Under Which King?

The following critique was originally published in these pages over thirty-three years ago.

There is no single aspect of political economy which deserves more attention, and receives less, than the nature of an order. Like so many other matters of importance and subtlety, most people understand so little of the subject that they are practically unaware that it presents any problem; still less, a problem on which the whole structure of society depends. The immense success of mediaeval civilisation (and its ultimate failure) can be seen to be linked with one conception of an order and the sanctions which sustained it; the different, but notable, achievements of the nineteenth century, and the chaos which has succeeded that short-lived adventure, are plainly the outcome of another. The problem is often stated by the use of the word "sovereignty"; and we have an indication of that identity in the title of the gold coin which ruled the nineteenth century, the English sovereign, as well as in the declared intention to remove national sovereignty to an international centre.

The essence of Mediaevalism (often, it may be noted, referred to as the Mediaeval Order) was the existence of the Church as a sanction, as an organisation for making effective certain checks and balances upon the use of physical force to carry an order from its utterance to its execution. The Church claimed to be, and was to quite a considerable extent, a living body of Superior Law, not different in intention but far higher in conception, to the Constitution of the United States. And it is important to notice that the break-down of nineteenth century English prosperity can be seen in retrospect to be contemporaneous with the decadence in social prestige of the village parson.

Now the nature of the problem presented to political economy, as distinct from ideology, by an order, is simply this: Either Brown gives orders on his own behalf, or Mr. Pink-Geranium gives them for him. That someone has to give orders on Brown's behalf is not in dispute. And the decision between these two courses is ultimately dependent on which source of authority succeeds in making results most accurately and rapidly eventuate from orders, in reasonable identity between specification and product. And the problem is complicated for Mr. Pink-Geranium by the fact that he has no-one but Mr. Brown to whom to give orders, and Mr. Brown is convinced that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

There was a period, say between 1850 and 1914, in which the economic aspect of this problem was in a fair way to solution. The gold sovereign was a complete order system.

Mr. Brown had only to tender his yellow warrant of sovereignty and he got what he wanted. He set in motion the most marvellous train of self acting psychological sanctions. Factories sprang to life, trains ran, and ships sailed, all concerned not merely to do his will, but to do it better than anyone else. It is quite irrelevant to this particular argument that a large and increasing number of Mr. Browns had no sovereigns; it is a fact of history that the man who had one always wanted two, and in consequence, if every Mr. Brown had possessed a sovereign it would still have been effective. It is perhaps unnecessary to observe that the virtue of the gold sovereign lay not in its material but in its sanctions.

Now the political equivalent of the gold sovereign is the vote, and the merest glance at our life and times is sufficient to establish the conclusion that it fails to work. There is nothing in the possession of a vote which remotely approaches to the power of choice and the certainty of delivery enjoyed by Mr. Brown with his golden sovereign in the latter days of the nineteenth century. No-one outside the walls of a mental hospital would contend that the individual voter gets what he votes for, or voted for what he is getting. So obvious is this that the greatest difficulty is experienced in getting people to vote at all. The vote costs nothing: and it is worth precisely what it costs. If it cost ten shillings to vote, how many votes would be registered?

But the matter does not end there. While the political vote is valueless to the individual, it enables the Satanic Powers to claim a mandate which it in fact does not confer, and which it is powerless to enforce. The situation is so satisfactory that the ballot-box is a cardinal provision of the World State, and it is clear for any ordinarily intelligent person to see that it is the intention—and in "Britain" the rapidly developing fact—that the economic vote will be destroyed in its nineteenth century effectiveness, and substituted by the political vote as exercised in Russia.

It is urgently necessary to realise these matters because they dominate our future. British Governments now hold office by a trick; no British Government has any genuine mandate. Our whole political system is not merely irrational, it is a fraud and a usurpation. We have allowed the vicious nonsense which derided the values established by a thousand years of unique political experience to destroy in our name every safeguard against tyranny provided by historic continuity in the Three Estates, and we welcome the people who spawn this nonsense when they desert the Europe they have wrecked. Nothing can save us but a drastic de-hypnotisation. It is coming; but it may kill us.

—C. H. DOUGLAS.
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Terrorism and Spirituality

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn delivered a "dramatic speech" in New York City on July 9, 1975. It was a "Warning to and also a denunciation of what is left of Western Civilization for financially and materially building up the strength of the Communist regimes". The speech was published in booklet form by the Canadian League of Rights in 1976, and included a brief biography of the author together with a photo of him looking healthy and admonitory.

Solzhenitsyn was born in December 1918. By about 1939—his early age is usually rapidly fatal; but on completion of his eight year sentence he was exiled to Kazakhstan—age about thirty-eight—where for about three years he taught mathematics and physics, and wrote secretly. But by the end of 1953, "on the verge of death from cancer", he "was allowed" to go to Tashkent for treatment.

In 1956 he was released "from prison" (not hospital!), "rehabilitated", and returned to his profession as physics teacher, but he continued writing secretly, describing his experience in the prison camps. Then, in 1962, he was "permitted" to publish his first book. Another of his books was excerpted in Soviet literary journals, but his work came under attack "as the Khruschev 'thaw' ended" and he was expelled by the Soviet Writers Union. But he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971—but not permitted to receive it in person.

In February 1974 he was arrested, stripped of his Soviet citizenship and exiled with his wife and children (ages not given). They settled in Zurich, and he visited the U.S. "for the first time" next year, delivering his "dramatic address".

In June this year, speaking at the graduation ceremonies at Harvard University, he said that the West was weakening while the East was growing stronger.

"Through intense suffering our country has now achieved a spiritual development of such intensity that the Western system in its present state of spiritual exhaustion does not look attractive.

"A fact which cannot be disputed is the weakening of human beings in the West while in the East they are becoming firmer and stronger. The Western world has lost its civil courage, both as a whole, and separately." Daily Telegraph (London). (Emphasis added).

Whether Solzhenitsyn's Moscow courses in History and Philosophy included Instruction in Marx-Leninist strategy to hasten the course of history to bring about the 'inevitable' collapse of 'Capitalism' through destruction of morality, family and religion; infiltration of schools, universities and the media and bureaucracies; the promotion of terrorism etc., wherever opportunity offers, we do not know. Nor whether he is aware that steady constant persistence in an international monetary system which has been demonstrated to be the proximate mechanism of the present world economic chaos which creates the climate of economic war, and the environment in which crime and drug addiction proliferate, is the complement of Marx-Leninism.

But whether or not, he does not appear to be retarding or impeding the Financier-Communist drive for World Domination through One World Government—any more than are Callaghan, Carter, Fraser et al.

"We are more than ever, if possible, convinced that a falling price level, without loss to producers and entrepreneurs, is the very core of social and industrial pacification. And we are equally convinced by 30 years' specialised experience and observation that the coterie which is at the core of world unrest knows it too, and is determined that at whatever cost, extending to the complete destruction of civilisation, and even of the terrista globe, it will not have that solution, which would automatically wrest power from it as nothing else would".

C. H. Douglas

Crystallised Policy

(Repeated from our issue for May, 1973)

The Social Crediter since its inception forty years ago has always been a journal of policy, not of opinion. It has been concerned continuously with political and economic realism, so far as reality can be perceived.

The perception of reality is always a matter of insight—not of reason. It is a direct vision of the whole which underlies the parts; of the pattern which underlies apparently disconnected events. What we call history (Definition: "Continuous methodical record, in order of time, of important or public events . . . .") the late C. H. Douglas, the author of the conception of Social Credit, characterised as "crystallised policy", meaning that the events recorded as history were to be understood only in terms of the policies which brought them about—or the conflict of opposing policies.

Douglas also perceived that there were only two fundamental policies operative in the world of events—policies deriving in their turn from two opposing philosophies, or conceptions, of the nature and purpose of Man. One conception is that the individual is simply an interchangeable component of a larger unity, like the spare parts of a motor-car. This is the Collectivist-Materialist view—the philosophy of which Socialism is the policy. But to paraphrase George Orwell: even in this view, some men are more interchangeable than others. The characteristic of the Collectivist society is centralisation—a pyramidal power-structure,
with those at the apex of power replaceable, as a rule, only on the event of death, from violent or natural causes. In other words, the car has a driver.

The second, and opposed philosophy—of which Social Credit is the policy—regards the uniqueness and increasing differentiation of the individual as of supreme importance, so that, in consequence, social organisation should be such as to enable each individual to fulfil his personal destiny (whatever it might be) with increasing ease and certainty.

For a full understanding of Social Credit the study of Douglas's original works is indispensable, and of course underlies the relevant commentaries on events which have appeared in The Social Crediter. Several years ago a selection of such commentaries, written by Douglas, was published as a book under the title The Development of World Domination. Later, two other selections of commentaries by B. W. Monahan were published under the titles The Moving Storm and The Survival of Britain. All these volumes were largely prophetic—that is to say, they forecast the probable outcome of persistence in certain economic and political strategies current at the time of writing the commentaries. But with the passage of time, the prophecies have almost all become history.

We feel now, though, that the momentum of events is so great that this present generation will witness the greatest tragedy in human history—the culmination of a centuries-old Conspiracy. But just as medical practitioners preserve the lives of sufferers from incurable cancers, lest research suddenly produces a near-miraculous cure (as happened in the case of infectious diseases), so we may hope that a widespread understanding that the evils that beset us are the outcome of conspiracy may yet give the Conspirators ultimate defeat.

The Finance-Communist Conspiracy
(Repeated from our issue for March, 1973)

The evidence of conspiracy as the controlling factor in world events is now so palpable that its general non-recognition can only be attributed to the success of the greatest brain-washing endeavour in the whole of human history. Against this, the much vaunted 'reason' which is supposed to govern human affairs has proved a paper sword. Every triumph of industrialisation is swallowed by an accelerating inflation, which in turn is utilised as an excuse for increasingly totalitarian controls, all leading to the imposition of World Government maintained by force.

In the Sixth, most recent edition, of Nesta Webster's World Revolution,* the following appears: "Thus from 1776 onwards the plan we now know as 'Communism' has existed and throughout 191 years successive groups of adepts have been perfecting a method for achieving power over the whole human race, a process which might be compared to ju-jutsu whereby the strength of a man's body is turned against himself. In some amazing way they have mastered the art of what Weishaupt called 'winning the common people', exploiting their grievances, rousing their passions, gaining their confidence and so achieving control over their minds as to make them completely impervious to reason. In every country a large proportion of organised manual labour has been turned from all sane and practical plans of reform and made to use their strength for their own enslavement.

"Thus Trade Unionism, in its origins a wholly pacific system for the protection of the workers, has been largely captured by the conspirators and the industrial disputes which form the ostensible purpose of each succeeding crisis are often engineered by their 'Communist' leaders. It is useless to tell them that under the system these men representing Trades Unions as they know them would cease to exist and would become simply departments of an all-powerful State without the right to strike or to have any voice in their conditions of labour.

"In the same way the conspiracy has been able to enlist the intelligentsia in its service and to acquire control over all forms of publicity. Journalists even in the employ of the so-called 'Capitalist Press' devote long and important notices to every book that is calculated to serve the cause—works ranging from heavy treatises on intellectual Socialism to the lowest form of demoralising fiction. No book subversive of order or immorality ever passes unnoticed in the Press, while the contrary view is carefully ignored or derisively dismissed as out of touch with modern thought.

"Of course the greater part of this organisation is carried out by the power of gold [i.e. International Finance—Ed. T.S.C.]—not necessarily by bribery but simply by making agitation a 'paying job', or by offering the most lucrative posts to adepts or at least agents of the conspiracy.

"But by far the most potent inducement offered was the promise of power. 'The pupils are convinced that the Order will rule the world. Every member, therefore, becomes a ruler,' Robison quoting this passage adds: 'We all think ourselves qualified to rule. The difficult task is to obey with propriety; but we are honestly generous in our prospects of future command. It is therefore an alluring thought both to good and bad men. By this lure the Order will spread.'

"It is now abundantly clear that we have reached the culmination of this age-old Conspiracy, and must suffer the consequences. The late C. H. Douglas remained convinced that it must ultimately fail; but that failure may, and probably will, be spread over many decades, if not centuries. We think the situation is even worse than envisaged by Douglas, because of the rapid development of techniques of control. But in the meantime increasing carnage and destruction—inseparable from the advance of Communism in all its history—is certain. To imagine that the ballot-box can protect us from this is infantile, but in keeping with the prevailing fashions of thought. We warned the British* that electing a 'Conservative' Government to replace the Wilson Administration would be worse than useless, as simply providing a fresh mandate for a continuing policy; and another election would simply have the same effect. (The most practicable answer at this stage would be a massive boycott of the election.)

Against this background, we quote a note by C. H. Douglas published in The Social Crediter for Sept. 30, 1950. "We rate the intelligence of the readers of this review highly. It is not written for morons, who we recognise are catered for in productions of much larger circulation.

"The full recognition of these facts enables us to dismiss at once any idea that there is some stratum either of society or Government composed of individuals who, if only we could penetrate it, would see the light, and work effectively towards it.

“Let us make this point as clear as we are able, because it appears to lie at the root of widespread misunderstandings. World Politics are (irrevocably, we think) committed to the centralisation of Power. We are committed irrevocably to the decentralisation of Power to the limits of the capacity of the individual. The first Policy postulates the equality of all men and women; the second recognises the absolute individuality and increasing differences of every human being.

“There can be no greater practical mistake at the present time than to suppose that Social Crediters can engage usefully in what Lord Keynes called Essays in Persuasion, directed at the conversion of conscious opponents.

“The die is cast; whether the phrase ‘the war between Christ and Anti-Christ is taken to be symbolic or literal, one side must win.

“Now, the practical effect of this is to put to some extent technical arguments into cold storage. Not the least of the fallacies of Fabianism was that Economics preceded and conditioned Politics. Precisely the opposite is true, and our task is, not to capture politics, but to fragmentate them.

Since Douglas’s Note was written, much more hard evidence of the relation between Finance and Communism has become available, and has been collated and published in a series of books, to which we have given publicity over the intervening years, as well as facilitating their distribution. Gary Allen’s None Dare Call It Conspiracy has sold more copies in Britain than any other book distributed through K.R.P. Publications. A sufficient distribution of this book, and the companion volume, Alternative to Disaster, in conjunction with the exposure of the Conspiracy which may be achieved in the U.S.A. through the efforts of the John Birch Society, offers the only visible hope of turning the tide of the disaster which already is engulfing us.

But it seems most improbable that analysis of the situation can be carried any further than it has been carried in these pages. In consequence, publication of The Social Crediter will be reduced, pro tem., to a monthly basis, being maintained mainly to keep open a line of communication with those who have recognised the nature of the task—vigorous exposure of the fact of conspiracy as the mainspring of world politics.

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One Jeremy Campbell contributes to the Evening Standard of April 4, 1973, a rather light-hearted article quoting New York stock exchange analysts as predicting “a money panic that will bring about the greatest crash in history” — “... the crash will spill into the general economy and create a very, very nasty recession. I can see small companies going bankrupt and some banks closing” — “... we may soon see the start of a world-wide deflation that eventually could make the great depression of the 1930s seem like a summer festival”.

John Vaizey contributes to The Sunday Telegraph of April 8, 1973 an article entitled Don’t ask the economists for the answers. "At the moment those who have the temerity to call themselves economists are in a strange way. We know—but the public do not—how insecure our knowledge is, first because the facts themselves are exceedingly vague and secondly the theories to interpret the facts are in an exceptional state of disarray". Mr Vaizey lists "several main strands of economic thinking" and adds “... it is important to realise that throughout Europe the Marxists are the dominant group of intellectuals.” And he ends: "One day there will be disaster of thalidomide proportions as their [some commentators and civil servants] credibility and our ignorance join together in some prescription that will do great harm." Phase III?

Marxian theory — and practice — is predicated on the eventual collapse of the ‘capitalist’ system. But Marxism is only one aspect of a much deeper and continuing conspiracy designed to achieve world-government by a self-perpetuating minority of the world’s population. Financial manipulation and Communist organisation — on an international scale — are the complementary aspects of this Conspiracy. Built-in inflation is progressively potentially dispossessing individuals of their property—the great prototype of the mechanism being the great depression of the 1930s. This inflation—which is quite deliberate — creates mounting unrest, but also an increasing inability to resist ever more totalitarian government to restore ‘law and order’. At the same time Communist activity is assaulting traditional Society on every available front, to bring about a state of anarchy in which the organised Communist Party, backed by the Red Army, can seize control when the predicted (but carefully engineered) economic disaster occurs. “The Red Army stands ready to shake the tree when the rotten fruit is ready to fall”. That, and not a conventional nationalistic confrontation, is the essential military strategic situation; and in conventional terms, it has gone beyond the point of no return.

Permissiveness (which has led to an epidemic of venereal disease), subsidised pornography, drug-pushing (Red China is the major source of supplies of opium and its derivatives, heroin), abortion on demand, student protest and riots, the adulteration and subversion of religion, massive brain-washing through the mass media, the corruption of genuine learning and the use of tertiary education for indoctrination to make “the dominant group of intellectuals” Marxist, and mounting industrial strife fuelled by inflation—all are so many weapons, carefully co-ordinated, aimed at the collapse of Christian civilisation. And a plainly ridiculous ‘science’ of economics disguises the part played in all this by sheer conspiratorial financial power. The key to the situation is deliberately maintained inflation in the face of a known but suppressed remedy.

Years ago, we suggested that a patriotic Government should institute genuine financial reform. This would undoubtedly have provoked external sanctions—even the threat or actuality of war. But it would have afforded a chance of survival as against the certainty of cultural extinction, now almost accomplished. The idea that the military situation in Europe can be repaired in the face of the officially proclaimed Soviet superiority of about three to one is on a par with current economic theory, as described by John Vaizey. Economic theory and military strategy are equally tools of Finance-Communist Conspiracy; and if a way out of threatening disaster remains, the first requirement is a full and explicit recognition of that fact, and its exposure. By whatever means, the Conspiracy must be forced into the open so that the enemy may be seen; and financial reform still appears to be the best means to that end. Party politics is a dead loss and frightful danger; but an informed public opinion could conceivably turn the tide.

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