authority by Heinrich Himmler, commander of Hitler's SS and the dread Gestapo to enter any German concentration camp and investigate instances of cruelty and corruption on the part of the camp staffs. According to Dr. Morgen's sworn testimony at Nuremberg, he investigated 800 such cases, in which over 200 convictions resulted.⁹ Punishments included the death penalty for the worst offenders, including Hermann Florstedt, commandant of Lublin (Majdanek), and Karl Koch, Ilse's husband,

THE LEUCHTER REPORT AVAILABLE

The End of A Myth.

Although the myth of the alleged gassing of six million Jews during the Second World War has been exposed by a number of investigators, exposures confirmed by a number of Jews who were at Auschwitz or other camps, the scientific report by America's top authority on building and operating gas chambers for execution purposes. Fred Leuchter who visited Poland to make a professional investigation, has ended the myth.

This is the Report, which changed the mind of British historian David Irving, who says it is a document, which is going to have far-reaching effects on modern history.

Even in Canada, where the document was first presented at the second Zundel trial, the media generally have managed to suppress news of the document. Zionist propagandists obviously believe that the best attitude is to pretend that the Report does not exist.

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commandant of Buchenwald.

In reality, while camp commandants in certain cases did inflict physical punishment, such acts had to be approved by authorities in Berlin, and it was required that a camp physician first certify the good health of the prisoner to be disciplined, and then be on hand at the actual beating.¹⁰ After all, the camps were throughout most of the war important centers of industrial activity. The good health and morale of the prisoners was critical to the German war effort, as is evidenced by a 1942 order issued by SS—Brigadeführer Richard Glucks, chief of the office which controlled the concentration camps, which held camp commanders "personally responsible for exhausting every possibility to preserve the physical strength of the detainees."¹¹

CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVORS - MERELY VICTIMS?

U.S. Army investigators, working at Buchenwald and other camps, quickly ascertained what was common knowledge among veteran inmates: that the worst offenders, the cruelest denizens of the camps were not the guards but the prisoners themselves. Common criminals of the same stripe as those who populate U.S. prisons today committed many villainies, particularly, when they held positions of authority, and fanatical Communists, highly organized to combat their many political enemies among the inmates, eliminated their foes with Stalinist ruthlessness.

Two U.S. Army investigators at Buchenwald, Egon W. Fleck and Edward A. Tenenbaum, carefully investigated circumstances in the camp before its liberation. In a detailed report submitted to their superiors, they revealed, in the words of Alfred Toombs, their commander, who wrote a preface to the report, "how the prisoners themselves organized a deadly terror within the Nazi terror."¹²

Fleck and Tenenbaum described the power exercised by criminals and Communists as follows:

. . . The Trustees, who in time became almost exclusively Communist Germans, had the power of life and death over all other inmates. They could sentence a man or a group to almost certain death. . . . The Communist trustees were directly responsible for a large part of the brutalities at Buchenwald.

Colonel Donald B. Robinson, chief historian of the American military government in Germany, summarized the Fleck-Tenenbaum report in an article, which appeared in *The American Mercury* shortly after the war. Colonel Robinson wrote succinctly of the American investigators' findings: "It appeared that the prisoners who agreed with the Communists ate; those who didn't starved to death."¹³

Additional corroboration of inmate brutality has been provided by Ellis E. Spackman, who, as Chief of Counter-intelligence Arrests and Detentions for the Seventh U.S. Army was involved in the liberation of Dachau. Spackman, later a professor of history at San Bernadino Valley College in California, wrote in 1966 that at Dachau "the prisoners were the actual instruments that inflicted the barbarities on their fellow prisoners"¹⁴.

GAS CHAMBERS

On December 9th, 1944 Col. Paul Kirk and Lt. Col. Edward J. Gully inspected the German concentration camp at Natzweiler in Alsace. They reported their findings to their superiors at the headquarters of the U.S. 6th Army Group, which subsequently forwarded Kirk and Gully's report to the War Crimes Division. While, significantly, the full text of their report has never been published, it has been revealed, by an author supportive of Holocaust claims, that the two investigators were careful to characterize equipment exhibited to them by French informants as a "so-called lethal gas chamber", and claim

it was "allegedly used as a lethal gas chamber"¹⁵ (emphasis added).

Both the careful phraseology of the Natzweiler report, and its effective suppression, stand in stark contrast to the credulity, the confusion, and the blaring publicity, which accompanied official reports of alleged gas chambers at Dachau. At first, A U.S. Army photo depicting a GI gazing mournfully at a steel door marked with a skull and crossbones and the German words for "Caution! Gas! Mortal Danger! Don't open!" was identified as showing the murder weapon. Later, however, it was evidently decided that the apparatus in question was merely a standard delousing chamber for clothing, and another alleged gas chamber, this one cunningly disguised as a shower room, was exhibited to American congressmen and journalists as the site where thousands breathed their last. While there exist numerous reports in the press as to the operation of this second "gas chamber", no official report by trained Army investigators has yet surfaced to reconcile such problems as the function of the shower heads: Were they "dummies", or did lethal cyanide gas stream through them? (Each theory has appreciable support in journalistic and historiographical literature.)

As with Dachau, so with Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen, and the other camps captured by the Allies.

There was no end of propaganda about "gas chambers," "gas ovens," and the like, but so far not a single detailed description of the murder weapon and its function, not a single report of the kind that is mandatory for the successful prosecution of any assault or murder case in America at that time and today, has come to light.

Furthermore, a number of Holocaust authorities have now publicly decreed that there were no gassings, no extermination camps in Germany after all! All these things, we are told, were located in what is now Poland, in areas captured by the Soviet Red Army and off-limits to Western investigators. In 1960 Dr. Martin Broszat, who is now director of the Munich-based Institute for Contemporary History, which is funded by the West German government to support the Holocaust story, wrote a letter to German weekly *Die Zeit* in which he stated categorically "Neither in Dachau nor in Bergen-Belsen nor in Buchenwald were Jews or other prisoners gassed."¹⁶ Professional Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal wrote in 1975 that "there were no extermination camps on German soil"¹⁷. And Dachau "gas chamber" No. 2, which was once presented to a stunned and grieving world as a weapon which claimed hundreds of thousands of lives, is now described in the brochure issued to tourists at the modern Dachau "memorial site" in these words: "This gas chamber, camouflaged as a shower room, was not used".¹⁸

THE PROPAGANDA INTENSIFIED

More than forty years after American troops entered Dachau, Buchenwald, and the other German camps, and trained American investigators established the facts as to what had gone on in them, the government in Washington, the entertainment media in Hollywood, and the print media in New York continue to churn out millions of words and images annually on the horrors of the camps and the infamy of the Holocaust. Despite the fact that, with the exception of the defeated Confederacy, no enemy of America has ever suffered so complete and devastating defeat as did Germany in 1945, the mass media and the politicians and bureaucrats behave as if Hitler, his troops and his concentration camps continue to exist in an eternal present, and our opinion makers continue to distort, through ignorance or malice, the facts about the camps.

TIME FOR THE TRUTH

It is time that the government and the professional historians revealed the facts about Dachau, Buchenwald, and the

other camps. It is time that they let the American public know how the inmates died, and how they didn't die. It is time that the claims as to mass murder by gassing were clarified and investigated in the same manner as any other claims of murder are dealt with. It is time that the free ride certain groups have enjoyed as the result of unchallenged Holocaust claims be terminated, just as it is time that other groups, including Germans, eastern Europeans, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and the wartime leadership of America and Britain stop being scapegoated, either for their alleged role in the Holocaust or their supposed failure to stop it.

Above all, it is time that the citizens of this great democratic Republic have the facts about the camps, facts which they possess a right to know, a right that is fundamental to the exercise of their authority and their will in the governance of their country. As citizens and as taxpayers, Americans of all ethnic backgrounds, of all faiths, have a basic right and an overriding interest in determining the facts of incidents which are deemed by those in positions of power to be determinative in America's foreign policy, in its educational policy, in its selection of past events to be memorialized in our civic life. The alleged facts of the Holocaust are today at issue all over the civilized world; in Germany, in France, in Italy, in Britain, in the Low Countries and Scandinavia, in Japan, across our border in Canada and in the United States of America itself. The truth will be decided only by recourse to the facts, in the public forum: not by concealing the facts, denying the truth, stonewalling reality. The truth will out, and it is time the government of this country, and governments and international bodies throughout the world, made public and patent the evidence of what actually transpired in the German concentration camps in the years 1933—1945, so that we may put paid to the lies, without fear or favor, and carry out the work of reconciliation and renewal that is and must be the granite foundation of mutual tolerance between peoples and of a peace based on justice, rather than on guns, barbed wire, prisons, and lies.

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The conclusion of the early U.S. Army investigations as to the truth about the wartime German concentration camps have since been corroborated by all subsequent investigators and can be summarized:

1. *The harrowing scenes of the dead and dying inmates were not the result of a German policy of "extermination," but rather the result of epidemics of typhus and other disease brought about largely by the effects of Allied aerial attacks.*
2. *Stories of Nazi super criminals and sadists who turned Jews and others into handbags and lampshades for their private profit or amusement were sick lies or diseased fantasies; indeed the German authorities consistently punished corruption and cruelty on the part of camp commanders and guards.*
3. *On the other hand, the representations of the newly liberated inmates to have been saints and martyrs of Hitlerism were quite often very far from the truth; indeed, most of the brutalities inflicted on camp detainees were the work of their fellow prisoners, in contravention of German policy and German orders.*
4. *The alleged homicidal showers and gas chambers had been used either for bathing camp inmates or delousing their clothes; the claim that they had been used to murder Jews or other human beings is a contemptible fabrication, Orthodox, Establishment historians and professional "Nazi-hunters" have quietly dropped claims that inmates were gassed at Dachau, Buchenwald, and other camps in Germany. They continue, however, to keep silent the lies about Dachau and Buchenwald, as well as to evade an open discussion of the evidence for homicidal gassing at Auschwitz and the other camps captures by the Soviets.*

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CAN MARGARET THATCHER TURN THE TIDE?

In our December issue we published an important and perceptive article by the distinguished South African journalist, Mr. Ivor Benson, concerning what could be a major historical development if British Prime Minister Thatcher is preparing the ground for a British retreat from the Common Market. While we would like to believe that this is Margaret Thatcher's intention, there are certain realities, which must be faced, a major one being the British Prime Minister's financial and economic orthodoxy.

As C.H. Douglas stressed, while the axioms of financial orthodoxy, with the inevitable debt, taxation, inflation and social friction, are accepted as being unalterable, the drive towards increasing centralisation of all power appears to be inevitable. Douglas warned that in the absence of constructive alternatives and initiatives, the conservative elements in society were doomed to a succession of rear-guard actions, which ultimately must end in disaster. Margaret Thatcher has obviously seen one major aspect of the disaster threatening Britain if the final steps are taken to establish a Federal Union of Western Europe and genuinely wants to draw back.

But will she be permitted to draw back? No less a person than one of the traitors of British conservatism, former Prime Minister Edward Heath, a dedicated marketeer, provides encouraging confirmation that at least Margaret Thatcher lacks great enthusiasm for the EEC. In the November issue of *Marxism Today*, published by the British Communist Party, Heath is quoted at length in an exclusive interview. It is not without significance that Heath should grant such an interview to a Marxist journal.

THE HEATH VISION

Heath reveals that after October, 1972, when as British Prime Minister he had signed the Treaty concerning British entry into the EEC, at the first summit meeting of heads of government in Paris, a communiqué had been drafted concerning the purpose of the EEC. Heath states, "Now the relevance of this is that we agreed in 1972 to the creation of a full community by 1980. This is far more than has been agreed for 1992."

Asked what was visualised by a full Community by 1980, Heath replied, "The full Community meant that we would develop not only the open market and remove all obstacles to the market, but we would also develop the social and economic fund, we would have a common currency, and a common central bank. We would develop a European Parliament with the full powers of a Parliament, and a political unity which would embrace foreign and defence policy, and that all would be done by 1980." This grandiose programme to establish a United States of Europe, an objective once advocated by Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky, was never spelled out to the British people. In the early stages of the campaign to take Britain into the EEC, many of its propagandists strongly denied that there was any intention to create a United States of Europe.

Edward Heath concedes that certain realities have hampered the development of the full Community as he and others envisaged. Because of inflation, unemployment and associated problems, from the mid-70s onwards "the Community lost its momentum". According to Heath, the members made the mistake of "looking inwards" in an attempt to solve their problems. Speaking like a true centralist, Heath says that instead of each nation trying to put its own affairs in order, there should have been a Community approach. What has been attempted is "the opposite of the philosophy of the Community."

MARGARET THATCHER BLAMED

Heath blames the Conservative Party under Margaret

Thatcher for having contributed to the failure to advance the planned programme more rapidly. While it is true that Heath dislikes Margaret Thatcher intensely on personal grounds, it is one encouraging sign that Heath regards Margaret Thatcher as an opponent of his ideas. She has never made the mistake of having Heath in her Cabinet. But Heath does indicate that if she is preparing to withdraw from Europe, she has many opponents in her own ranks: "There are a lot of members of the government who strongly desire European unity to come about as quickly as possible and will work as hard as they can for it. This particularly applies to the financial questions of the Community."

Margaret Thatcher's long period in office can be attributed in major part to the disintegration of the Labor Party as a coherent political force. Although Socialism as an idea has been discredited and exhausted, Labor has been bedevilled by die-hard radicals. There are also a weird collection of secular humanists and others. The Thatcher government's brand of free enterprise is resulting in a type of corporate State, with public monopolies being replaced by private monopolies. But above all is the dictatorship of Debt Finance. It can be predicted with complete certainty that unless Margaret Thatcher can in some way modify financial policy, Britain will be dragged increasingly into being part of an international economy. Political sovereignty could become irrelevant.

Consider the relatively new attitudes of anti-Communist South Korea, and Taiwan: both are bending to the pressure of what appear to be inevitable developments which force them to seek contact with Communist nations they have spent decades denouncing.

Margaret Thatcher has clearly grasped the essence of one aspect of the threat to British sovereignty, as pointed out in her address at Brighton, England, on October 14: —

"There is no doubt what the Community's founders intended. The Treaty of Rome is a charter for economic liberty, which they knew was the essential condition for personal and political liberty. Today that founding concept is under attack from those who see European unity as a vehicle for spreading socialism. We haven't worked all these years to free Britain from the paralysis of socialism only to see it creep in through the back door of central control and bureaucracy from Brussels."

Some of the founders of the EEC may have seen the Treaty of Rome as Margaret Thatcher presents it, but there were those like Edward Heath who had a very different view.

CONTRARY TO NATURAL LAW

But in spite of the drive towards centralisation everywhere, even the Soviet Union is faced with the threat of revolt from the many separate nationalities within the Soviet Empire. As C.H. Douglas has said, the concept of central planning on a global scale is doomed to failure because it runs contrary to natural law with the persistent attempt by human being to diversify in favour of control of their own affairs. It is a tribute to the resilience of people that they have managed to survive as well as they have in the face of centralised control.

If Margaret Thatcher is successful in holding Britain back from the final step of surrender to a United States of Europe, she will at least have made a valuable contribution towards slowing down the programme to establish a United States of Europe as part of a global programme aiming at an ultimate World Government. Perhaps this is the best that can be expected from Margaret Thatcher.

THE CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTIONS

The Canadian Federal Elections, held in November of last year, provided a classic example of the "majority vote" racket and how it is manipulated against the people.

Like most Prime Ministers, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney went to the polls at a time when he felt he had the best chance of winning. The Liberal Party, led by Mr. John Turner has never recovered from the long Trudeau regime. Even notoriously short memories still recall with considerable loathing what Fabian Socialist Trudeau did to Canada. John Turner was far from being the unanimous choice as leader by the Liberal Party, which went into the elections badly divided.

Early public opinion polls had Mulroney winning in another massive landslide. But during the campaign John Turner managed to project himself in a television debate with Mulroney, as a much more positive leader than had been previously thought, and he struck "electoral oil" when he challenged Mulroney on the Free Trade Agreement with the USA. He touched a deep nerve in the Canadian psyche with his claim that Canada would be sacrificing its sovereignty. Overlooked, of course, was the fact that Turner had been a senior member of a Trudeau regime, which had been surrendering Canadian sovereignty for years!

But the polls started to indicate that the Liberals might even win by concentrating on the Free Trade issue. This, however was not to be, and the Progressive Conservatives were re-elected, although with a reduced majority. Immediately Mulroney claimed that he had been given a mandate to proceed with the Free Trade policy, one that is designed to prepare the way for the establishment of a North American Common Market.

The truth is that Mulroney won because of overwhelming support in Quebec. Alberta was the only other Province in which Mulroney obtained a majority in the popular vote. Mulroney won only two Provinces out of ten. Nation-wide 57% of the electors voted against Mulroney, which hardly constitutes a mandate for Free Trade. While it is true that Free Trade was a major issue, it was not the only issue. Clearly the strong Quebec support for Mulroney, himself a Quebecer, was the result of promising far-reaching constitutional concessions for Quebec. One result of this is that Quebec will be even more dominant in the Federal Parliament at Ottawa, this leading to increasing friction with Western Canada.

Canada has been cursed by a continuation of the type of multiculturalism Trudeau imposed, and by modern party politics. Genuine democracy is only possible when the electors can vote on one major issue at a time. Under the Swiss system of Initiative Referendum, Canadian electors could have demanded that they vote at a national referendum on the Free Trade issue free of party politics. In such a situation many of those who voted for Mulroney last November would have certainly voted against the Free Trade policy.

All the evidence indicates that the proposal would have been decisively defeated at a referendum. But with a minority of the popular vote, and with eight out of ten Provinces failing to give him a majority, Prime Minister Mulroney claims that he has a mandate to commit Canada to policies of far-reaching implications. Such are Party politics.

Canada continues to move down a disaster road. But the situation could produce some unrehearsed results as Canadians start to realise that they must take control of their own destinies. The concept of the Electors' Veto is starting to take root.

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