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### From Week to Week

ECONOMIC DIPSOMANIA—"Expansion AND hope." Mr. Butler in Australia has thus summed up his objective. Realism enjoins that economic expansion as at present understood in all the Chancellories of the world is incompatible with any hope worthy of entertainment. Our economic dipsomaniacs must be brought to understand that the "fantastic overgrowth of industrial expansion" relatively to hope of cure of our economic ills plays the same role as drink to the cure of delirium tremens. But the patient will do anything *but* give up drink.

A great deal of play was made a generation ago with the idea underlying Francis Galton's theory of hereditary genius. It is, as has been remarked in these pages, a theory which even the self-interest of the members of the Labour Party supports in practice when it comes to backing race-horses. In that field, while doubtless often hoping they won't, the backer believes the best-born will win. Galton, in accordance with the materialistic view prevalent at the time (and since) wedded 'genius,' however, to a notion of 'success'; and it has been a long time for anyone sufficiently dehypnotised to appear to examine dispassionately the facts of the Darwin family, which provided Galton with much of his argument.

Dr. Douglas Hubble, physician to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, has done so, with rather spectacular results. Writing in *The Lancet*, he quotes "Mrs. Raverat's delightful book *Period Piece*," and reproduces two family trees, or what may be called a tree and a bush, which are as follows with notes appended:—

(See *Tables*, page 4.)

"Wall Street circles showed keen interest during the past week in the sale by Soviet Russia of \$60,000,000 of gold bullion to Britain." (*Human Events*, December 30.)

Now what do you think "Britain" bought all that with? Money? Money in some form, or it would not have been a "sale." Sovereigns? Gold dollars? Their value in Russia is only as so much gold, and the Russians had the gold, and had no need to exchange it for gold of a different 'nationality.' Paper? Fancy exchanging gold for paper! But with paper printed in that way the Russians could buy the products of British industry (and the Bank of England put the gold into cold storage while monetising it ten times over). Who says that "Russia" and "the great Democracies" are not branch offices of the same thing? "Trade," it used to be said, "follows the flag." Which way? Now

see Sir Winston's Trade-with-Russia scheme 'following the flag.'

From the front page of the *Daily Express* for January 5:—

"A KISS FROM BEVAN FOR REBECCA.—Jerusalem, Monday.—Mr. Aneurin Bevan and his wife arrived on a visit to Israel tonight.

"He was wrapped in coats and pullovers when he reached the shell-scarred Mendelbaum Gate, which divides the Arab and Jewish sectors of Jerusalem.

"He told reporters: 'My mind is a blank and I hope what you write on it will be interesting.'

"Under his arm Mr. Bevan clutched a bottle of whisky—unopened. He was greeted by the Governor of Jerusalem and kissed both cheeks of Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, wife of the Vice-Chairman of Marks and Spencer.

"She is in Israel for a meeting of Zionists. Just before Mr. Bevan reached Jerusalem she said: 'We have had a little to do with helping to make his journey possible.'

"Tonight after a bulging brown despatch case, two blue suitcases and a typewriter were deposited at Jerusalem's No. 2 hotel, the Bevans attended a reception given by Israel's Parliament."

"The Parish Paper" of St. Mary Magdalene in Paddington for January says, *inter alia*, "The greater part of this Parish Paper is taken up by some reflections on Freemasonry. It has interested me since I was first told, in 1934, that I should do myself some good by joining. It was then I first became aware of the power of the Craft by seeing a scandal hushed up, and the offender removed and promoted. This abuse is of course no condemnation; though some people are concerned over the power of Freemasonry in business and politics, I am more concerned about its threat to the Church of England and her orthodoxy. Indeed, I have come to believe that the unnatural alliance of Christianity and Freemasonry in Church of England bishops and priests may even destroy the Church. It is with regrets that I join this campaign, because I have good and kind Masonic friends, whom I do not wish to hurt, and whose friendship I do not want to lose."

The writer is the Rev. H. Thornton Trapp, the Parish Priest, and an excellent article follows his introduction, in which it is stated: "Until the Masonic powers-that-be allow the Church of England freely to investigate the charges against Christian Masonry, no Masonic clergyman, be he Archbishop or curate, will be allowed to minister or preach to the people of St. Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, or to any other congregation committed to my charge."

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### Dr. Bryan Monahan at Melbourne

Following are questions and answers at the close of Dr. Bryan W. Monahan's address to a meeting of members of the Douglas Social Credit Movement of Victoria, Australia, reported *in extenso* last week:—

Q. I have the impression that as a group we are drifting. Are we just to sit around waiting for the individual to do something?

A. There is no point in group activity as such. Group activity may grow out of some individual activity. If some one does something, does it well and gets clear and obvious results, what he is doing will attract support, and insofar as it is necessary, organisation will grow out of what is being done. That is organic growth.

Q. How could we better our co-operative efforts?

A. I think that behind these questions is a feeling that something has gone wrong with the Social Credit Movement; that it is not getting anywhere. But you need to see what has actually happened. Social Credit began with a great propagandist phase. The idea, which had not been known before, was carried literally all over the world, in a short time, and thousands and thousands of people everywhere became in some degree familiar with the idea. Well, looking back, we can see what that actually achieved. It so to speak broadcast the seed over a very wide area. But the important thing was for the seed to take root, and grow. Well, that has been achieved. You have Social Crediters all over the world. What is important now is not broadcasting the seed, but what becomes of the growth resulting from that seed. It is a different phase, when everything depends on the quality of the individual growth.

Q. Should anything be done without the sanction of the Secretariat?

A. There is nothing to stop you, as an individual, doing whatever you like, but if you do anything in the name of Social Credit, you have to be sure that you are not compromising that name. There are many fields of activity with which we are familiar as being Social Credit; no one has any doubt about them. But if there is a doubt, it is only fair to find out from the authoritative source, before using the name of Social Credit.

Q. Is there no other teacher but Douglas and the Secretariat?

A. Oh yes—experience, and the quality of the individual. After all, if we are dealing with something real, and *know* what we are dealing with, we will get the intended

results in what we do. We are not trying to get artificial results, but to act in accordance with the nature of things.

Q. In my job I know that things are being done that are wrong, but if I tried to do anything about it I would lose my livelihood, and I can't do that. How can one speak truth under the necessity of earning a livelihood?

A. I think the only possible answer to that is the one Jesus gave—"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." After all, it is what you are, no matter what you have to do, which is important. You can only do your best in whatever the circumstances are.

Q. Can Social Credit come by the will of the people? As this seems impossible, how will it come except by organisation?

A. It will come by growth, by return to an organic form. It is not our job to impose anything on Society, but to stop the interference with its natural development in accord with its nature.

Q. Dr. Monahan mentioned the growth of Christianity. It seems to me that although Christianity has been preached for two thousand years, the world is anything but Christian. Can the Social Credit idea be directed into channels better than Christianity was directed?

A. I think it is quite beyond question that the world is absolutely different since Christianity became evident. We take so much for granted, without realising how much of it is due to the teaching of Jesus. We have no experience, no personal experience, of what the pre-Christian world was like. But it was not then known that the right relation of man to man was *love*. Now to some extent our relationships and customs and institutions are based on that insight. I quite agree that the world is far from perfectly Christian; but it is certainly different. And we also have to face the fact that the natural development of Society has been deliberately interfered with. And it is also possible, in fact, as I think, probable, that we have reached a point where Social Credit is actually historically necessary for the further development and spread of the Christian idea. There seems to me to be some complementary relation between the two.

Q. C.H.D.'s Just Price is a natural Law. Why shouldn't we get recognition of this?

A. This has really been answered historically. We can look back and see the answer to that.

Q. Is Alberta following Douglas?

A. No; it is quite obviously following the London School of Economics.

Q. Is there time to take a long-term view?

A. Growth must be slow. But you mustn't be pessimistic about this situation. You have to realise what the real situation is. We have to face the fact that there is an attempt to dominate the world. Now in order to see what the real situation is, you have only to think what we could do if we had our hands on the controls—if we had free access to the Press and radio and government. I don't think it would be hard to put things on the right track in those circumstances. But on the other hand, our opponents aren't making wonderful progress, because they are going against

the grain. They *need* all those things, yet they still haven't succeeded. They are attempting to impose a pyramidal organisation. But as Douglas pointed out, that organisation is the weakest to disruption from within, and that is just what is happening. UNO is coming in for more and more criticism. There are dozens and dozens of groups attacking it in one way and another. These big things are always breaking up. Well, we have to help this process. If we are good enough, people will want our help, which gives us the opportunity to clarify the picture. But it is quite wrong for us just to want to see a sort of technical Social Credit world. We should merely want to see the proper organic development of Society; and we really don't know what a Social Credit world would be like.

### A Correction

We regret that in resetting a correction in the text of Dr. Monahan's address printed last week lines were omitted spoiling the sense of the fifth paragraph from the close. This should read as follows:—

I think what I have said is not quite what I was expected to say. That is because I believe that the profoundly important thing is the depth of understanding of Social Credit. What matters is the existence of profoundly understanding individuals. The Chinese—or some of them, for their organic civilisation too has been poisoned—know that. They believe, as I understand it, that everything depends on the understanding and development of the Emperor: *not because he rules, but because he exists.*

In present conditions several revisions of our proofs are not possible. But, we hope readers will note carefully the true wording of a significant passage.

### Social Credit Secretariat Lectures and Studies Section

Primarily for candidates in Australia and New Zealand, an examination for the Diploma of Associate will be held in March next.

Canadian candidates who did not satisfy the examiners at the 1953 examination and British candidates will be permitted to enter for the examination on payment of the fee of 10/6 to the Registrar, Mrs. Hyatt, 21, Milton Road, London, N.6., or, in cases in which repayment of entrance fee has been waived,\* on application to the same address.

\*NOTE: These are special cases in which the examination was not completed or was attended by some other special circumstance.

### Mr. Frederick Carr

We deeply regret to record the death at his home at Suva, Fiji, of Mr. Frederick Carr, who passed away suddenly and peacefully in the evening of December 12, at the age of 91 years.

In one sense our most distant, in another and more real sense Mr. Carr was almost our nearest supporter, and some idea, imperfect though it may be, of his lively and very thorough knowledge of Douglas's work has been reflected from time to time in letters he has written which have been published in *The Social Crediter*. It was one of his regrets that he missed meeting Major Douglas, later to become a most interested reader of his letters, on Douglas's visit to the island. Our own nearest approach to personal contact was a chance meeting with a near neighbour out for a 'constitutional' as a train stopped at a small station in Saskatchewan. "Oh! Fiji!—Then do you know Mr. Carr?"—"Mr. Frederick Carr? Of Suva?" The expectant smile which greeted these last questions was an international tribute to a great citizen and, we may say, to Social Credit.

In 1945, he wrote:—" . . . as I think I have indicated before, I am 83 years of age, in perfect health, a great reader of Science, Philosophy and Economics; but there was nothing in any of them to help the disastrous state of the world and my country, England, until I came across "The New Economics" [in 1932] and I quickly recognised 'Douglas' as being the only true exponent, and I live for the day when his ideas may be in the ascendant." He found it no easier than we do to elicit the hoped-for reaction in those among whom he moved. "The reason," he said, "is, I think, partly fear of being interested in anything the 'big pots' are not in, and partly stupidity; and as, I think, Schiller said:—'Against stupidity even the Gods are powerless.'" Nevertheless, by a single action taken on his own initiative, he once intervened for good in Social Credit affairs in far-off Wellington, N.Z., and who can say that a life pursued with such zest and such integrity has not effects undreamed of by the pilgrim and unimagined even by his perhaps single convert? Perhaps too, Schiller, if it were Schiller, was wrong, and it is we, not the Gods who are powerless against stupidity. *Vale!* Renan's words at the grave of Tourgenief come to mind, half of truth and half of sentiment, and it is of the half sentence that is truth we think: "Like the universe, he a thousand times recommended the unachieved work; . . ."

### The Dean's Daughters

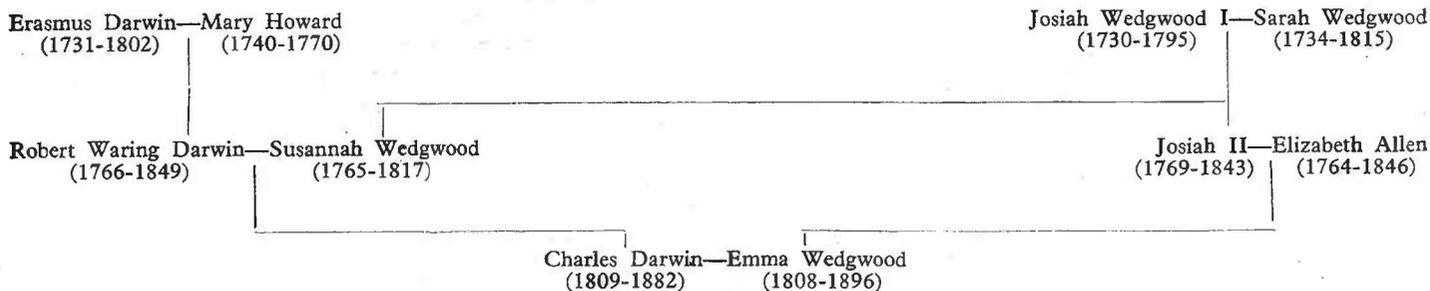
"Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, tells me that he is planning to send his two daughters to universities in the Soviet Union. Mary Keziah, the elder, was born in 1940, will be able to start her Soviet studies in three years time.

"How will the Dean pay for these courses? He will have no difficulty. For in Moscow Dr. Hewlett Johnson has a substantial bank account. In 1951 he was awarded the Stalin Peace Prize of around £9,000. And the Dean tells me his book on China is going to be printed in the U.S.S.R.; he hopes to get substantial profit royalties from it.

"Our Treasury have no objection to a British subject holding a bank account in Russia. But the Moscow Treasury insist that Dr. Johnson's Russian money is spent in Russia." (London *Evening Standard*, January 7.)

FROM WEEK TO WEEK (continued from page 1) (Tables)—

FIG. I—DARWIN FAMILY TREE



- (1) William (1838-1914) "Sound as a bell in body and soul—the only one of the five sons actually free from hypochondria."
- (2) Annie (1841-1851) "We have lost the joy of the household and the solace of an old age."
- (3) Mary (1842) Died aged 23 days.
- (4) Henrietta (Etty) (1843-1929) "Anybody being ill is like champagne for the time being."
- (5) George (1845-1912) "When he felt unwell he always walked about with a shawl over his shoulders . . . but it was exceedingly easy to divert him at these times."
- (6) Elizabeth (Bessy) (1847-1925) "After Grandmamma's death she became a good deal more independent."
- (7) Francis (1848-1925) "Nobody had ever played (golf) so badly before." "Well, Myers, I don't like myself very much as I am, and I really could not bear the thought of going on for ever."
- (8) Leonard (1850-1943) "In 1890 he resigned from the Army for the rather unconvincing reason that 'his health was not very good.'"
- (9) Horace (1851-1928) "Letter from Grandmamma, written in 1889: ' . . . the dear old man. He looks so sweet and handsome . . . His poor hands are very transparent.'"
- (10) Charles (1856-1858) Died aged 2 years—a mental defective.

FIG. II—FAMILY OF ROBERT DARWIN

Robert Darwin (1766-1849) m. 1796 Susannah Wedgwood (1765-1817)

"He sat," in his yellow chaise,  
as though carved in stone."

"Everyone seems young but  
me."

- (1) Marianne (1798-1858) "More rude and disagreeable than any child I ever knew."
- (2) Caroline (1800-1888) "What will she blame me for now?"
- (3) Susan (1803-1866) "Last night Susan went into Daddy's room and found no water by his bedside."
- (4) Erasmus (1804-1881) "Poor dear old Ras."
- (5) Charles (1809-1882) "His reverence for his father was boundless and most touching."
- (6) Catherine (1810-1866) "She achieved neither happiness for herself, nor for those with whom she lived."

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