

ADVICE TO AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL CREDITERS

The following letter has been sent to a correspondent in Australia by the Social Credit Secretariat, England:

It is of the greatest importance that the attempts on the part of public men to devitalise the basic ideas which underlie social credit should be identified and exposed immediately on their appearance.

Monetary reform has been conceded by J. M. Keynes and the "Times" (see the "Social Crediter" of April 4, 1942), but only on terms which provide control by the "State" in another form. If finance is willing to make such concessions that is an indication that a counter move is ready. There are many such. One is the acceptance of some scheme (which may in itself be sound) followed by its deliberate sabotage by a few administrators in key positions. Another is embodied in Federal Union—a device which sets another gulf between the individual and his institutions, leaving him completely powerless to control the wider issues of policy. And a third such move is the concentration of the national credit in the provision of social services and ameliorations, such as family allowances, a course which assumes that the individual does not desire (or deserve) the free use of his own credit.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ADVICE AT THE MOMENT IS TO RESIST AT ALL COSTS THE OBSESSION WITH MONEARY REFORM AS SUCH.

Sir Oliver Lyttleton, broadcasting on April 26, used the phrase 'National Dividendto be rendered in 'anything else but' hard cash in our pockets. And on May 3rd Sir Stafford Cripps followed up with 'Economic Democracy' . . .to emerge from the 'reconstruction now taking place'—which Miss Ellen Wilkinson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade) declares to be Socialism.

This misuse of the ideas and phrases used by Major Douglas has a significance which reinforces his injunction: "keep your eyes on the ball." And that is the remaking of the link which should transmit policy from the electors to those whom they appoint. Without that the misuse of the individual's own credit to his undoing is not a matter for speculation it is a certainty.

This attack towards the sterilisation of Social Credit conceptions has already penetrated Australia in the field of monetary reform: and other developments as above are likely to follow. Your connections may be of great use in ensuring the immediate exposure of such developments, the snag in which is usually obvious enough. There is invariably some item which involves **control**: or the provision by some of what they think others ought to have: and always the avoidance of Douglas' definition of freedom—"the ability to choose or refuse alternatives as they arise"—for in that statement lies the damnation of all dictators.

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