Lord Lothian, in the House of Lords debate on defence, warned his peers that the British Empire today stood in a more dangerous position than it had done for 200 years.

"Everybody knows it. The only people who are not talking about it are the people of this country. On the Continent of Europe everybody is talking about it," he said.

What was happening in Europe today, he went on, was that every Central Staff was being asked by its Government, "What are you going to do to preserve our nation in the event of war?"

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This is the position in which we find ourselves, and it is a position in which the British Empire stands today.

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The next war will destroy both governments, and their present masters, the banks. Neither wants war, and, acting on the best advice that can be obtained, they are taking the only possible course to avoid war, if war can be avoided.

That course is to build such powerful armaments that no one can dare attack.

And they will use the war scare to embroil the people still further in the bonds of debt, and under the tribute of taxation.

Further, it will be the people themselves, working long hours, digging in the ground, heaving wood, and tending machines, who, by the help of science and organisation, will build the armaments, man the ships, the tanks, the bombing planes, and the guns.

No paper about that. The people who produce nothing and do no creative work—will manipulate the paper. And until they choose, the work cannot be done.

The Cloven Hoof

Lord Lothian, speaking in Newcastle yesterday, said it was almost certain that war would break out during the next three years. He was forced to the conclusion, he said, that lasting peace was not compatible with national sovereignty—"The Times," November 13.

Lord Lothian's estimate is probably sound, and even optimistic. It is no excuse for advocating, by any form of words, the undermining of British National sovereignty.

If, when the war does come, we find our sovereignty is lost in it, we shall do well to remember those who advocated it. They shall be pilloried in this paper whenever their damnable formula rears its treacherous head.

On July 10 we wrote on almost identical words spoken by the Archbishop of York.

He said: Absolute sovereignty and peace have become incompatible, and absolute national sovereignty must go.

We said: Not only do we disagree entirely, but we must in duty protest. For are these words not treason?

To advocate the abolition of the absolute national sovereignty of Great Britain is to advocate treason. To contemplate handing over control of Great Britain to the League of Nations, however perfect, is still treason. To do so to a League of Nations which has just failed ignominiously to control the third considerable war since its inception is treasonable folly.

Must we be silent because an archbishop is in question—because a bishop echoes him?

We stand for the national sovereignty of Great Britain; for liberty and independence of the British people; for dignified independence in our relations with other countries; for peace with honour—but not before honour.

Note—Lord Lothian has since stated (in the Times, November 15) that he has not been correctly reported as to his war prophecy, but he has not denied his aspirations on national sovereignty.

DEVASTATING

What Economic Maturity Means

President Roosevelt is visiting South America. His mission, stated to be the Pan-American Conference, is probably closely akin to that of the German Financial Chief, commented on by the Times on November 26 in these words:

Dr. Schacht is continuing farther and farther along Marco Polo's route in his search for markets for German goods. Angora . . . Baghdad . . . Teheran. The whole journey throws a curiously bright shaft of light upon the present economic policy of Germany.

That policy, alas, is universal at present—in this madhouse economic system. A madhouse of despair upon which the most devastating comment is made by The Times in its report of President Roosevelt's journey.

South American countries have their threats and troubles of war. But they are not yet civilised as we are, apparently. But they will be, as The Times foresees: "Not until an economic maturity still distant in time has been achieved by those countries with which the United States has now to deal are such disturbing elements likely to appear."
TAXATION AND PRICES

The Daily Telegraph of November 18 publishes a letter from the Marquess of Tavistock on the subject of taxation. He says: "Though the taxpayers were the fountain and source of all revenue, though the payment of tax was in justice due to them, the taxpayer, through the medium of the tax gatherer, could produce goods but not money. The taxpayer must have a voice in the production of wealth for the payment of taxes."

THE TENDENCY OF DICTATORSHIPS

Dictatorships, like everything else, change constantly. The class that can command the economic class are destined to be the final masters of the situation. The reader who has not seen it we reproduce it:

"and in equivalence with the destruction of old institutions, the new ones will come into being."

Price varies with money, and is equivalent to value in equivalence with the production of goods and services. The Social Democratic candidate, Don Luis Egurqui, was getting a large majority. The retiring President, General Benavides, did not like this, so he just ordered the clock to be stopped.

This kindly promise may deplete his pocket by 3000 excess income expenditure every last year.

In consequence taxation is justifiable only when the methods are used but with results.

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MAJOR DOUGLAS
(In a Speech at Belfast)

"It is no use realising that taxation is legalised robbery, it is unnecessary, wasteful, and tyrannical. If you stop at that, you will have no taxation to pay. But as Sir Josiah Stamp, one of the Directors of the Bank of England, said a short time ago with that engaging candour which we are beginning to expect from the Bank of England,

"Direct taxation thirty years ago in relation to its effect on individual effort and initiative, reached a breaking-point and was regarded as psychologically unbearable at levels which today are merely amusing . . . But primarily there can be no doubt that with the right applications of experimental psychology and statistical education, the mind of man would be still more adaptable."

It is now a fight to the finish. Within the next few years all the farmers will either become subjects of a servile State, exceeding in powers anything known in history, quite possibly well-fed but also secure, just as many slaves were well-fed and secure in the days of chattel slavery and bitterly resented their freedom, or you will, but only by means of the greatest struggle in history, have achieved all these things: together with freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of action, immunity from arbitrary arrest, immunity from taxation, etc.

"No one is going to get these things for you. You must choose whether you want them and, if you decide that you do, you must take action almost without a moment's delay."

This challenge was made on Tuesday night, November 24, by Major C. H. Douglas, speaking from the pulpit of Ulver Hall, Belfast, on "Dictatorship by Taxation." It was a closely-reasoned and scathing attack on the whole system of taxation, and those who administer it, and it ended in a call to arms in defence of the liberty which he said is meant to be symbolised not by reason of freedom of speech, but by reason of the claim to the ownership of money created: "Please allow me," he said, "to emphasise the point that I am in complete agreement with those who contend that some individuals are unduly rich, just as I am absolutely confident that taxation is not the remedy.

If one imagined all the purchasers of Rolls Royce cars to be taxed so that they could not longer buy a Rolls Royce car, it would mean, he explained, that the poor could buy Rolls Royce cars, but that such cars would not be produced. This would be perfectly satisfactory if the production system was being financed in the production which the freeing of men from making Rolls Royce cars would enable them to produce, as in war-time, where every production ceased. But in this country we know that fairly well that we have what is called an unemploy- ment problem, and that, under the existing financial system, regards for employment being the best method of keeping us in slavery to taxation."

Where Taxation Goes

"The first point, therefore, on which to clear, as Dr. Douglas went on to emphasise, is that the heavy taxation under which we suffer works directly so the advantages of the financial houses which control the banking system, even without enquiring as to the destination of the money.

But if you will look at the back of your tax demands, you will find that the total amount received from income tax, surtax, estate and death duties, is approximately equal to the amount required to pay the interest on the National Debt, and that the other forms of taxation supply the money for social services, to the extent that it is supplied."

"It is the claim to the ownership of money which is the core of the matter," he asserted. "Any person or any organisation who can practically say at will sum of money equiva lent to the price values of all the goods produced by the community is the virtual owner of those goods, and therefore the claim of the banking system to the ownership of that money which it creates is a claim to the ownership of the country."

If the stock and bonds which the Banks had appropriated in the last fifty years had been placed to the credit of the community, not only should we be free of taxation but we should have been drawing a substantial dividend.

Nationalisation No Use

Major Douglas asked his audience not to be misled by any such phrase as "The Nationalisation of Banking." The State and the banking system were very nearly "already and wholly one in policy."

A Tyrannical Device

In one noteworthy passage Major Douglas painted a picture of the stranglehold of the big banks over the community by likening it to a company in the clutches of debenture holders who have got their debentures free.

"We are every one of us in debt to these debenture holders even though some of us may hold debentures and the policy is to load us individually and collectively with debt so that we shall be the slaves of our creditors in perpetuity."

"It is impossible to obtain the money to pay off the debt, owing to the fact that our creditors are at the same time in sole control of the power of creating the money which is required to pay off the debt. Taxation is not primarily an economic device, it is a tyrannical device."

Individual Responsibility

"You cannot fight a system," he said, "you can only fight the people who get a system into operation. You cannot fight robbery, you can only fight robbers. You cannot fight malaria, you can only destroy mosquitoes."

There was no justification in the working of the universe for the idea that if someone is paid by an organisation to do an injustice, the responsibility for the injustice lies upon the organisation and not upon him. "You put your finger in the fire at the orders of the company which employs you, it is you who will be burnt, not the company."

Pressure Politics

"I have been accused," said Major Douglas towards the close of his address, "of advancing rebellion against the State. Nothing of the sort. What I am telling you is that either you are the State and you can change what you do not like, or else the State is your enemy."  

As to how real pressure could be applied he referred to the Election Campaign which, at its instigation, he was carrying out in Belfast and, in fact, all over the world.

"Get into your consciousness," he said, "as a living, driving motive force that this is your country and that the conditions in it are your responsibility, and that Government officials are your servants and not your masters."
SOCIAL CREDIT

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THE Triple Peace in Belgium

The comparative failure of the recent attempted Trampe Peace demonstration in Belgium, mentioned in last week's 'Protest Camp' column, has not yet led to any noticeable change. The cause of the failure was traced to the fact that the Trampe Peace demonstration was not well-organised and lacked of volunteers.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

There have been many arguments against the freedom of the press, but it is not possible to give a convincing argument against it. The press is a device to divert the attention of the public from results which are usually undesirable, and it should be used to its full extent.

THE TWO ALTERNATIVES

The first alternative is to demand the abolition of poverty just as we demand the abolition of war. The second alternative is to demand a new social order which will provide for the common good and the individual freedom of all.

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE

The third alternative is to demand the establishment of a world government which will control international relations and prevent wars. This alternative is the most practical and the most likely to be achieved.

M. W. Palmer

FALSE ALTERNATIVES

The campaign you could lead to-day

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News from Overseas

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Time will show.
Mr. Newage replaced the telephone receiver, turned to his wife: "Well, dear, Mr. Sinclair says the final drawings of our new home are complete and awaiting our approval or our rejection." "Oh, George! I'm longing to see them; shall we go round right away?" "I don't see why not." Five minutes later they were gazing at the building along in the car through whose air was sweet and clean. The car in the basement garage, they ascended the life and were ushered into the architect's office. "You certainly didn't waste much time," said Mr. Sinclair. "Tell me how you like these." He handed them a sheaf of drawings.

"They're beautiful!" exclaimed Mrs. Newage. "How much more possible it is having most of one's furniture built in." "It saves a great deal of housework," remarked Mr. Newage.

"Far more handsome, too," added Mr. Sinclair. "Dust traps have ceased to exist, not that there's much dust about these days, and not that the air is any more kept sweet and clean." They were ushered into the architect's office. "I like the way you've rounded off all the furniture," said Mr. Newage. "Sharp angles are never pleasant to the eye."

"It also harmonises with the daintiness of the rooms," said Mr. Sinclair. "If you've no further suggestions, here are the cases." "It's amazingly inexpensive," said Mrs. Newage.

"A fraction of what it would have been in the times of tariffs, taxation, and all the other costs that had to be included in the price."

Mr. Newage turned to his wife: "Well, my dear, what do you say?" "I think it's perfect." "I think it's perfectly wonderful, then, Mr. Sinclair. Start the building operations as soon as you can." "We had most of them even in the old days," replied Mr. Sinclair. "It's only a question of making a balance production that restricted their use. Funny how long it took people to see that."

In Pawn

Joseph C. Dever

BUSINESS may have certain turns, but you can't prove it by the pawn shops. Many had humbled business for most men is good business for the gentlemen who will allow so much on what you're forced to get rid of. They buy, they sell, they buy, and the landlord may also live. "There has been a slight falling off of customers during the past couple of years," said a pawnbroker in the "Edmonton Journal." The same type of people are coming in, he said, and by the same type he means practically all types from poor, half-starved, beaten men and women to smartly appearing citizens who wear the frame and come adversity in however large quantities.

A World Newage Cameo

A Bruno Barnabe

In the midst of plenty, have you heard the call to the unemployed, "You just want something to eat or to drink?" You must act and help to eliminate mass torture and starvation, all these demands of National Dividends (without taxation) and the Abolition of Poverty and by doing ALL you can to urge others to do likewise.

The colonel at Aberdeen

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The nature of social credit

By L. D. Byrne

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Social Credit

Announcements & Meetings

Social Credit Group

Office Hours: 9:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 9 p.m. Superannuation and a steadily increasing interest rate. A reminder to the Rev. Prof. G. B. E. Tyrell, 41, Hurlford Road, Haddington. Social Credit in Central Hall will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at 8 p.m. Social Credit in Central Hall will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. Social Credit in Central Hall will be held on Monday, December 10, at 8 p.m.
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**BE MASTERY OF YOUR FATE**

**DICK SHEPPARD ON RESPONSIBILITY**

"Dick" Sheppard (Canon H. R. L. Sheppard) of Toe H fame has written a first-class article on personal responsibility in the Sunday Express.

So much that he says is what we have been saying for years that we reproduce extracts below, together with some parallel quotations.

Many of our readers have, naturally, bombarded this popular priest at one time and another with the question, is his good work is beginning to take effect. If so, with all respect, it is about time.

Here at any rate is what he says.

"It is easier to be mean, or petty, or cruel, if we are acting in company with others. It is easier still when the victim is someone we don’t know, who is merely a name on a works wages book or Cash No. 199.

So we have the characteristic sin of the world—willing to play the committee man.

That, at any rate, would serve the only possible explanation of such things as, among others, the continuing tragedy of the Special Areas, the way in which the money meant has been permitted to break up family life, and the iron spectacle of villages where farmers don’t sell surplus milk to their neighbours at a price they can afford, and old ladies and expectant mothers go without.

But nobody is personally responsible—it’s all the board, or the committee, or the department.

There are no committees at our head-quarters. Personal responsibility is the watchword, as this extract from the constitution of the Social Credit Secretariat Limited shows.

"The correct function of the Executive Board can be clearly defined. The principle involved is individual responsibility for collective action. Even the more usual idea of collective responsibility for individual actions, which is a device for evading responsibility.

"It is not possible for a board, as such, to take decisions. Individuals take decisions while the board provides the opportunity for those individuals to show that their decisions do not clash with the decisions of other members.

"Any attempt to use a board or committee for the purpose of taking decisions is attended by certain inevitable results; either the decisions are those of one man who can void his responsibility on the board as such, or, else, since it is always possible to disagree, another’s decision may be set up to develop into an interminable discussion, and the tendency is for members to take only the kind of decision with which they expect the least disagreement."

Now listen to Canon Sheppard again.

"If, occasionally, we have qualities we shelter behind the decision of the committee or the board. "The committee says so-and-so." "The board has decided"—these familiar phrases help to cover up our personal responsibility.

Or we work to regulations laid down by some other board or committee higher up. "We can’t go beyond the regulations." We say, and proceed to interpret them in a narrow and legalistic way.

We can’t, of course, evade personal responsibility completely. We must still stand on our own feet and feel that it is our family, our friends, and our neighbours.

If we break the law and are found out we must take the blame.

And then to Major Douglas, speaking at The Electoral Campaign in purple on orange page 123. Item). The Electoral Campaign is the instrument of the new State compulsory of effective ACTION which Major Douglas urges in his speech at Belfast, reported on page 125.

**PARTY POLITICS**

**REFFERING TO municipal elections, a Friend writes:**

"In this city, the political parties have written in that the situation is quite irrational, with strange and unorthodox policies and alterations, more alterations than swing-over.

What if I should ask the question that lies behind the question of the electoral campaign, and the terms of the demand and undertaking remain as printed at the foot of this column.

"If we move mountains, and the mountains will move forward, fall off the chair, and roll about our heads in our dealings with our family, and hear the voice echo on buildings quite a distance away. We had seen nothing but caricatures of him and was surprised to find what a handsome man he was. One thing is plain I have I have never forgotten. "When I am speaking in England," he said, "I know what you want and all demand it together."

"I wish to receive the Special Confidential Supplements to Social Credit, and if I am not already qualified for this I wish to become so. I hereby undertake to subscribe to the contents of the Supplements as strictly confidential."