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"PRETEXT" REFUTED

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 wanted the *Edmonton Journal* to mourn; but we do 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? Quibbling 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 amends—but this is zero hour for free people everywhere. Before you read what is being written now, some free people, somewhere in the world, will have fallen into serfdom and terror. Make no mistake about it—if you do not act, your day is coming.

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 purpose of:

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

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

(c) Helping electors in their district to organize themselves into a Union of Electors unit, 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 area—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 (Please turn to page 3)

SPEAKERS 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 requesting such aid will be advised as to where it may be obtained.)

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Why not investigate the matter now? Get action in your districts!

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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 accuses 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 (Please turn to page 3)

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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 attempt to sabotage the growing influence of the world-wide Social Credit Movement.

Fortunately, the plot has not only failed in its purpose, but it has backfired, to the very obvious discomfiture of its promoters.

Who are the promoters? That is not very difficult to spot. To anybody who can put two and two together and make four, the following facts speak for themselves:

"We should find means to bring us to Social Credit rank and file as friends . . . Our problem is to work to crystalize currents of opposition developing in the Social Credit camp and, most important, we must continue to join the 'progressive' Social Crediters, against financial interests, and work in such a way as to widen the split between them and 'reactionary' Social Crediters (Low, Jaques, and Co.). We must single out the "pro-Fascist" group for unrelenting attack . . . Only alternative to Social Credit government is Labour-Farmer, based on Labour-Farmer-Veteran unity, including 'progressive' Social Crediters."

—From the minutes of the fourth annual convention of the Alberta Labour-Progressive Party, 1946.

Ottawa (J.T.A.)—Leaders of the Social Credit Party have finally announced a ban on the publication of anti-Semitic [sic] articles in the organization's official organ, following conferences with Joseph H. Fine, chairman of the public relations committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In addition to the ban, party leaders forced the resignation of the editor and assistant editor of the publication, "Social Crediter." (Unquestionably, reference is to "The Canadian Social Crediter." . . . (Emphasis and comment in brackets are ours.)

—The Canadian Jewish Chronicle for January 9, 1948.

You think that is a hot one. Well, now read what Ben Swankey, Provincial Leader of the L.P.P. (Communist) Party had to say in a radio broadcast—published in full elsewhere in this issue—on December 30th, just about the time that the copy for the foregoing news item was being prepared:

"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, Major C. H. Douglas and certain others, all so reminiscent of the Nazis, 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. Now none of us were sorry to hear this news . . .

" . . . The anti-Semitic, anti-Communist and pro-Fascist utterances of this group aroused not only disgust but anger and active opposition among the people of Alberta . . .

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." (Emphasis is ours.)

Now read the last paragraph again and get its full significance. Did Ben Swankey write that? Well . . . !

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Next we come to the real prize exhibit. It is taken from page nine, The Jewish Chronicle (of England), February 27th—just one week after Ansley and Byrne were ousted:

"The Social Crediters, supporters of the anti-Semite Major C. H. Douglas, are disturbed by reports of the purge which is now going on in Alberta.

"The anti-Jewish and pro-Fascist elements in the Alberta Social Credit Party are fighting a losing battle. The editor of the "Canadian Social Crediter" has resigned, and the new Managing Editor, Gordon Taylor, has declared: 'This paper in future will carry nothing of an anti-Semitic, anti-Gospel, or anti-this-and-that nature.' A final split is also threatened between Social Credit and the Quebec affiliate, the Union des Electeurs. This latter group has been noted for its pro-Fascist sympathies. Vers Demain, its official organ, has published the forgery, The protocols of the Elders of Zion, and links Freemasons, Jews and Communists as responsible for the world's ills." (Emphasis ours.)

Similarity in the terms used, and the presentation of material between the foregoing and the radio broadcast delivered by Ben Swankey (whoever its real author may have been) is significant.

But the real point to be noted is that events in Alberta particularly and Canada generally is NEWS to the world Zionist organization. And we have little doubt that it received notice in Moscow.

Why? There can only be one answer to that—and it need not be stated.

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Oh! No. Those are by no means all the points to be noted. In the same issue of "The Social Crediter" (March 27th, 1948) in which the foregoing quotation appeared, is the following item:

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

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Now why should the Zionists of Canada and of Great Britain derive such smug satisfaction from the 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 matter? Then again, on the evidence of the Canadian Jewish Chronicle, it is apparent that the utmost influence and pressure at the highest level have been employed by the Zionists to bring about the objectives laid down by the Communists at their Alberta convention a year earlier.

As informed Social Crediters are aware, International Communism and International Finance (Kuhn, Loeb and Co., the Rothschilds, et al) are centred 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 promoters of the concerted attack on the Social Credit Movement concurrently in Canada, Australia and New Zealand were—and are—the enemies of freedom and the enemies of Social Credit; the Communist-Socialist-Monopoly Finance-Political Zionist combine.

But we have to face the ugly fact that this attack on the Movement has been engineered to attempt disruption from within. That is to say, while it is plain that this offensive has been promoted and influenced by the very forces which the Social Credit Movement is combatting, yet the attack on Major Douglas, on those informed Social Crediters who were most feared by the enemy, on electoral action in accordance with Social Credit principles, and on those sections of the Movement which have been concentrating on such action, came from within the Movement.

How could this have happened? Perhaps it is because we have permitted the key positions in the Movement to be occupied by men without the knowledge of Social Credit, which they should possess. Perhaps it can be traced to the frailty of human nature when beset by ambition or cupidity or vanity—or even when exposed to popularity or temptation. Perhaps it has happened as a result of the infiltration of ideas hostile to the principles of Social Credit—as, for example, the communistic technique of Technocracy, or the "Social Planning—Social Security" obsession of State Socialism, or the Fuehrer complex of "my-leader-right-or-wrong" of the Totalitarian school.

Be this as it may, the fundamental reason that the Movement in Canada has become vulnerable is because it has departed from Douglas and has become infected with the deadly virus of party politics, which is absolutely incompatible with Social Credit principles under the existing electoral system.

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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 a political party, which has repudiated Douglas and which has disassociated itself from its informed Social Crediters, indicates the nature of the action which is necessary.

The Movement must take stock, and, if it is necessary, it must do its own house-cleaning. How? Not by embarking upon a witch hunt, but simply by carrying out an action policy in harmony with Social Credit principles. Such a policy was attempted at the last national convention of the Social Credit Association of Canada. It is being

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SHORT COURSE IN PROPAGANDA

During my economic mission to Greece early this year, the local Communist editors frequently distorted the purpose and objectives of the mission, for, despite Greece's many delinquencies, the country has a free press.

The Red newspapers had a propaganda field day during my stay. Though I sought to be circumspect in my few public statements, I gave them a classic opportunity for misrepresentation one night at a banquet given in my honour in Macedonia.

"It's indeed a pleasure to be here tonight with you good citizens of Greece," I said. "You Greeks and we Americans have much in common. We like to eat. We like to drink. And we like to sit around and talk . . ."

The next day the communist sheet blazed the assertion that I had insulted the Greek people. "Ambassador Porter said that we are just like Americans, gluttons, drunkards and gossipers."

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

STRANGE EVENTS—"Things have come to a pretty pass in Alberta when to believe in the Social Credit theory affords good and sufficient reason for being fired out of the Social Credit government and the provincial civil service."—from the *Winnipeg Free Press*, reprinted in the *Red Deer Advocate*.

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carried out in Quebec and under the Union of Electors in Ontario. We have the proof that it is effective.

The key positions in the Movement should be occupied by men who are prepared 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 expose 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, experience and integrity to assume the responsibilities of office within the Movement, for not only have they to withstand the temptations of allowing their own opinions or natural egotism to sway their actions, but they require maturity of judgement which comes only from knowledge and experience in making decisions.

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

READ THESE PAPERS

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Writer Attacks 'Juvenile Outbursts' by United States Columnists

(To the Editor, WPN)

Your correspondent "Junius" falls into the error common to an alarming number of British journalists and politicians. In disapproving of telling the British people, through their national Press, of the poisonous, nation-wide vilification of Britain in America by "Zionists" he plays into the hands of our detractors. "Junius" advances no reason why he thinks it is "good" not to convey to the British people the harm done to their interests (which accounts for many of our present trials and tribulations) by the vicious racial hatred raked up by American Jewry.

Americans judge outsiders by American yardsticks. Our abject silence in the face of years of calumny and wilful misrepresentation has created the impression that Britain is a spent force. Those who counsel this supine attitude have done more permanent harm to British interests than the baleful, scurrilous slanders of Zionists and other professional British-haters.

'Bewildered' Journalists

Ignorance of America in Britain is only exceeded by the ignorance of Britain in America, but there is hardly justification for experienced journalists to assume that bewildered air of astonishment when they visit USA and find that most Americans are not "just like us" after all! The sordid game of "out-smarting the British" is a national pastime, it is age-old.

For decades our dealings with the United States have been clouded in a miasma of wrong conceptions. Maybe understandable in politicians and excusable in ordinary citizens; not so among experienced journalists. Yet it is apparent that only those who have lived and worked in USA for long periods have any conception of the deep underlying causes of anti-British manifestations. They are due mainly to a recognizable and national inferiority complex. The Jews have intensified ancient hatreds to a degree hitherto unknown and for a purpose which, in my opinion, places them beyond the pale of civilized peoples.

'Inhibited' Journalists

They will continue their evil work, and average Americans will relish it, until our innocents realize that the United States is as foreign to Britain as any other land. When our negotiators and inhibited journalists get rid of the illusion that Americans like us because they are "like us," the sooner will our dealings with the U.S. be based on realities, and we shall be free from that smug self-deception which puts our representatives abroad and our writers at home at so grave a disadvantage.

We can only combat American prejudice, malice and ignorance by forthright counterpoint, such as Americans are used to and understand, and such as I have frequently advocated.

Juvenile outbursts by "smart" columnists, the gaseous extravagances of ambitious vote-snatchers, the racial hate spread by covert and overt enemies of Britain, are accepted and appreciated, and believed, by Americans because of their blunt directness of purpose . . . and because of our despicable humility.

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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 constituents.

"(b) — to repeal to the maximum extent which is practicable, all legislation, orders and regulations which restrict the freedom of the individual.

"(c)—to reduce taxation and make all taxation subject to the consent of the electorate concerned;

"(d)—to abandon all fields of business undertakings;

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

"and generally, in all spheres of administration to actively combat the policy of Monopoly and to advance the policy of Social Credit by increasing the economic and political power of the individual."

—(sgd.) A. V. Bourcier, M.L.A.

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co-ordinated throughout the Constituency.

But Will This Action Be Effective?

Yes. It is the only kind of action which will be effective. The enemy fears exposure: so we must expose him and his actions. The enemy fears attack: so we must attack him. The only power the enemy possesses is a divided and confused people who are helpless to assert their democratic constitutional power—that is why party politics and the suppression of information is essential to him: So we unite the people against their common enemy and provide them with the information which is being kept from them.

How Will This Bring About the Defeat Of Centralized Power and Monopoly Rule?

When the people control their representatives to Parliament, they will control Parliament. At present members are the servants of the Party and the Party is the tool of those who finance and control it.

When representatives have to obey their electors instead of the Party, the law and all the powers of Government will be available to carry out their wishes, and the power of centralised control will be broken.

FORM A SOCIAL CREDIT ACTION GROUP IN YOUR DISTRICT

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 truthful and bear examination by those willing 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.—

G. F. Green.

—From *World's Press News*, 12/25/47.

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 Labour-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.

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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, Major C. H. Douglas and certain others, all so reminiscent of the Nazis, 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. Now 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 some of its doctrines advocated openly by certain sections of the leadership of the Social Credit party in Alberta and in other provinces as well as by some of its members in the House of Commons. But people are wondering: Does this announcement by the Social Credit paper 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. Its tie-up with 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 extreme that in the House of Commons the other day Solon Low inferred that the magazine "New Liberty" was a red or Communist publication! Why? Simply because it exposed certain actions of the Social Credit government in Alberta.

Fooling Social Crediters

The anti-Semitic, anti-Communist and pro-fascist utterances of this group aroused 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 active 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 political parties. But the people of Alberta didn't go for this stuff. Public protest was immediate, vehement and widespread and the abolition of the board 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 anti-democratic practices.

Now that was fine; the only trouble was that none among the Social Credit leadership we 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 any serious split; it is a case of a section 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 slander—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, the organization all people look to, to maintain the peace of the world.

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