MEET Mr. NASH!

New Zealand's Finance Minister's Forthcoming Visit to England.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Social Credit in New Zealand.

Recent newspaper gossip to the effect that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will replace Mr. Baldwin as our next Prime Minister has a special significance for Social Crediters. The ideal Prime Minister is of course a banker (as in Belgium). Next to that, the ideal is a Chancellor of the Exchequer or Finance Minister. The appointment of Mr. Chamberlain would be particularly appropriate from the point of view of the City, because that gentleman has confessed in the House that he is guided in his policy by the "frowns" of the permanent officials of the Treasury—in other words that he is a dummy pilot up in an airplane directed by wireless from the roof of the Bank of England. As is well known to students of real politics, any Chancellor of the Exchequer is boss of the Cabinet, and logically he should be Premier as well as Chancellor. He then being the leader of the Cabinet air-squadron, the bankers would only need to wireless his plane in order to control the route of the whole squadron.

The immediate bearing of these preliminary remarks concerns the approaching visit to England of Mr. W. Nash, the Finance Minister in Mr. Savage's Labour Administration in New Zealand. Mr. Savage has passed some "dangerous" legislation. He has not only put the New Zealand Reserve Bank under Government control, but is using that control to create subvention-credits in aid of exports without providing for their retirement. He has, in effect, commenced to provide himself with his own Ways and Means Advances, and has set no limit to their amount. No external money-lenders exist to pull him up by recalling or cutting short supplies and "destroying the whole fabric of Government finance" as the Financial Times once warned Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Savage can only be turned out of office by the people's elected representatives, or by the people themselves at the next election. In prospect he can run his full course. But, in prospect, if and when he should be turned out he may have run up a nominal extra-Budgetary debt of such dimensions that an alternative Government would be unable to retire it through taxation; in fact it would have trouble enough if it tried to discontinue the subventions which were increasing the debt.

Technicians can point out that Mr. Savage's policy will lead to inflation. But if it does, this would not help a succeeding Government which came in to stop it. Moreover, Mr. Savage is familiar with the Social Credit technique for correcting inflation; and no one can foretell how his present policy will develop.

In these circumstances readers will realise with what interest the City awaits the arrival of Mr. Savage's Finance Minister! Mr. Nash's function in that office is to control "finance, customs and marketing." It is rumoured that, among other arrangements, he is to become a "wine, dine, entertain" his guests in two Doric houses. We have no information as to how Mr. Nash may react to the blandishments of high society. We must await and see. In the meantime we hope our readers will keep their eyes on his wanderings if they can, and send us any information they gather concerning the contacts he makes. We have not forgotten Mr. Scullin's visit to England and his sudden abdication of office on his return to Australia.
"Credit Socialism."

In the Income Tax Codification Committee's Report a redel performed, to the fact that in some of the enactment surveyed by the Committee a single word can have no less than eight different meanings, and sometimes more than one meaning inside a single sentence. (See article "Current Law and Order," Part II, The New Age, July 28, 1936, p. 57.)

Much the same thing can now be said of the term "Credit Socialism." It is getting bothersome, even in intimate conversations between rife students of the subject, because of the clear-cut chauvinisms arising from the name-chamelon-like characteristics of this term. It can mean any one of the following things:

1. The Douglas Analysis.
2. The Douglas Proposal.
4. The title of the Secretary's weekly paper.

Then, by a process of sublimation, it can be transformed into inedible connotations ranging from the immediate incomprehensible material effects of the adoption of the Prohibition Act to the ultimate incomprehensible spiritual effects thereof.

The promoters of the coming Conference at York will perform a service if they would appoint a committee to tackle the problem created by this confusion. Unless something is done, what was once recognised as "Credit Socialism" (an object device) will be lost in "Credit Socialism" (a subjective attitude of contemplation) which, for what it will then contain, might just as well be called "Reform" and designated "Credit Socialism." In fact, to-day, the great majority of people coming into the Movement as "Socialists" are coming into it as "Credit Socialists." And there is no logical reason why Mr. Montagu Norman and Sir Oswald Mosley should not respectively promote, finance, and direct a "Credit Socialist Movement." For they could issue a manifesto in which they explained that the policy of the Movement was to:

Use Financial Credit to Achieve Social Justice.

A slogan for all points of view; for it neither defines an object nor advocates a method. The risk to the promoters of being convicted of breaking promises in the event of Montague getting a "Credit Socialist Government" into power would, to use the phrase of Mr. Gibson Jarvie, in reference to door-to-door installment-selling, be "beautifully spreaded.

We are all Socialists now" is a Conservative sav

ing that has been familiar for the past generation. Whether given the technique of nationalising private enterprise, and their objective of establishing equality of opportunity for all and man, were respectively being applied and furthered by the older Parties of the State. To-day the process is practically completed.

Private capitalism has been nationalised, and private capitalists reduced to the status of wage-earners. They are State-controlled as to what they shall produce and how they shall market the product. Their profits, i.e., wages, are controlled by graduated taxes while they live, and whatever they save are paid in wages is confiscated by graduated duties when they die. What more can the old-style Socialists ask for? Other words: on what ground can be disputed the adoption of the name...

"Socialism" to cover the whole field of centralised regulation which characterises the system now operating under the auspices of what we call "National Government"?

The British Union of Fascists are calling themselves "National Socialists." And quite appropriately, because they stand for the principle of centralised control above and of smoothing out inequalities of income and opportunity below. "National Socialism" is perfected Socialism. The Federation of British Industries might just as well be called the National Federation of Socialist Industries. So there is logically as pan of every industrial institution and political organisation inside a movement designated "Socialist" would.

Now we come to the new factor involved by the designation "Credit Socialism." In the sense in which "we are all Socialists now," it can be said with equal truth that "we are all Credit Reformers now." And that is the foundation on which a Credit Socialist Movement could hope to win the support of the whole electorate. No one would be troubled how the control of credit would be applied, or of course whether the formula be incapacitated by misapplication in any hands, and particularly Socialists hands of an Administration bent on establishing Social Justice.

The term "Credit Socialism" would not necessarily be adopted at all, and at the beginning of the present appeal of "widing the appeal." It has only been in order to attract illustrative purposes in this article in order to illustrate the importance of the need of a short distinctive name to any bank-imposed manoeuvres to side-track the Social Credit formula. Moreover, perhaps such a manoeuvre attempted, the promoters would be careful never to use a name which would be seen to be a direct challenge to the Social Credit. For this would break the awakening sense of an incipient spirit which would accept almost any title and almost any real or imaginary, or entirely different, or they would take the Platform and course of adopting the same name. This was a case of audacity would have been defeated by the fame the word of the name "Social Credit" which publicly unambiguously by the Movement to mean the centralised control. And the promoters of any political body adopting it would have been defeated by their own spirit to declare their attitude unequivocally on the whole. But to do so was good for example that Mr. Gibson Jarvie of 1936 launched a crusade for "Credit Socialism" which was challenged by the New Age, the New English Weekly, the London Social Credit Club, The "New Age" Club, The 1930 Club, and various Social Credit groups in the Midland, North Eastern, and South Eastern areas of Great Britain, he could cite the Social Credit Secretariat, Ltd., and its organ Social Credit to show that the challenge was officially disowned, and that those who were delivering it were a myopic clique of narrow-minded doctrinaires.

That gentleman could retort: -

"Credit Socialism" is officially declared to be something more than the formula - in fact something so much more that the formula declines to a narrow-incident technique which, sound or not, is irrelevant, and even an obstruction, to its scheme. And a high praise, according to the yield, on behalf of "Social Credit." There is an enormous potential demand for the Something-More-Than-Social Credit which is officially declared to be the essential Social Credit. And the more I make it something more than the something more that it used to be, the more it will become SOCIAL CREDIT and the more prospects I shall capture. I can sell this Something More, when sufficiently more, even to the topmost people in society, industry and finance. Society leaders will fall for it; so will the big heads of the Railway Combine, the Insurance Combination, the Federation of British Industries; so will the Chairmen of the Big Five Banks. There is not to the influential patronage I can secure for a More-Than-Social Credit-Movement no longer. It is anchored to the technical formula, but free to set sail out of the Never-Nevers estuary of materialistic prophecies into the More-Than-Ever ocean of speculative idealism.

"Listen to me. Am I a boy? I should say! And I don't say anything. Look at me. What did I do with your little old tag 'consumer credit' years ago? I stuck off the bog of your precious formula, and instead of hitting it I was thinking of something else. I used the tagged to get them to anticipate their income. To-day the United Dominions Trust is giving any of you credit, at the local habitation. It enables millions of consumers the become owners of what they ain't paid for. I, Gibson Jarvie, by the grace of Montagu Norman, have done this deed. But to show you says that I ain't a fiddler, you would get the gump to stick 'em on the right roads. That's where I come in. And what I've done with your 'consumer Credit' I say I refuse to toady and watch me. My Credit scheme is a Social Credit 'Wootsorth.' I will sell everything that looks and sounds good. I can't have you up the new class of client I calculate I'd fetch in. If you like to peddle about in the street, that suits me so long. I do it round the corner and don't pretend you belong to the same..."

Now I'll put you wise to one of my selling lines just to show you something you ain't going to see before. I want you to dress a window with Dunn's Time Space Theorists. You'll ask me what's that got to do with Social Credit. The answer is: Nothing—if you mean your low-down ladder-formula; but it has everything to do with the More-Than-Ladder round Social Credit. It tells you that when you go to sleep you can see what isn't yet happened happening now you see events recurring their occurrence. It ain't easy to get hold of, but that don't count so far as the cash-register comes in, because it is very easy to get people interested in, and pay money to be told about. So if I boost Dunn's in my Social Credit store I feel that Dunn's goes, collect the money, and build upon the number of my customers.

"And there will be some customers, I'm telling you. Lady "Art Hungarian and Hungarian says it's more of one of your directors general had been attending her circles, and telling them that he will be 'giving a considerable amount of time' to the study of Dunn's theory. He is quite uninterested. You can't push anything without influence and brass, and if you want to get either or both from where you are to get what you got to do is to stick the name of what you are pushing on the goods those big noises will fall for. Sell 'em Dunn and they won't mind you registering them as patrons of the Social Credit Store. So long as the counters-girls are able to say: "True; impossible. We do not stock the formula", it don't count two hoots what else you show on the counters: your Social Credit will command Social Patronage.

"Like the Apostle Paul, you got to be all things to all customers if you want to boost your Hungarian. Art Andre, 0; she calls you a Lady. — She's not so far off Social Credit—I mean the More-Than-past of it as you may think. One of your directors is on her inquisition, which only shows you what opportunity are opened up for key contacts when you stop feeding and boring people with your formula.

"Society isn't against progress. No, Sir. But Society don't like quick-profit propositions. And that is why the House of Lords have to adopt a slow progress strategy. The trouble about your strategy is that it encourages the masses to believe that they can have pie on the table next week. We taught the More-Than-extension of Social Credit, it taught the More-Than-past, even the idea of pie in the sky by-and-by. The masses are not so keen on Much-More-Than-Pie for pie they buy on just plain Pie. They might kick up a row about the pie, but they don't have the same urge for such things as freedom from group-control, so we can get them to switch their expectations from pie to freedom next week. We can't have the new class of client I calculate I'd fetch in. If you like to peddle about in the street, that suits me so long. I do it round the corner and don't pretend you belong to the same..."

the existence of an instant of putting it right.

There are a lot of mischievous people in the Movement who say that Freedom is under the pie-crust—that when the pie is opened the birds of freedom will begin to sing—and other mouth-watering tips that pie is the thing to go for. They must be discouraged, if not repressed. The people must be taught that the birds of freedom will bring the pie just like the stocks bring babies.

"If I can get the Movement on to this line I can rope in anybody you like. For once we substitute Freedom for Pie as the real objective the Movement seeks, all the biggest noises in the country, from my friend the man in the crowd, can sign up for it and can attest their good faith by putting out their lack of it. For when you come down to persons, each one is surrendered to a group comprised of persons subordinated to another group. We don't get tyrants and vultures of tyranny at one and the same time, and there is no evidence to show where the invisible circle of tyranny begins—at least no evidence outside the special technical knowledge on which the formula is founded, evidence which as I say it is our duty to keep to ourselves. On the other hand, if we make our objective Pie, the big noises, who do not lack Pie, could not so plausibly get the public to believe they were all out for pie-prospecting.

"Where do you come in?" the masses would say. "Why this sudden benevolence? No; let us hitch our Social-Credit wagon to a star—the star of Freedom."

This imaginary speech is intended to show what a lot of points have to be watched when a Social Credit organization sets out to mobilize the people. It cannot fly the flag of the formula without putting off potential adherents. It must substitute other flags in the absence of the Social-Credit standard; or add other flags (as the Social Credit Party is doing). Some flags can be flown together with that of the formula; some can not. If the formula is not flown there are only some number of other flags. There can be a flag for every public in the same way as the Secretariat was recently flying the flag of anti-Semitism; and more recently still the Social Credit Party has raised the flag of anti-racism. Both are correct devices in principle, provided they evolve a balance of attractions and do not work against the public. They may be considered immoral; but when once a corporation embarks in competition with Conservatives, Liberal, Socialists, and Communist bodies for adherents, it has to use both force to get the public to bite. The greater the number of flags the better you win the assimilation of bait you must use. If anybody condemns me as an "unclean" game to play, he is logically condemning the policy of stirring up the multitudes, because they can only be stirred efficiently by these "unclean" devices. The proper course for such a person is to fall back on the original and fundamental principle for which The New Age stands, and confine himself to the propagation of a less passionless form of educational activity—most of the past fruits of which have sprung from private conversations. That is how the Movement got its A2 recruits and without which it will get no more.

Entropy and Social Dynamics.
By J. Golner, M.I.Mech.E.

IX.

I must say I looked somewhat eagerly to see whether our Editor had accepted the "child of God" expression in last week's article. It seemed rather inauspicious writing on the scientific method to break in with something so very intimate, and peculiarly connected with my life. I took the risk, however, and it went in to print; yet, in spite of the moderation of the editing, it will go off entirely with a scream. Let it be said that I have not yet had time to put it all in proper order.

In the meantime, I am assured that I am sure enough that I shall be permitted to write on the subject of the "dead" body of Christ.

The Christian God and Gold are twin ideas that have persisted throughout the annals of the human race. Both stand for truth, the second for security. Both are in the power of the educated. Metaphorically they are the blood of the race, and, again metaphorically, they stand for the best of the races' aspirations. It is probably safer to say that that was two thousand years or so before that, and then some more; for in the Egyptian cultures, the gold was gold, in addition to its beauty, but the bodies of the dead people were not considered best samples of the whole. To-day, modern worship of the newer culture is only slightly more protective.

The ancient attitude to gold had been reason in it. The metal was pleasant to the sight, heavy to hold, and able to form, not subject to oxidation, therefore regarded as incorruptible, consequently everlasting. Small wonder such a substance should be sacred to the gods. Nature herself is the shining and beautiful, of which the force of the energy of the awakened knowledge law. Reasonable men cannot approach a mad idol. Government of the form must be free, it would be easy, the burden bearable, and progress possible.

So far as I have been able to gather modern men consider the Incarnation as an event which happened once and will not occur again in the future. In the future, when the "dead" body of Christ shall rise, it will be a sort of meaning for the human men, who will represent the character of their personal responsibilities of duty to God. The cause of the renewal of life in the souls of the redeemed is further by science to the extent of four very objectionable mass characteristics, viz.:

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Whatever it is that has failed to reveal the royal qualities commonly associated with gold among the people, the institution responsible for its decay is paper. What is the cause of the present decay? Early Christianity cannot be blamed: for there is no sign in official quarterly reports that the intense personal responsibility exhibited by the lonely characters of Jesus and Paul is not associated with individuals who have the sense and sensibility of our ancestors, and who are also the dead bodies of the written word, and who are the modern "dead" body of Christ.

The working substance of Social Dynamics is flesh and blood. Eighty per cent. water! En masse, it represents, as Major Douglas said at Buxton, "a desire, not a technique"; to this, in our sphere of reference involving all these, we might add. A political and a third force of thermo-dynamic law. Nature herself is as important as the oil, cloth and houses, as a flame only burns when all the ingredients of combustion are present in sufficient proportions.

Leaders, legions of clerical, or lay, who describe their followers by such crude differentiations as capital, colour, good and bad, will scarcely be expected to object to the human body of reason. That has the power of discerning the difference between reason and the energy of the awakened knowledge. Reasonable men cannot approach a mad idol. Government of the form must be free, it would be easy, the burden bearable, and progress possible.

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The Magic of Gold.

The People of July 29 informed its readers that next month
"Fifteen armoured trains...will be assembled here [i.e., in Washington]...to move twelve thousand million pounds' worth of gold to Fort Knox, Kentucky, there to be buried in great vaults." (Our Italic.)

Taking the value of gold at £4 per ounce, 13,000 million pounds' worth of gold represents 3,000 million dollars in gold. This constitutes the nation's central bank of gold, which is committed to Fort Knox in order to be safe from all threat of seizure by raiders in any possible war.

You can imagine what a terrible catastrophe it would be supposed to happen if Japan were to capture Fort Knox and the gold. For example, the people who would pay for the captured gold.

Then, supposing that the Japanese captured the gold, and used it in the same way, and subsequently repeated the cycle of pinching and spending, would there be a time when the United States could be emptied of all material resources of every kind. Statistics during this period of drainings would show the value of the 'Favourable Balance of Trade' of terrible dimensions. It is all for naught.

You have too much of a good thing.

Of course it can be objected that the United States could not get along without the gold. But it would be shown that the Federal Reserve authorities would have no trouble in getting all the gold back into the country. Moreover, no cost would be incurred in the process. The only costs would be the fees charged by the gold dealers, who would be glad to get the gold back into the country. And, as for the currency, it would be produced at no cost, and the country would be no worse off for it.

Movement Notes

NOTICE.

Engagement permitting, Captain Rushworth, who was here on a visit last week, has consented to address the London Social Credit Club next Friday, July 30.

The Social Credit Party's Report.

The Annual Report (1935-6) of the Social Credit Party of Great Britain and Ireland (The Greenshields Report), a copy of which was published last week, contains the following report:

The Social Credit Party's report also includes a statement of its financial activities for the year ended on December 31, 1935, and the balance sheet as at that date. The report also contains a financial statement of the party's general expenses for the year ended on December 31, 1935, and the balance sheet as at that date.

The organization of the party's organ, the "Social Credit," is as follows:

- The party's organ is the "Social Credit," which is published weekly.
- The party's organ is edited by A. W. Coleman.
- The party's organ is printed by the "Social Credit Printing Company," which is owned by the party.
- The party's organ is distributed by the "Social Credit Sales Department," which is responsible for the sale of the party's organ.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Capital Costs in Prices.

When Mr. Franklin says, in his article, that "the average consumer has merely to bear the cost of capital as it is used up," he is guilty of leaving the important element of interest out of his calculation.

Assuming that the first cost of capital is appropriated by a complete transfer of purchasing power to wage-earners, it is clear that the consumer is not paying the full cost of capital. This is a quite false notion, as the essence of the maintenance of the consumer's capital is debited with the cost of capital, whereas the maintenance costs before transfer of purchasing power are left to the consumer to meet them.

It is useless to tell us that consumer's capital will be recovered at the end of the financial year of the period in question. By that time the consumer's capital, after all the interest has been paid, will be recovered.

It is also useless to tell us that consumer's capital will be recovered during this period on account of the increased purchasing power of the consumers' capital. This may be, or may not be. If it is, the penalty will be the wholesale destruction of the consumer's capital, with deeper depression to the banking system.

A. W. Coleman.

Sir,—It seems to me that in the correspondence on "Capital in Prices" we
- By geometric scale
- By proportional scale
- By hyperbolic scale

If required a Douglass to make the discovery that money is capital, under orthodox accounting, must always be unable to meet his debt.

It is a measure of our intelligence that seventeen

years after he first pointed out that which had always been staring us in the face, but which could not see, we are still wrangling about whether it is there at all. All money originates in a creation of credit, i.e., a bank loan. A bank loan is used by a producer as paid out money cost. The bank loan has to be repaid with interest. The banker then canals that particular sum, and retains the interest in his reward. But the sum of bank loans is the only money in existence. When it is repaid, where is the interest, and the producers' money to come from? Douglass told us. It has been said:

"Vainly the fowlers set his net in the sight of the bird." Not if it's the human bird. And then there is the little matter of

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I am very afraid that Mr. Peddie's remarks will only serve to sharpen the point of Mr. Franklin's: i.e. that Social Creditors under criticism seek refuge in retouching the items in the ledger. A more serious point is whether Money treats Price, but whether it needs Money at all. Mr. Franklin says it needs not, and hence does not charge for subscribed capital in Price. Social Creditors who have been replying to him have been seeking to show that Price is a price without the direct indoection of Capital charges. If company accountants in the prices of their respective companies' products, tends to exceed the Money available to meet them, it is the reservations indicated by the Italic. Mr. Peddie likes to say that in engaging Mr. Franklin on this aspect of the main issue they are tactically unsound, well and good. But it is not the point to be too advanced a position to hold. Not because their contentions are unsound, but that they may fail to demonstrate to be sound. With the reserve of a scope in premises in which they have been elected to be confused.

Mr. Peddie's reference to interest and profits would be helpful in answering their questions on social and marketing. If Mr. Franklin would doubtless ask how the banker can retain anything out of a loan when he cancels it—Ed.]

USURY.

Sir,—The first five paragraphs of Miss Bourgey's letter should not be read without the careful comparison of mine, which it purports to be a criticism. Such a comparison is sufficient answer to her.

The other point that could be made is the subject of lengthy comment, but the point of importance is that, while the present business policy of the government is pursuing the ageing method, the government is following the younger method, which is receiving now more popular in this country than the government is. But the government now is not the government. It is the government that is to issue interest-bearing loans, that Mr. Franklin is speaking of in his comment. Savage is doing the same, and that the Social Credit Party should be properly investigated.

While the new government has beenomination and all the other government measures have been taken to deal with the economic problems, there is still no scope in the government policy to be considered. In 1929, one can then deal with the economic problems, that is to be said that Free Trade, rent, protection, nationalism, abolition, interest, etc., which causes the supplementary government to be supplementary. And in relatively prosperous countries interest rates are generally lower than in others. Also when trade is bad, one has nothing to do, and for wages, rent, debts, taxes, and everything else.Interest may be one of the complex factors which produce price movements; it is only one of the complex factors which are influencing the economic world.
frontally seems to me, at any rate, practically useless and theoretically dubious. "Their profits." Major Douglas once wrote, meaning their distributed dividends, "are the least objectionable features of the system." "Ethics and economics are inextricably linked." Yes, but what ethical dogmas with what economic programmes?

HILDEGARD COONES.

Sir,—Please excuse this further intrusion on your space, but I would inform Mr. Franklin that it is useless to refer me to "any text book on economics" to explain away the unpayability of usury. What he calls "economics" I call bankonomics, and it is evident that oversadly on this subject has done grievous harm to Mr. Franklin. A book on economics: "The Modern Idolatry," by Mr. Jeffrey Marks, very ably demonstrates what Douglasites admit, namely, that the "re-distribution" of a theoretical cost does not prevent a non-existent sum of money being not re-distributable because it isn't there. Usury is never re-distributed, it is shoved forward into succeeding cycles of production, and becomes translated into (a) monumenal national debts; (b) repudiated liabilities and delerious capital assets; and (c) "written down" assets by per- mission of the courts. This usury-debt has less reality than a Hottentot's witch-devil, and our sacrifices to it are more contemptible than any voo-doo blood sacrifice.

Social Credit is not a "game," and I did not accuse Douglas of "building up the wrong tree." Douglas admits the deficiency caused by usury, but he proposes to "com- pensate" for it in order to mitigate some of the effects of it; false ethics, and therefore bad science, which bears its inevitable result in the refusal of the masses to heed it.

Any old stage of a Marxist Socialist will inform Mr. Franklin that capital cannot obtain "wages" unless it be harnessed to some form of energy. The present "diffi- culty" is that the wages of labour are not paid because solar energy produces the prices without cancelling its costs over the counter; with the result that no sort of "re-distribution" can pay wages to capital except by piling up further usury-debt.

And Mr. Franklin's fairy-tales "text-books" have not yet solved the "difficulty" that when capital is fetching high "wages," labour, plus electricity, is earning them. Conversely, when labour is on the dole, so is capital—so now.

GLADYS F. BING.

[A. National Conference on Action for the forwarding of THE DOUGLAS SOCIAL CREDIT PROPOSALS will be held at York (from Friday evening, 6th October, till Sunday evening, 11th October, 1936.) While the nucleus of the Conference will be formed by representatives of existing Groups, all those interested are invited to take part in discussion of the most effective forms of propaganda and action at the present stage in development of the Social Credit Movement in Britain, and the most useful forms of association between those so engaged, are invited to apply for particulars of the Conference to the Hon. Conference Secretary,

(Mrs.) G. McCLEAN, 29, Primrose Park Grove, Moortown, Leeds.

The following subjects for discussion will provide the basis of the main sessions of the Conference:


As the accommodation is limited, those who wish to attend are asked to furnish their qualifications, experience, etc., otherwise, for contributing to the proceedings.

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Another query has reference to a public speech. Does the copyright of a speech as taken down by a reporter (for publication) in his newspaper belong to that newspaper—or to the speaker?

Will someone reply through your columns? A. 101.