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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "It is fairly obvious that many good-hearted and well-intentioned people have lost all sense of political direction, so that, in consequence, their opinions on current legislation bear no relation to their good intentions. The situation is quite similar to that which confronts the British financial "system"-it has ceased to be based on gold, and yet has no discernible substitute. In other words, it has substituted no system for an unkempt system. Many people have abandoned their belief in the Christian ethic, which would have furnished them with a foot-rule with which to measure politics, and have accepted a rubber string as a substitute. That they show signs of confusion is hardly to be wondered at.

As never before, the maxim that a lie is both murder and suicide in the spiritual world, applies to this condition, and the safest and only ultimate goal both to finance and politics is a sense of reality.

The idea that you can improve matters by juggling with accounts in a "national" sense, whereas you put in gaol a trader who juggles with accounts, in a trading sense; that you can increase wages without regard to their effect on costs, and export three-quarters of your production without increasing your true prices by 300%, and that politics consists in robbing Peter to pay Paul, the only criterion being whether you can get away with this, is simply a challenge to the axiom just quoted.

You can do it of course, just as you can lie, and lie, and lie. But the idea that you can get away with it indefinitely seems to us to be merely infantile. You might just as well say that you can go on knocking a surreptitious stroke off your score at golf, and still find yourself in request on the links.

Even if the Christian ethic were baseless, it would still be necessary to assume it as a working hypothesis; and to suppose that a world can be made to operate on the complete absence of principle, which appears to characterise current legislation (because "nationalisation" is not a principle, it is organisation divorced from reality), is to assume that politics are more powerful than culture-a fallacy of which we shall see the disproof before many months have passed".

– C.H. Douglas (15 February, 1947) in *"The Development of World Dominion"*

BANKERS+POLITICIANS Vs THE PEOPLE:

YouTube – Eurosceptic and British Euro MP Nigel Farage says saving the banks is why politicians are so determined to bail out Greece and keep it in the Eurozone. – <http://www.care2.com/news/member/701435920/2838811>

Every home to have one? "The San Diego Gas and Electric Company installed a smart meter in my

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home about 6 months ago. Now I find out how it can be more than just measuring electricity used for billing purposes". Smart Meters... <http://goldsilver.com/video/smart-meters/>

SOME CANADIAN SOCIAL CREDIT HISTORY from Wallace Klinck, Canada: Introduction: *The Social Crediter*, Saturday, June 26, 1943: "William Aberhart was Premier of the Province of Alberta, Western Canada, from 1935 until his death which occurred very shortly after he made this broadcast, transmitted on 6 May 1943. The Social Credit Government which he led swept to power in 1935, taking 56 of the 63 seats in the Provincial Legislature. Both before the election and during his years as Premier, Aberhart mobilised support for Social Credit ideas and policies through his broadcasts which informed and encouraged the many, many Social Credit study groups which met throughout the scattered population of the province..."

In semi-private correspondence with an engineer from the Province of Alberta (Canada) who referred to the betrayal of Social Credit principles by the Manning Government in that Canadian Province, Wallace Klinck replied:

I certainly agree that the Manning Administration betrayed the Social Credit movement in the Province of Alberta and Canada overall. Upon assuming office after Aberhart's untimely and suspicious death, an intensive campaign was initiated to purge the Alberta Social Credit League and the Alberta "Social Credit" Party of practically all individuals who were serious students and advocates of Social Credit as it was put forward by Clifford Hugh Douglas and his authentic supporters. Those who attempted to present an accurate version of Social Credit were subject to character defamation publicly and privately through an invisible and impenetrable rumour mill. I was advised by reliable internal sources that Douglas's works were not only suppressed but even consigned to the incinerator. Before leaving office Manning announced publicly that Social Credit might have had some validity during the Great Depression but ceased to be appropriate for application to the problems of the modern age. His ever-present right hand man told me personally that Social Credit was too good for the (hopelessly depraved?) people! In one of his Calgary Prophetic Bible broadcasts Manning made his position quite clear in declaring in his well known sonorous and "righteous" voice that all the efforts of man would be to no avail and that the solutions to our problems must await the return of "our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ." In other words the SC Movement was taken over and stalled in its tracks by a group of classic "Occupiers"! (The whole story may be somewhat more complicated.) To attempt anything constructive in our daily affairs would evidently be a sacrilege because it would be a human attempt to pre-empt the plan of God for Mankind. Of course, those who became involved in the movement probably got what they deserved when they placed their faith unquestioningly in their "Great and Godly Leader" and stopped exercising responsible initiative through individual thought and action.

Douglas displayed a much more realistic and immanent, as opposed to distal, attitude when he said that the greatest challenge before us was the Incarnation, i.e., the practical incarnation and application of Christian principles in our organic affairs. Obviously, the Province of Alberta turned out to be a rather unfortunate philosophical locale for the initial major "Social Credit" social experiment.

In any case with the advent of the Internet and the miracle of modern electronic information storage and dispersal the Social Credit message is again being spread widely around the English speaking world and elsewhere also. The article on *Wikipedia* has been visited, I believe, by hundreds of thousands and vigorous Internet discussion is taking place in different group forums, e.g., one established by an economist located in Texas.

The works of Douglas, his close associates and other Social Credit authors have been laboriously retrieved and digitized so as to be available and distributed widely. We see reference to Social Credit with increased frequency in academic and other circles. Academic theses are being produced on the subject. Under the Chairmanship of Dr. Frances Hutchinson, the Social Credit Secretariat in England

maintains publication of the quarterly journal "The Social Crediter." The Social Credit position gains credibility with the increasing demonstrable incapacity of world policy-makers to solve our major financial, economic and social problems in the context of current faulty financial institutions and policies.

Listed below are some relevant websites. Included also are other publications including three booklets written recently by veteran Social Crediter, Mr. Victor Bridger (unfortunately recently deceased) of Canberra, Australia. A vast body of literature on Social Credit produced over some ninety years is now available in digital form for universal distribution now that the general "Press-Ban" has been circumvented via the Internet.

Victor Bridger's "The A+B Theorem" and "Social Credit and National Accounting" can be accessed via the League's website under Political Democracy Section.

Transcript of Aberhart broadcast here:http://douglassocialcredit.com/resources/archives/aberhart_broadcast.pdf

THE NEXT BIG THING: CHINA WAR by James Reed: Islamic terrorists have been pretty quiet lately, don't you think? Now doubt they are shaking in their sheiks now that bin Laden has been laided. But I am going to miss the rhetoric of the "war on-terrorism". Johnny, the boy next door will miss it too, because no more will he have an excuse to ring up the anti-terrorist hotline and dob in a "suspected terrorist". An 'emptiness' like that experienced on 26 December fills everybody. All the gifts have been opened, all the food and drink guzzled, the national house is in a mess, and seemingly, there are no more enemies.

But then – suddenly – a U.S. Black Hawk hovers over Canberra! The world's favourite interracial is coming to town – just like Saint Nick! Special forces dudes in black, looking mean and constipated, will be on the ground and jets in the air (hopefully). Obama has told us that the Yanks are coming because the Asia Pacific is still their football field. A lot of action will take place at the HMAS Stirling naval base south of Perth and U.S. warships and submarines may hide there to "keep them beyond the reach of Chinese missiles". It seems nowadays, wherever you turn there is a Chinese missile to walk into.

China a threat! They, those right wing fringe dwellers and denizens of the lunar league said that about Japan in the 1930s and tried to stop our capitalists growing fatter selling steel and resources to Japan. Haven't they seen "Mother Courage" and realised that this Capitalism needs war every so often, just as teenagers need new clothes?

Further reading of Eric Butler's work:

"Red Pattern of World Conquest" \$6.00 + postage; "Releasing Reality" \$5.00 +postage from Heritage Book Services.

Comment: In the early part of WWII Eric Butler wrote in the "The Real Objectives of the Second World War: An Exposure of International Finance" (chapter 'China to be Sovietised'): "At the time of writing there is very little more to be said in connection with the general position in Europe. Broadly speaking International Finance is moving to plan... However, there is one aspect of International Finance's activities which we have not yet touched upon. I refer to the position of the East. China, like Russia, offers wonderful scope for development and industrialisation, and it was more than significant that, as soon as the present conflict broke out (WWII...ed), Russia intensified activities in that country. It can be taken as certain that International Finance, with the aid of Russia, is determined to also 'bolshewise' China. This viewpoint has been held in many well-informed circles for some time..."

THE BLACK DOG OF POLITICS by James Reed: Federal Liberal frontbencher Andrew Robb

has claimed that one in five Federal politicians are on anti-depressants. (*The Australian*, 8 September, 2011, p.4) In his opinion this is because of the "severe stress of political life". Politicians cut sleep, live on adrenaline 24-7 and all the rest. Robb once worked in an abattoir: "All that experience with knives and blood and guts was the ideal preparation for politics."

How to top that? In my opinion the real stress of politics is the Lady Macbeth factor: the black art of Australian politics is the sorcery of selling out, betraying one's fundamental values and humanity. Robb's slaughterhouse metaphor is the right one. But it is the corruption of the political process which does the psychological damage. Notice how all the politicians (e.g., Obama), suddenly age when in office. It is more than stress: being around a culture of pure evil is more than fragile human flesh can bear.

WHERE WE TOOK WRONG FORK IN ROAD. LOGICAL SUCCESSOR TO WAGE: Last week's *O.T.* article "In Age of Automation: He Who Does not Work will Not Eat!" featured the supervising chairman of China's sovereign wealth fund, Jin Liqun, and his discussion about the suggestion of China supporting a European bailout: "If you look at the troubles which happened in European countries, this is purely because of the accumulated troubles of the worn out welfare society." I guess one could not have expected any other pragmatic/philosophical response from one such authority within a communist-capitalist regime. <http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/talktojazeera/2011/11/2011114434664695.html>

Looking back into social credit history we can also look back to the origins of the "Welfare State" and why it was introduced. Brian Burkitt and Frances Hutchinson explained what happened in "Major Douglas' Proposals for a National Dividend - A Logical Successor to the Wage" in 1994:

"The 'new economics' introduced by Major C.H. Douglas in the years immediately following the First World War predicted both an exponential growth in production arising from technological change and an increase in inequality due to unemployment following the introduction of labour-saving technologies. Douglas additionally forecast a futile search for new forms of employment if income distribution continued to derive primarily from the use of productive resources and if an economy based on the profit motive prevented technical progress from creating an age of leisure.

All social production originates in a common cultural inheritance: To counter this scenario, he designed proposals which attempted to place every citizen on a level economic playing-field. They derived from the view that all social production originates in a common cultural inheritance of past invention, with present individual effort playing a secondary role. The concept of providing citizens with freedom to select employment and consumption patterns according to non-market criteria, i.e. to turn economic theory into a tool rather than a dictator of policy, was well ahead of its time.

Although dependence as an income source on a single form of paid employment throughout adult life has been the exception rather than the rule (most particularly for women), the assumption that provision need only be made for temporary and exceptional interruptions in earning capacities underlies welfare state provision based on the Beveridge Report. Reliance on a "portfolio of income streams" has been the norm not only in pre-and post-industrial society but throughout the process of industrialization itself. From such a perspective the Douglas "New Age" economics of the 1920s (as distinct from the Social Credit movement of the 1930s) offers imaginative insights into the current theory and practice of economic and social policy.

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