Chairman Discloses Five Points From Byrne’s Last Report To Alberta Social Credit Board

DETONATORS

IN PASSING—"... a long farewell to the S.C.B. (Social Credit Board) and its reports; there’ll be many dry eyes at its passing."—Edmonton Journal.

What finer tribute could the faithful members of the Board expect? The Journal has always been considered the mouthpiece of those very interests who feared Social Credit; and it is still a good rule that the people can know their friends by their enemies. The S.C. Board did a fine job, it made many relative values clear at last. We would not have wished the Edmonton Journal to mourn; but do we hope that the Alberta electors, whom the Board served so well, will realize what a loss they suffered with the passing of that institution and will have profited enough from the grim lessons of our days to ensure that the seed sown by the Board fell on good ground.

MAN — YOU’VE HAD YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Are you one of these people who has been meaning to send in a subscription to THE CHALLENGE and our information service, but just keep putting it off?

Do you realize the need for action in your district and do nothing about it?

Are you still hoping that a miracle will keep your family out of war—rather than face the fact that only your efforts can strengthen this country and revitalize it?

Are you shirking your duty now? Giving your loyalty to some leader when it should be given to truth? Qubbling over nothing? Hesitating because you are afraid? Leaving it to others to make all the sacrifice of time, work and money?

If you are, there is time to make up—perhaps now is the hour for free people everywhere. Before you read this, is it too late? Qubbling over nothing? Hesitating because you are afraid? Leaving it to others to make all the sacrifice of time, work and money?

If you are, there is time to make up—perhaps now is the hour for free people everywhere. Before you read this, is it too late?

Write now. Act now. Join freedom’s cause and play your part.

SOCIAL CREDIT ACTION GROUPS

What Are Social Credit Action Groups?

They are groups of Social Crediters who band themselves together for the purposes of:

(a) Exposing the enemies of human freedom—the Communist-Zionist-Monopoly Finance plot to enslave the world.

(b) Combating Communist and other subversive activities in their localities, and exposing those engaged in such treason.

(c) Helping electors in their districts to organize themselves into a Union of Electors' units, irrespective of party, to gain obedience from their representatives in Parliament, their Provincial Legislature and their local Council.

How Can I Form an Action Group?

Contact the Social Crediters in your district, call them to a meeting; discuss this issue of THE CHALLENGE; and those who want ACTION should then form themselves into an action group.

Having done this, write to this office for any information you want. How Will the Action Groups Operate?

In each district—preferably in every constituency—there will be set up a branch of a Provincial Institute for Political Action. This will be responsible for serving all action groups—seeing that they receive reliable information, secure the assistance of speakers and are instructed in organizing Union of Electors’ units properly.

(Speeches Available)

At the request of anyone interested in furthering the work of the Douglas Social Credit Movement (which includes Union of Electors’ activities) the D.S.C. Council of Edmonton is prepared to send capable speakers and organizers to Alberta points. (Those outside Alberta requiring such aid will be assisted as to where it may be obtained.)

As far as possible, those interested in securing such speakers should try to make arrangements for boarding and, where necessary, transportation to the next district.

Why not investigate the matter now? Get action in your district?

Write directly to THE SOCIAL CREDIT CHALLENGE, Suite 12, 11402-98th Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

BYRNE REPORT RECOMMENDED:

- Electoral Reform
- Maximum Individual Freedom
- Tax Reduction
- Gov’t Out of Business
- Encourage Local Concerns

The following is the substance of a release given to the press on April 13th by A. V. Bourcier, M.L.A., chairman of the Alberta Social Credit Board:

As Chairman of the Alberta Social Credit Board at the time, I find it necessary to comment on an unjustified editorial attack on Mr. L. D. Byrne by an Edmonton newspaper in connection with the report submitted by him and which provided the pretext for the Cabinet asking for his and Mr. Ansley’s resignation.

(1) The report in question was not made by Mr. Byrne as deputy minister of Economic Affairs. It was made in his capacity as technical adviser to the Social Credit Board.

(2) The report was not made to the Cabinet, but was Mr. Byrne’s final report to the Social Credit Board which he was required to make in the course of his duties as adviser. As a matter of routine procedure, a copy of the report was handed to the acting minister in the absence of the minister.

(3) The newspaper in question accused Mr. Byrne of “acute anti-Semitism” on the grounds that any criticism of political Zionism, which has spawned Communism and the present turmoil in the world, constitutes “anti-Semitism.” This is a Communist smear which has been effectively exposed by the courageous American Jew and anti-Zionist, Benjamin H. Freedman.

(4) The nature of Mr. Byrne’s report can be judged by his recommendations for non-partisan action in the provincial field in order to strengthen our democratic social structure. I quote verbatim from the report in question:

“In Alberta, where a Government pledged to the policy of Social Credit is in office, all provincial powers should be used:

“(a) — to reform the electoral system.

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The Social Credit Challenge

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The Plot Against Us

The latest information to reach us indicates that the efforts being made to disrupt the Social Credit Movement in Canada are reflected by similar tactics in both Australia and New Zealand. It is now evident that we have been witnessing a carefully planned and well-timed sabotage of the efforts of the Social Credit Movement in Canada.

Who are the promoters? That is not very difficult to determine. To anybody who can put together two of the facts presented, the following can be seen:

1. "The Social Crediters, supporters of the anti-Semitic Major C. H. Douglas, and all the dissidents of the Social Credit church are now going on to Alberta to disrupt the Social Credit Movement in Alberta and across Canada. How is it that the Zionist organ of Great Britain is well informed on this plot? The evidence of the Canadian Jewish Chronicle is that the Zionists have been in contact with their respective groups in Canada and New Zealand."

"... Perhaps a few weeks ago you heard something to the effect that the weekly paper, Canadian Jewish Chronicle, had decided upon a new editorial policy. From now on, we were told, the writing and style of Norman Jaques, Major C. H. Douglas and certain others, all so reminiscent of the letters that appeared in The Canadian High Commissioner in London (England)...."

"It has been arranged that the bro- ther of Dr. Elliott Wershof, the President of the Zionist Organization in England, is to be employed in the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London (England)...."

Now why should the Zionists of Canada and of Great Britain derive such satisfaction as to attempt to disrupt the Social Credit Movement in Alberta and across Canada? How is it that the Zionist organ of Great Britain is so well informed on this plot? On reading the evidence of the Canadian Jewish Chronicle, it is apparent that the purpose of the infiltration of ideas hostile to Social Credit principles in order to disrupt the Movement has been made.

As informed Social Crediters are aware, International Communism and International Finance (Rockefeller Co., the Rothschilds, etc.) are centered in international political Zionism—a fact which should have been brought to the attention of Canadians very forcibly by the espionage trials.

The evidence is all too plain that the plot is merely an attempt of the Communist-Totalitarian school of thinking to disrupt the Social Credit Movement in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

...—that the enemy of freedom and the enemies of Social Credit; the Communist-Socialist-Monopoly Finance-Political Zionists combine.

"Perhaps it is because we have permitted the key organizations in the Movement to be occupied by men without the knowledge of Social Credit, which they should possess. Perhaps it is because we have been too busy in our attempts to represent the Movement as being in sympathy with Social Credit principles under the existing electoral system.

One thing is certain—that at all costs we must not permit the enemy to succeed in his purpose of splitting the Movement."

The timely exposure of the plot to disrupt the Social Credit ranks by attempting to represent the Movement as an anti-Semite political party, which has repudiated Douglas and which is disassociated itself with the Movement, indicates the nature of the action which is necessary.

The Movement must take stock and, if necessary, must act. How? By stepping up the campaign against the Movement, which is absolutely incompatible with Social Credit principles under the existing electoral system.

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DETONATORS
SHORT COURSE IN PROPAGANDA
During my economic mission to Greece early this year, the local Communi-
tists frequently distorted the purpose and objectives of the mission, for,
despite Greece’s many delinquen-
ties, the country has a free press.

The Vipers had a propaganda
field day during my stay. Though
I sought to be circumspect in my few publications, I gave them a classic opportunity for misrepresenta-
tion one night at a banquet given in my honour in

“It’s indeed a pleasure to be here
with you good citizens of Greece,” I said. “You Greeks and we
Americans have much in common. We
like to sit around and talk ... ”

—Paul A. Porter, as told to Bart
Hodges.

STRAIGHT EVENTS—Things have
come to a pretty pass in Alberta when
those who counsel Social Credit theory
affords good and sufficient reason for
being fired out of the Social Credit
government and the provincial civil ser-
vice—"to the face of years of calumny and wilful
misrepresentation has created the im-
gression that we have a spent force.

Those who counsel this supine attitude
have done more permanent harm to
British interests than the baleful, scour-
gingians of Zionists and other
professional British-haters.

—Director of Propaganda

The Plot Against Us
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are carried out in Quebec and under the
United Nations in Ontario. We have the
proof that it is effective.

The key positions in the Movement
should be occupied by men who are pre-
pared to work, fight and sacrifice for
the advancement of such a Social Credit
policy. Men who will not be afraid to
come to grips with the enemy, to ex-
pose him and to lead the attack against
him.

Social Credit is a world issue, and in
the present situation provides the only
effective challenge to the forces seeking
world domination. It requires men of
courage and conviction to assume the
responsibilities of office within the
Movement, for not only have they the
Duty of protecting their own citizens
but also of allowing their own opinions or natural
egotiation to sway their actions, but they
require maturity of judgement which comes
only from knowledge and experi-
ence in making decisions.

The urgent need is ACTION. That is
the challenge each one of us faces.

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Writer Attacks ‘Juvenile
Outbursts’ by
United States Columnists
(To the Editor, WFN)

Your correspondent “Janius” falls
into the erroneous habit of citing an alarming
number of British journalists and poli-
ticians. In disapproving of telling the
British people, through their National
Press, of the international vil-
fication of Britain in America by
“Zionists” he plays into the hands of
certain hatreds to a degree hitherto un-
recognizable and national inferiority
assumable in ordinary citizens; not so
inexperienced journalists. Yet it is
apparent that only those who have lived and
worked in USA for long peri-
dses have an idea of the deep
underlying causes of anti-British
manifestations. They are due mainly to a
recognizable and justified inferiority
complex. The Jews have intensified an-
cient hatreds to a degree hitherto un-
known and for a purpose which, in
my opinion, places them beyond the pale
of civilized peoples.

—(sgd.) A. V. Bourcier, MLA.

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tem so as to progressively increase
the political power of the individual
and bring representatives under the
effective control of their constitu-
ents.

“(b)—to repeal to the maximum
extent which is practicable, all legis-
lation which restrict the freedom of
the individual.

“(d)—to abandon all fields of busi-
ness undertakings;

—to discourage the operation of
monopolies and combines and to
encourage local concerns striving
to operate against these;

and generally, in all spheres of ad-
ministration to actively combat the
policy of Monopoly and to advance the
policy of Social Credit for the increasing
the economic and political power of the
individual.”

—(sgd.) A. V. Bourcier, MLA.

Our answers must be blunt, phrased
in the language and delivered in
the manner of the Americans. That our
answers can at the same time be truth-
ful and bear examination by those will-
ing to listen and learn will help, too.
Being “tough” means something to the
average American. Being factual means
more to anyone. Toadying, suffering
in silence, should be despised by all.—

Where Do you Stand?

Communist Smear Broadcast Indicates True Position “Douglas Social Credit”

Many Canadians, and especially Albertans, are well aware of the smear campaign which has been intensified — to the point of a purge — among the Social Crediters (slightly referred to as “Douglasites”) of this country.

It is most significant that the Communists inaugurated this smear campaign — and seized upon it as a victory, during recent weeks.

The peace of the world is in a precarious position today. The Communists will soon be open enemies.

Therefore, we attach a great deal of importance to the publication of a radio speech delivered by Ben R. Swankey, provincial leader of the Social Credit Progressive Party, over CFRN, Edmonton, on December 30th of last year.

Canadians should read it — and observe how many other so-called respectable groups (including even some professing Social Crediters) are employing identically the same smear tactics against the Douglas Social Credit Council, the Union of Electors, and other truly democratic groups in Canada today. “He who is not with me is against me.” You cannot echo the Communist line and be true to either Christianity or democracy.

Those in doubt, please consider carefully.

* * * Swankey’s Broadcast

Perhaps a few weeks ago you heard something to the effect that the weekly paper “Canadian Social Crediter” had decided upon a new editorial policy. From now on, we were told, the anti-Jewish writings of Norman Jaques, Mayor C. H. Douglas and certain others, so reminiscent of the Nazin, will be barred from the paper. It appears also that a new editor was appointed, and further, that the former editor and others on the staff of the paper resigned. None of us were sorry to hear this news. All decent and fair-minded citizens are shocked that after completing a victorious war against fascism, we should still see such of its doctrines advocated openly by certain sections of the leadership of the Social Credit party in Alberta and in other parts of the province as well as by some of its members in the House of Commons.

But people are wondering: Does this new policy mean a change of heart and policy? Or is the pill being sugar-coated to make it more palatable?

In my opinion what has happened indicates not a change of policy but a difference of opinion over propaganda and tactics, that has been going on for some time in the Social Credit movement. That there is within Social Credit ranks a strong and vociferous pro-fascist group can hardly be denied. The anti-Semitism, the hysterical anti-Communist slander, the support of everything reactionary that is expressed in the “Canadian Social Crediter” and in the speeches and writings of certain Social Credit M.L.A.’s and M.P.’s leave no doubt on that score in my opinion.

It’s strange that fascist groups in Quebec, the United States, England and other countries is also no secret. Canadians have not forgotten how Norman Jaques more than once in recent years spoke on the same platform with Gerald L. K. Smith, the notorious fascist and anti-Semite, across the line. And red-baiting by this group has been carried on to such an extent that in the House of Commons the other day Solon Low inferred that the magazine “New Liberty” was a fascist publication! Why? Simply because it exposed certain actions of the Social Credit government in Alberta.

Thus were the Social Crediters. The anti-Semitic, anti-Communist and pro-fascist utterances of this group amount to not only disgust but anger and active opposition among the people of Alberta, including the ranks of Social Credit followers. Its exposure by the Labor-Progressive Party and other groups made it a source of great political embarrassment to the provincial government and to Premier Manning.

This became apparent last spring when the Social Credit Board presented its report to the legislature. This Board, appointed by the government and financed by public funds, has been a breeding ground for fascist philosophy and in our opinion an enemy agent in spreading it. The report made a thinly veiled attack on Jews as so-called “world plotters” and advocated abolition of the secret ballot and the secret ballot and the electoral system. There is no evidence that the people of Alberta didn’t go for this stuff. Public protest was immediate, vehement, widespread, and the abolition of the electoral system was demanded. A caucus of all Social Credit M.L.A.’s was called together and in its name Premier Manning issued a public statement condemning anti-Semitism and other antidemocratic practices.

Now that was fine; the only trouble was that not members of the Social Credit leadership referred to abided by it. The paper “Canadian Social Crediter” continued its anti-Semitism and other pro-fascist policies. So did Norman Jaques and others. The only difference, if any at all, was that they exercised a bit more care in expressing them. However, last month the government was compelled to heed public opinion at least to the extent of suspending the Social Credit Board. But this action was to a large extent again nullified by the announcement that the functions of the Social Credit Board would now be taken over by the Alberta Social Credit League.

Apparently matters came to a head at the recent provincial Social Credit convention. Now we have the announcement of a change in the editorial policy of the “Canadian Social Crediter.”

It seems to me that this latest announcement does not indicate any real change in Social Credit policies. It does not indicate that the Social Crediters (slightly referred to as “Douglasites”) of one of its groups being severely rapped over the knuckles, not for being anti-Jewish or pro-fascist, but for expressing these attitudes publicly and thus discrediting the party in the eyes of the Alberta people. Some face-lifting is being done. The show window is being cleaned up but the shelves inside are still piled with the same reactionary goods. There is no evidence of any change of heart among certain Social Credit leaders on the question of anti-Semitism. They only feel that it is not wise to advocate it openly, in view of the approaching provincial and federal elections and in view of the falling off in Social Credit support that has been evident for some time. It may well be that anti-Semitism will now be toned down by these certain Social Credit leaders. But its hostility to the labor and farm movement, its anti-Communist undercurrent — these things will go on. Why, the very meeting which decided on the so-called change in editorial policy was the same one that came out with a vicious tirade against the United Nations. And against the organization all people look to, to maintain the peace of the world.

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