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ALBERTA EXPERIMENT REVISITED ANOTHER WESTERN CANADIAN REFORM MOVEMENT EMERGES

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A combination of history and geography has resulted in Western Canada producing a number of grass-roots movements, the first of these being the Progressives, who in 1921 sent sixty-five members to Ottawa. The most significant of these movements was the Social Credit Movement of the Great Depression, which saw the first Social Credit government in the world elected to office in 1934. The man who led this government from 1943 onwards, after the first Social Credit Premier, William Aberhart, had died, Ernest Manning, was the man who consciously or unconsciously, perverted the Social Credit policy on which the government had been originally elected.

There has now arisen another Albertan-based movement, the Reform Movement, led by Preston Manning, who shares the same religious and philosophical views as his father, and who is greatly influenced by him. Will yet another reform movement, reflecting the genuine concerns and hopes of people, be misled out into the wilderness to fail and perish?

History records many examples of genuine attempts to defeat centralised power over the individual, primarily through the manipulation of Money Power, which have failed as a result of the tactics of perversion practised by a Money Power with centuries of experience behind it, and aided by the lack of understanding of their opponents. A classic example of this was provided by the anti-bank campaign which swept the USA last century, resulting in the Free Silver Campaign of William Jennings Bryan, whose campaign for the Presidency in 1896 was based on the famous slogan, "You shall not crucify Mankind upon a cross of gold."

Bryan, the "silver-tongued orator", raised nation-wide audiences to a state of great emotional hysteria as he denounced the Money Power. Like many other money reform campaigns the "Free Silver Campaign" was fundamentally unsound, in essence being an inflationary currency expansion proposal. It is related that few of the millions enthusiastically supporting Bryan understood his proposals, the man who least understood it being Bryan himself. But as far as the electorate, mainly farmers, was concerned, Bryan's campaign promised them relief from the Money Power, and a better way of life.

The Money Power reacted to what they perceived to be a definite threat, by calling in overdrafts, and running press campaigns prophesying disaster with a resulting major business panic, and depression. In spite of all this Bryan was defeated by only a narrow majority in an election dominated by intimidation and corruption. The Money Power ran a subtle campaign, which, while charging that Bryan was wrong, said it was necessary to "strengthen" the banking system by some reforms. One of the masterminds behind this campaign was Paul Warburg of Kuhn Loeb and Co. The end result was the establishment of the Reserve Bank in 1913, which many Americans genuinely thought would curb the Money Power. Among these was William Jennings Bryan, who had been appointed Secretary of State by the Wilson

OUR POLICY

To promote loyalty to the Christian concept of God, and to a society in which every individual enjoys inalienable rights, derived from God, not from the State.

To defend the Free Society and its institutions - private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited decentralised government. 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.

Administration in 1912. Before he died, Bryan admitted that his support for the Federal Reserve System was the greatest political mistake of his life.

AN UNCONSCIOUS TOOL?

Commenting on the Williams Jennings Bryan affair, C.H. Douglas made the comment that "The political atmosphere which existed after the defeat of the Free Silver agitation was so uniquely favourable to the schemes of the Warburgs that it is almost permissible to wonder whether Bryan was not an unconscious tool of International Finance. In any case there is a warning contained in its sequel, which those monetary reformers to whom technical soundness is secondary, might well take to heart. As my experience grows, I am increasingly confident that one, at least, of the key words leading to an understanding of the conscious Evil Forces in this world, is 'perversion' " (*The Big Idea*).

The anti-bank feeling which was prominent in the United States during the latter part of last century and early this century, was carried into Alberta by some American farmers who moved north, while a young American by the name of King O'Malley came to Australia, joined the fledgling Labor Party and played a major role in the establishment of the Commonwealth Bank in 1912, envisaging it as a check on the power of the private trading banks.

Although knowledge of Social Credit had taken root in Alberta before the Great Depression started in 1929, primarily through people of British background reading *The New Age*, it was the depression conditions of the 'thirties which brought the remarkable Calgary High School teacher, William Aberhart, on to the political stage to both popularise Social Credit through his widely listened to radio programme, primarily devoted to presenting Aberhart's version of Biblical teachings, and to mobilise a grass-roots movement. A brilliant communicator and organiser, Aberhart was far from technically sound on Social Credit financial proposals. But he was the right man to take advantage of a situation to mobilise public opinion against the Money Power. His success in 1934 set the alarm bells ringing in the higher echelons of international banking. Perversion and skilful exploitation of a set of politicians who had never been in office before, and whose knowledge of finance-economics and what they were attempting was extremely limited, were the methods used. The outline of how that perversion took place over a period, has been outlined in the 1984 edition of *The Alberta Experiment*, by C.H. Douglas, for which I wrote the Introduction and which contains background notes by the late L.D. Byrne, adviser to the Alberta Social Credit government until forced to resign by Ernest Manning. *The Alberta Experiment* is compulsory reading for those who want to attempt to make certain that yet another grass roots reform movement is not diverted from achieving the results its supporters want.

THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

There is no doubt that the Reform Party, led by Preston Manning, with its roots in Alberta, but spreading across Canada, is now poised to play what could be a decisive role in Canadian history at a time of deepening national crisis, with general disenchantment with the major old-time political parties. This is an appropriate time to consider the lessons of history. Those lessons are important for all those attempting to resist totalitarianism throughout what is still described as the Free World.

Western Canadians have always felt a sense of alienation from Eastern Canada. From 1968 onwards, the policies imposed by the Trudeau government intensified an anti-Ottawa feeling with considerable support for Western Separatism, including that of the brilliant barrister Doug Christie, now recognised internation-

ally for his role in defending Ernest Zundel in what have become known as the Great Holocaust trials, and for successfully defending the first man charged under Canada's War Crimes legislation.

With the eventual defeat of the Trudeau government and the election of a Progressive Conservative government headed by Brian Mulroney, there was a natural tendency among Western Canadians to give a sigh of relief. But relief soon gave way to a new upsurge of anti-Ottawa feelings. The language used became bitter. Western Canadians felt this was the ultimate in a long series of betrayals. Preston Manning and the Reform Movement started to emerge in strength. However, it is not without significance that Preston Manning did not start to emerge as a political factor until after the feeling of Western Canadian alienation had found a formal expression in the establishment of a Confederation of Regions party (CORE), founded by an Albertan businessman, who is known to have a much more realistic understanding of finance-economics and whose movement has raised the all-important banking question. While the CORE party has gained considerable support, not only in Western Canada, but also in the Maritimes, it has not found favour with the Establishment Media. But the Preston Manning Reform Party has.

THE UNDERMINING OF SOCIAL CREDIT

From the moment that Preston Manning's father started to move away from the course set by Aberhart, undermined all Social Credit educational work in Alberta, and confined himself to making use of Alberta's massive oil revenue to provide "good government", he became acceptable to the Establishment media and the Money Power, eventually being rewarded with a banking directorship, while the Fabian Socialist Trudeau appointed him to the Senate. Early in his Premiership Ernest Manning made it clear that he was content to preside over "good government" in Alberta under the Social Credit label, but without attempting to implement Social Credit policies. He fostered the futile "On To Ottawa" movement, this eventually ending in disaster.

There are two explanations for why Ernest Manning took the course he did. The first was his own lack of understanding of Social Credit financial proposals, which may not have been over-important if it were not for his Pro-Zionism, based upon the belief of some Christians that the people known as the Jews are God's Chosen People and that the Zionist State of Israel is a manifestation of Biblical prophecy. Like so many Christians,

LEGACIES FOR THE FUTURE

Even its enemies concede that The Australian League of Rights is the best-established and most influential non-party movement in Australia. The recent Human Rights Commission Report, under Irene Moss, pays an indirect tribute to the League. But the League has only reached its present stage of development, with a growing number of younger leaders to assure the future, because of the investments in terms of financial support and in-depth education.

Inheritance is the essence of Social Credit. Those who have benefited from past inheritance must ensure that future generations are left in the position to also pass it on. The League of Rights has over the years benefited from legacies left by older supporters. Where legacies are left to the League, care must be taken to ensure that the Australian League of Rights is clearly named, and its current national address, 145 Russell Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Ernest Manning apparently sees no problem in accepting that God's will was being done by Zionist terrorists, most of whom were not even practising any form of religion, violently dispossessing the Palestinians of their homeland, many of these Palestinians being Christians. Whatever the explanation, Ernest Manning's major legacy to Canadian politics was to preside over the death of a government, which had held such promise, not only for Canadians, but other peoples around the world, particularly those of the peoples of the British Crown Commonwealth.

Now the Manning mantle passes to Preston Manning. Preston Manning has a number of assets as he emerges as a major political figure on the Canadian scene: He inherits his father's image, he is an Evangelical Christian following in his father's footsteps in giving sermons on the Calgary radio programme. Back To the Bible Hour, and his background in public relations with knowledge of how to tap into the basic concerns of the Canadian people. Preston Manning has been quoted as saying, "I think my father believes as I do that this (the Reform Party) is the same type of thing that happened in the Depression". In view of the history of Manning Senior, it is legitimate to ask whether Manning Junior may not repeat what his father did.

TIME RIGHT FOR REFORM PARTY

Sensing that the rising tide of Western frustration and despair was gaining momentum, Preston Manning decided that the time was right for the Reform Party. He knew that the "extremism" of the CORE party, particularly concerning banking, put it offside with an Establishment Media whose support, along with Big Money, he must have for political success. Like a surf-rider who knows how to select the right surge of waves to buoy him up, Preston Manning obviously sensed that there was a strong rising wave of Western concern, which he could ride. He has been proved right, and with Establishment Media support he has gone from success to success, and will undoubtedly be a major, perhaps decisive, factor in the next Federal Elections.

An indication of how Preston Manning's political antenna is finely tuned to alert him against offending those forces, which operate behind the political scenes, was demonstrated during the 1989 Canadian Federal elections. Popular Vancouver journalist and writer, Doug Collins, had been unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by a packed convention of Reform Party supporters as the man they wanted to represent them in Ottawa. British-born ex-serviceman, Doug Collins is a man who speaks as he writes: blunt and to the point. He possibly could have been elected in 1989, at a time when the Reform Party was making its first major incursion into the political arena. But Preston Manning vetoed the Collins selection. The independently minded Doug Collins would be no political party hack. But there was that question of image. Collins has written and spoken strongly against Canada's open-door immigration policy. But perhaps his greatest "crime" was to appear as a witness supporting free speech, in the Keegstra and Zundel trials.

Party dictatorship is more rigid in Canada than in any other English-speaking country, with party leaders being able to veto the selection of any candidates they do not like. Spokesmen for the Reform Party admit that one of their problems is what they term the "fringe elements". They need the energy, which those with strong feelings can bring to political campaigns, but they do not want the Doug Collins type up front. As it is generally agreed that Preston Manning IS the Reform Party and is going to get his way, then it is elementary that every effort must be made to eliminate any candidates likely to take an independent stance or touch any *verboden* issues.

A SKILFUL PROGRAMME

The Reform Party's platform skilfully presents a programme

which is specific on those issues of concern for English-speaking Canadians. Official bilingualism to be eliminated, with English the official language outside Quebec. An extremely watered-down version of the Swiss system is put forward, designed to gain the support of the growing number of Canadians supporting this concept. Statements concerning immigration lack real substance, it being proposed that immigration should be based on *economic criteria*, with no reference to race, culture or religion. But the platform contains sufficient references to immigration to help gain the support of the overwhelming majority who oppose the present immigration policy.

It is when one looks at proposed economic policies that it becomes clear why Preston Manning is acceptable to the high priests of the Credit Monopoly, who have already wined and dined him.

As pointed out by C.H. Douglas, a policy of "balanced budgets" for a government, which Preston Manning advocates, is a recipe for economic disaster. It is elementary that in the case of the individual, it is folly for an individual to spend more than he is receiving. But an examination of how the present financial system works demonstrates that if governments attempted to operate on balanced budgets, taxation would progressively strip purchasing power from the individual. Writing in *The Monopoly of Credit*, Douglas says:

" . . . the demand for a balanced budget is another form of the claim that all money belongs to the banks, and so far from being a reflection of the physical facts, is unrelated to them. Every modern community, so far as physical facts are concerned, is becoming richer year by year, and this increase of riches could be greatly accelerated. . . . It is. . . obvious that so long as this demand for a balanced national budget is admitted, there can be no economic security, since it involves continuous application to the financial institutions for permission to live."

CANADA COULD SHIFT DIRECTION

The Reform Party's invitation to former New Zealand Finance Minister Roger Douglas, to visit Canada as some type of a financial genius, suggests that they are not aware that it was Douglas who was primarily responsible for the New Zealand Labor Party introducing the disastrous General Services Tax and similar proposals which resulted in the massive electoral backlash against Labor at the last elections. Preston Manning's concept of a "Flat Tax" could have some limited merit providing people have sufficient income with which to pay the tax, and if provision is made to protect low-income earners. But a National Dividend, financed out of new debt-free credits, should automatically take care of that.

The major problem confronting the nations of the industrialised world is that productive capacity has far outstripped the ability of consumers to meet total prices. If Preston Manning would take some time off from political campaigning to understand C.H. Douglas, he might then realise that there are no alternatives to disaster except along the lines outlined by Douglas. If he has already rejected C.H. Douglas, for whatever reasons, then it can be predicted with certainty that while he could conceivably finish up in government at Ottawa, he has no genuine solutions to Canada's economic problems. But it may be that out of the spirit of reform, which is now sweeping across Canada, including support for the Citizens' Initiative Referendum and Recall, there will be a major change in the direction the nation is moving.

The rest of the world could profit from watching what happens to the latest Canadian political uprising in the West.

SPIRITUAL NATURE OF INITIATED REFERENDA

by Edward Rock

Is it possible to conceive a society in which there is a complete absence of oppression? I would define 'oppression' here as power exercised by man to force others to submit to policies, which they would reject if they had freedom of choice.

Yet the history of Christian civilisation could be written around the endless and restless pursuit of that objective. St. Augustine is quoted as saying; "Man's soul is restless till it rests in thee." That restlessness envisages a relationship between man and God from which the forces of oppression are absent. Alexander Solzhenitsyn replied to a question from Malcolm Muggeridge on the future of democratic government with the pertinent observation that "democracy evolved in the face of God". He went on to add, "When man turns from God democracy becomes something else." He had lived a lifetime under a government which completely rejected God, and in doing so had become in terms of the destruction of life and liberty, the most destructive in the history of Christian civilisation.

Democracy sanctioned by Christ is a realistic objective. Involved is the politicisation of God's grace, the gift given by the few to the many. The recipients responding to a gift, which is undefiled, has no strings attached, and which they instinctively realise is something good, not evil, and which they should have no hesitation in accepting. It should never be conceded that there is lacking an instinctive desire to choose what is right and good as against choosing evil. While the doctrine of original sin is without question fundamentally correct, every individual "born in the image of God" knows good from evil, and is continuously involved in the conflict for the supremacy of one over the other. Christ came and claimed victory for his followers in that battle. "In the world ye have tribulation, but have no fear, I have overcome the world". *John 16:33*.

To 'overcome the world' is to overcome the forces of oppression and evil, that force which comes between God's love for each and every individual. The perfection of that relationship is made possible when any third force is excluded from reducing the purity of it. Therefore all institutions, political, economic, cultural, religious, financial exist in God's eyes to preserve for the individual the purity of that relationship. Their function and motivation is to serve the individual in order that the individual may serve God.

It is now apparent that man's institutions, especially government and finance so dominate man that God has been almost totally excluded, resulting in a growing hunger by genuine Christian democrats for a mechanism which can restore that form of democracy which "evolved in the face of God." Out of this hunger and restlessness has grown the demand for what has become known as Citizens Initiated Referendum and Voters' Veto.

The terms are self-explanatory. They encompass the mechanisms, which enable responsible citizens to initiate referendums and so initiate legislation from the very grass roots of society. The success of any proposal depends on the existence of sufficient will within the electorate to initiate the proposed legislation, and obtain the necessary percentage of electors' signatures in accordance with an agreed legal framework. When that process of initiated action is successful the government then has no option but to put the proposal to the people who have the final choice. In Australia the majority of the States plus a majority of the people is necessary to carry any referendum. A Voters' Veto is initiated the same way but is aimed at defeating Legislation passed by government to which the people object.

It is obvious the proposals go a long way towards restoring the levers of power to the grass roots of society. It is also obvious any proposal submitted for a referendum will result from a deep-seated need of the community reflected in those who initiate

the impetus which results in a referendum. Present minority groups, which manipulate party politics, would be neutralised.

THE ESSENTIAL SPIRITUAL NATURE OF C.I.R. & V.V.

What is at stake in the battle for C.I.R. and V.V. is a giant step towards both ensuring and restoring the spiritual sovereignty of the individual. God created each individual in His own image, each unique, each with personal sovereignty. In that uniqueness and personal sovereignty is incorporated a special personal relationship with God, which can only be defiled by what Christ termed as "blasphemy against the Holy Spirit". Mark 3:29. Every other blasphemy is forgivable except that against the Holy Spirit.

The teaching which leads up to that condemnation concerns the kingdom, or house divided against itself which makes it impossible for that house or kingdom to stand. Or if Satan himself is divided against himself he also cannot stand, "but is finished". In verse 27 Christ then goes on to one of those teasing analogies, which perplexed his hearers. "But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house." In terms of the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, the strong man's house is his personal relationship with God. Until that relationship is breached man is indestructible. Satan can only destroy the individuals spiritual sovereignty by enticing him to forego his special relationship with God, to put his loyalty elsewhere.

THE WORSHIP OF FALSE GODS

Solzhenitsyn in his reply to Muggeridge commented, "When man turns from God Democracy becomes something else." When Man turns from God there is only one way he can go, to worship false gods. When practiced individually it results in the disintegration of the individual, but when we are talking about democracy we are concerned with disintegration on a national basis. It is not difficult to see the false gods man now worships which make a mockery of that form of democracy, which keeps intact individual freedom, integrity between God and man, and the security, which God makes available in the abundance of the earth so patently obvious in its provision.

We have been conditioned to put politicians on a pedestal, to choose them on a basis of 'charisma or 'T.V. impact'. We are regularly regaled with their current popularity rating. Such pop charts do not give us any rating on the integrity of the representative in his relationship with God, which is the key to his role as a faithful representative.

Involved in the issue of loyalty to God is the worship of false gods.

When practiced by individuals the result is personal instability, confusion and disintegration. When practiced nationally it results in national disintegration, social chaos, immorality and loss of national sovereignty. Australia now reflects all these signs of a nation, which has turned from God, and therefore "democracy becomes something else." With the politicians out in front, the economists, bankers, businessmen, teachers, lead the people in regarding money as something it is not, the greatest power in their lives, their only real God. They have established in the minds of the people that it is final truth that money is an instrument of speculation, that the buying and selling of money comes before the provision of the real wealth which is the nation's

capacity to provide goods and services, to which end money should be a humble and obedient servant, available when needed, unchanging in its function of serving real needs. Regularly these leaders worship at the temple of their false god, praying that their god will send them sufficient supplies of money from overseas in order that the people of Australia can buy the cabbages they grow in their own back yard. Then because of the debt they incur they then sell off the backyard to the speculators. They themselves changed from being true servants, and likewise have made money a false servant and the nation's only god, which all its inhabitants are forced to fall down and worship.

C.I.R. and V.V. provides an instrument, which can fundamentally effect the form of political representation which now prevails under party politics. Again, involved is the question of loyalty between God and man, or the intrusion of a third force.

A WEDGE BETWEEN MAN AND GOD

Party Politics as they now operate drives a wedge between God and man. Demanded from the representative is that on becoming elected to parliament as a result of gaining party preselection, his first loyalty be given to the party, whether by signing on the dotted line as in the Labor Party, or by accepted practice as in the coalition parties. Individual sovereignty, the greatest gift of God, the basis on which God establishes His relationship with each individual, that sovereignty is then breached. The party system then collectively becomes the opposition in parliament to Christian policies. This explains what perplexes many people when they observe that there is little or no difference between the parties. They all adopt the same policies on the creation and distribution of money, the centralisation of political power, bureaucratic interference in industry etc. Only minor modifications exist which make no difference to the basic policies. The answer to why this is so is that all parties, which insist that loyalty to the party comes before individual integrity and sovereignty, are in opposition to God. On that basis they close ranks in parliament and the people suffer.

In his rebellion against the authority of God the party politician perverts the mandate he is given by the elector. In the relationship between the elector and the elected there is under God the same basis of integrity as between God and all men. Christ established these principles quite clearly when he told the disciples, "Ye did not choose Me, I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you." *John 15:16*. The elected representative is chosen by the elector. The allegiance is between the elector and the elected as with Christ and his disciples. When the elected representative transfers his allegiance to the party he allows a third force to come between himself and the one who has appointed him. That third force has only one interest, to supplant the authority of the elector, to control the elected representative and decide what sort of fruit will result from their union. The state of society bears witness to the evilness of that union and the fruit it produces.

In giving his first loyalty to the Party the politician transgresses the first commandment as given by Christ when asked by a lawyer, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is the first and greatest commandment. "The second is like unto it, 'You shall love thy neighbour as thyself.' "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." *Matthew 22:37,40*.

Departure from the first commandment leads to inability to fulfill the second.

THE BATTLE HAS BEEN JOINED

The spiritual significance of C.I.R. and V.V. is that it is an instrument of genuine opposition to the collective immorality of the party system. Naturally this fact is not lost on the forces of evil, which have subverted the party system. It must be expected the strongest opposition to the introduction of C.I.R. and V.V. will come from the party system and all those forces in the media and elsewhere, which now bolster the party system. The Christian churches face a tremendous challenge. Will they give their blessing to what is in reality the work of the Holy Spirit seeking to release mankind from bondage, or will they remain neutral, incurring that wrath which God reserves for those who opt for neutrality in the battle between good and evil.

Whichever way the Churches or the media react, the battle has now been joined. The restoration of Christian leadership to establish a Christian social order is now the real issue. The grass roots where the healthy elements of the Christian residue remain intact are girding themselves for what will be a mighty victory for Christ.

NOT BY ACCIDENT

by Neil McDonald

Former U.S.A. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "In politics, nothing happens by accident." Then added, "If it happens you can bet it was planned that way."

If Australia's economic and political affairs were left to chance, it is possible that occasionally, even rarely, an advantage or benefit would trickle to the bottom of the heap.

But, there are no good fairies in Government. No risk of peasant pennies from heaven. Manipulators of puppets pull strings — never allowing a touch of treasure.

Behind elected "representatives" are permanent advisers - usually graduates from the London School of Economics, or similar institutions. All roads run left. Today, no real Conservatives exist — a "right-winger" is merely a more cautious member of the Left.

Our news and television screens do not reveal the rollers and shakers. Further away than Department Heads and Bank controllers are the shadows that push national destinies like pawns. Some are known to exist — members of the Bilderbergers or the Council on Foreign Relations, and similar groups.

From whence came the United Nations, U.N.N.R.A., the International Monetary Fund, N.A.S.O., U.N.E.S.C.O. and the New International Economic Order? Mysterious their births, but able to hook most nations into transferring national allegiances to more remote Internationals. Regionalism, amalgamation. Constant pressures to remove responsible, proven local authorities.

The big wheel spins a web offering a variety of changes, introduced without protest or challenge. Tribal nations "liberated"; migration accelerated, metrics, daylight saving imposed without consultation.

Exposure and risk of rejection is avoided, by steady infiltration of ideas, foreign to national desires.

A few protests bring contempt. "The dogs bark but the caravan moves on," said former Governor of the Bank of England Lord Montague Norman — "The Sphinx of Threadneedle Street."

It is not Prime Minister Hawke, President Bush or USSR chief, Gorbachev, who are the real threat, but the hidden few, who are able to use power and persuasion and pressure to create and move masses.

They must be exposed and their policies opposed wherever possible.

THE POPE ON CAPITALISM

It is right and proper that Christian Church leaders should speak out on economic issues, not on technical aspects, but from a moral viewpoint. The recent statement by Australia's Roman Catholic Bishops was far from satisfactory, almost completely ignoring the basic question of financial policy. Many construed it as almost a pro-Socialist statement, with a type of share-the-wealth theme.

The best that can be said of Pope John Paul's latest Encyclical, his ninth, is that while welcoming the disintegration of the Communist Empire, he warns that capitalists should not be complacent and see the fall of Communism as an excuse to ignore the wrongs of what he describes as the consumer society. As a system for producing wealth, based on private ownership and free enterprise, capitalism has been an outstanding success. But its activities have been increasingly dominated by financial considerations. Financial policies have progressively moved all Western societies towards the totalitarian State with centralisation of power in all spheres.

His Holiness correctly says that "Western countries.... run the risk of seeing this (collapse of Communism) as a one-sided victory of their own economic system, and thereby failing to make the necessary corrections in that system," remarking that capitalism would be acceptable only if it had an ethical and religious core. This raises the basic question of the true purpose of the economic system, to which the Pope does not appear to have addressed himself. He asked a type of rhetorical question about whether Capitalism should be the objective of Eastern Europe and Third World countries, "as they search for the path to true economic and civil progress". True progress can only be moral progress, not the never-ending attempt to expand economic activities. True progress cannot be measured in terms of how many tons of steel have been manufactured for the purpose of creating a flood of motor cars, many of which finish up on scrap heaps because of their relatively short life span.

Capitalism as operated in Western countries today, is a system, which can only be sustained by constant expansion and enormous waste. It requires a progressive expansion of financial debt with all its far-reaching social implications. It is a long time since any Christian Church leader pronounced on the moral and spiritual implications of the debt system, and the fact that under that system inflation, the most insidious form of hidden taxation is mathematically certain. The only correction to inflation is the type of recession currently being imposed in all Western countries. When economic casualties reach a level which makes it politically difficult to impose further severe financial restrictions, and when it is hoped that people have been conditioned sufficiently to accept as "inevitable" the necessity for a further surrender of national sovereignties, it will be found that financial restrictions can be eased. But this will result in more inflation.

It is true that Pope John Paul does condemn the consumer society, pointing out that it is trying to demonstrate that "it can achieve a greater satisfaction of human material needs than Communism while equally excluding spiritual values," and makes the telling point that in reality it "agrees with Marxism, in the sense that it totally reduces man to the sphere of economics and the satisfaction of material needs". But as yet he and those advising him do not appear to be able to bring themselves to consider Christ's warning, that Man cannot worship God and Man, put slightly differently by the Apostle St. Paul with his charge that "the love of money" was the "root of all evil", and apply this to today's world where all are asked to bow before the Debt Merchants.

Social Credit is the only movement, which has, starting from traditional Christian premises, pointed out that in Western societies the problem of providing sufficient of the basic require-

ments of all members of society had been solved a long time ago, that the main contribution to modern production was a growing cultural inheritance, and that by the issuing of debt-free credit direct to individuals would make it possible for them to ensure that their economic system truly served them. Unless the Credit Monopoly is broken, mankind faces an increasingly bleak future, far removed from Christ's promise that He had come that people might enjoy the life more abundant.

EXPOSURE TO REALITY

One important by-product of the Gulf War has been to expose American troops to some of the realities of the Middle East Arab world. Americans have discovered, for example, that Saudi Arabians do not engage in much physical work, nor do Kuwaitians. Cheap labour is brought in from many of the impoverished Third World countries.

It is now over two months since Kuwait was "liberated", but the widely detested al-Sabah family is back in control with little evidence that the much-discussed "democratic reforms" are to be implemented. Opposition groups, including Shi-ites, have been pushing in vain for a re-opening of the Parliament dissolved by Emir al-Ahmed al-Sabah in 1986.

But even this Parliament had no real independent power, the courts being dominated by the al-Sabah family, many of whose members, sustained from massive oil revenues, have a quite revolting life-style, often in Western cities. Millions are lost in one night at some casinos.

A report by Amnesty International, with a scathing report on "the wave of arbitrary arrests, torture and killings" since the Iraqi withdrawal, has helped to shake the President George Bush view of how it was essential to get Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait in order to promote the "New World Order".

There is now far more disorder in the Middle East than there was before the Gulf War. Americans returning from the Middle East are starting to ask, "Was our invasion worthwhile?" An enormous legacy of anti-American hatred has been left behind throughout the whole of the Moslem world.

In the absence of an American determination to ensure that the Palestinian problem is resolved, which means an American administration with the courage to defy International Zionism, unfortunately the anti-American hatred is going to continue far into the future.

SOCIAL CREDIT LECTURES AND STUDIES

The March-April issue of *The Social Crediter*, published by The Social Credit Secretariat, announces the appointment of Mr. Vic Bridger, 3 Beresford Drive, Samford, Queensland, 4520, as Director of Social Credit Lectures and Studies.

Mr. Bridger has developed a most comprehensive and advanced Social Credit study course for those who wish to further their understanding of Social Credit. Diplomas are issued to those students whom at the end of the studies, are deemed to have reached the standard required. Plans are being made to extend this programme nation-wide, with lectures available in each State.

Information concerning the scope and requirements of the course may be obtained from Mr. Bridger.

THE WORLD STATE

"Our kindly sympathy for the underdog is being exploited to secure the creation of a permanent world of underdogs. The World State is the basic idea of the World Planners . . ."

C.H. Douglas
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CONSPIRACY CONCERNS

Is the state of the world, with all Western nations now gripped by severe economic recession, the result of chance or conspiracy? As Australians struggle to survive through the worst recession since the 'thirties, while their political masters and a horde of financial witchdoctors keep telling them that they will feel much better after their economy has been "internationalised", the conspiracy question has at least been forced into open discussion. There has been a spate of correspondence in sections of the media concerning the Fabian Society, with Fabian spokesmen desperately assuring Australians that the Fabian movement is not related in any way to Marxism. Several open-line radio programmes have been dominated by discussions on the New World Order and what might be behind this concept.

An explanation of the New World Order, provided by Adelaide's daily morning newspaper, *The Advertiser* on February 26, in its regular column, "What's Your Problem?", which was then circulated nation-wide by those who had seen the explanation, intensified interest in the chance or conspiracy question.

In answer to the question by a reader, "Are you able to explain (and print) the New World Order which President Bush and Mr. Hawke appear to be ushering in lately?", *The Advertiser* provided this reply:

"The New World Order was the brainchild of Dr. Adam Weishaupt, a German Jew who, in 1776, founded the Order of the Illuminati (a secret society). The concept was of a world government with a single economy. Dr. Weishaupt also was involved in the French Revolution. From Illuminism came The Protocols of The Learned Elders of Zion. Although banned and discredited in many countries, these protocols are identical with the aims of communism for the Western world. These originated from the Bolsheviks who brought about the 1917 revolution of which the leaders mainly were Ashkenazi Jews. These aims were recorded in the United States Congress in the 1960s — presented by Dr. D. Dodd, a former member of the Communist Party of America. Both the Aims and the Protocols were directed towards a New World Order.

"Dr. C. Quigley, prestigious American historian wrote in his book, *Tragedy and Hope*" that the people working towards a New World Order were highly cultured, well educated and had the best interests of the human race at heart. He studied their network of operations for twenty years from the early '60s and documented links between big international finance and the formation of the New World Order. Prominent international bankers, wealthy industrialists and politicians are involved in the implementation of this New World Order. President Bush frequently refers to it, as do other prominent politicians including Mr. Hawke and President Gorbachev. According to the *Time* Magazine of January 23, 1989, the formation of the United States of Europe is planned for 1992, and this is a move towards a New World Order. The aims are a one-world super government and a one-world economy."

We can only speculate concerning what happened when this astonishing article appeared. But clearly enormous pressure was brought to bear upon *The Advertiser*, which immediately published a retraction and "explanation". The retraction said, "An answer published in this column on February 26 was irrelevant and incorrect." It was stated that President Bush's concept of a New World Order was that envisaged by the founders of the United Nations. *The Advertiser* did not mention that the Communist nations, aided by their many agents in Western governments were the major driving force behind the establishment of the United Nations. The paper concluded by stating, "The Advertiser attaches no credence to the explanation published on February 26".

Shortly after this event, Mr. Jeremy Lee, well-known independent lecturer and research specialist on the New International Economic Order, addressed a series of meetings on "The New World Order And the Rural Crisis." This address has had an electric effect on the many thousands who have heard it. There was concern in high places when Jeremy Lee was invited to speak at a seminar in Albury, NSW, organised by the Farm Management Society, the title of Jeremy Lee's topic being "The Rural Crisis and the New World Order". Farmers present were disturbed to be told that Australian primary and secondary industries were being deliberately sacrificed as part of a plan to fit Australia into a New International Economic Order. It has been reported that a special speaker was flown down to the Albury seminar from Sydney to try to counteract what Jeremy Lee had said.

An audio of Jeremy Lee's address on the New World Order has circulated widely throughout Australia, and continues to do so.

These developments have not gone unnoticed in Zionist circles. Well-known Jewish writer, Mr. Sam Lipski, and columnist for *The Bulletin* magazine, devoted his March 26 column to the question of conspiracies. He assured his readers that the New World Order advocated by President Bush and Prime Minister Hawke is not the same New World Order quoted by those who believe in "conspiracy theories". Mr. Lipski naturally is concerned about any suggestions that Jews should be blamed for their involvement in any of those movements attempting to create any type of a World State. The truth is, of course, that both Jews and Gentiles are involved in advocating a progressive centralisation of all power internationally.

Commenting on *The Advertiser* article, Sam Lipski writes, "In explaining how it came to publish such outrageous rubbish, *The Advertiser* cited Gary Allen's *None Dare Call It Conspiracy* and Carroll Quigley's *Tragedy and Hope*. Allen's book, despite its title, is the handbook of the John Birch Society and alleges that a conspiracy of international bankers, mostly Jewish, is behind everything that could upset anyone. It was first published in the 1972 presidential campaign when Richard Nixon was running against George McGovern. Quigley, on the other hand, was a respected historian at the University of Maryland who published his book in 1966. Even though his scholarly work was not remotely anti-Semitic, the John Birch Society loved it because it seemed to lend backing to their conspiracy view."

Anyone who has ready Quigley's work, first published by Macmillan, New York, knows that Quigley outlines a programme designed to create a New World Order, with International Bankers working closely with Socialists to achieve that objective. Gary

PLANNING FOR THE NATIONAL WEEKEND

The League of Rights' National Weekend, held during the first weekend in October, is the major event in the League's calendar. There is something special about every National Weekend and this year will be no exception. The League is planning to have a well-known international figure at the New Times Dinner on Friday, October 4 and to speak at the National Seminar on the Saturday.

Heavily discounted air fares can be organised if the maximum of time is given. Forward planning is therefore essential. Limited private accommodation can be arranged if adequate notice is given.

Mr. Bill Daly, National Director of the New Zealand League of Rights, plans to head a New Zealand contingent to this year's Melbourne National Weekend.

Allen provides an accurate outline of Quigley's central theme, which he presents as a scholar who had access to what was being planned. Quigley had no objections to what was being attempted, being of a liberal background. But he was astonished by what subsequently happened to his book. It was black banned and soon became impossible to obtain. It disappeared from some of the libraries and was commanding a high price on the black-market. A "pirated" edition then appeared. It has been reported that before he died, Dr. Quigley had joined the ranks of those who believe that history has been shaped by a number of conspiracies, but we are unable to confirm this. Those who reject the concept of conspiracy must therefore believe that the Quigley book suddenly disappeared because of mere chance!

Strictly speaking, perhaps the term conspiracy should not be applied to the New World Order, the first major step towards achieving that objective being the establishment of The New International Economic Order, as there is no real secrecy about what is being planned. The Lima Declaration and other international agreements can be examined. In Australia Prime Minister Hawke and his colleagues frankly admit what they are about: to "internationalise" the Australian economy. Treasurer Paul Keating says that his financial policies are designed to ensure that the programme of internationalising is complete before he leaves office. Like most people Australians have generally found it hard to believe that those they have entrusted with government, are aiding and abetting a programme, which in more robust times would be described as treacherous. But the pressure of painful events and a growing publicity concerning what these events mean, are awakening growing numbers of Australians to the fact that their future is not in peril because of mere chance.

JUSTIFICATION FOR NATIONAL DIVIDEND

"The justification of the National Dividend is both moral and economic, and can be viewed from many angles.

"It resides, for instance, in the fact that consumers, simply and solely as consumers, are every bit as important to the health and functioning of the economic body as are producers or any other of its members — as both Aesop and Shakespeare realised. It is in Consumption that the aim of all economic effort is fulfilled and the end reached. Consumption is the crown of the economic system.

"Again, a citizen who is called upon to pay taxes towards the material and spiritual upkeep of the nation, by so doing is automatically entitled to share in the results of his payments, if they have been used to increase the general wealth. The old cry of No Taxation without Representation is joined by the new cry of No Taxation without Participation. The citizens' role in taxation is an expedient one: it may be necessary on this or that occasion for this or that particular purpose to take money from him and spend it elsewhere: but his role as shareholder in Great Britain, Ltd., is an inherent one; a shareholder for life, he is born to claim and hold a share of the National Dividend.

"Or we can approach the matter in another way. By 1857 it was possible to say about eight hundred inventions had been incorporated in the spinning machinery of that date. Similarly, by 1928 over 1,699,145 mechanical patents had been taken out in the United States alone. Such a state of affairs being common to the civilised world as a whole, no man can point to a machine and say with truth, 'That is mine', nor any group of men, neither 'Capital' nor 'Labour', say of it, 'That is our doing.' The machine is a trinity of invention, development, and operation, one and indissoluble, and, like civilisation itself, belongs to nobody except everybody. The progress of the industrial arts, as the late Thorstein Veglen called it, is a thing common to all men,

including a host of people now dead and for the most part forgotten. It is a legacy augmented by generation after generation and also inherited by generation after generation. We are its heirs. Now the nature of a legacy is that it is inherited and not purchased or left unclaimed. This particular legacy we can call the common cultural inheritance of mankind, and unless we claim it we are out of sense, out of pocket, and out of luck, for as Wordsworth wrote:

**Our life is turned
Out of her course, wherever a man is made
An offering, or a sacrifice, a tool
Or implement, a passive thing employed
As a brute means, without acknowledgment
Of common right or interest in the end.**

And the poet's convictions are supported even by the prosaic laws of copyright, by which no invention can remain private for long. Even the law sweeps it into the stream of the common cultural inheritance.

"The National Dividend, then, is not 'something for nothing'. Rather it is the interest on the capital which the race has accumulated for itself: and this interest is payable for as long as we cherish our inheritance and keep it bright."

— Maurice Colbourne in *"Economic Nationalism"*.

THE ANGLO SAXON CHARACTER

Making all due allowances for the defects in it which are only too obvious, the Anglo-Saxon character probably remains the greatest bulwark against tyranny that exists in the world today. That is a thesis on which a large number of volumes have been written, and it does not seem necessary to expand it further. But if it is granted, it will be agreed that any attempt, either conscious or unconscious, to establish an effective hegemony over the whole of the world would be likely to concentrate on such methods as would paralyse the Anglo-Saxon."

- C.H. Douglas in *Social Credit*.

"THE NEW WORLD ORDER AND THE RURAL CRISIS"

by Jeremy Lee.

There is no better way to circulate the facts concerning the phasing out of sections of the Australian primary industries as part of fitting Australia into the New World Order, than to make use of the cassette tape of Jeremy Lee's recent electric address. This is the most explosive tape in Australia today.

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"BANK WATCH"

After a long delay not of his own making, Mr. Jim Cronin, the South Australian primary producer and miner who led the grassroots movement on Eyre's Peninsular, South Australia, and pioneered the Bank Watch movement, has managed to have his explosive book, *"Bank Watch"*, published. This was just prior to Jim Cronin speaking at the Horsham Rally on April 4. The book may be obtained from all League bookshops. \$5 posted. Quotes for bulk supplies.