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## Alberta League Convention Repudiates Douglas Bars Proven Social Crediters From Attendance

### FUNDAMENTALS

There is a certain body of opinion which is under the impression that we have abandoned the financial aspect of Social Credit. In this connection, we are reminded of a pungent criticism made some years ago, that the great disadvantage under which the Social Credit movement then labored, was that it was largely composed of Socialists who wanted nationalization of banking.

People who hold this type of opinion have not taken the trouble to grasp the fundamental subject matter with which we have always been concerned, which is the relationship of the individual to the group. Thirty years ago, that relationship was predominantly a financial relationship. Quite largely through the exertions of Socialists, strongly assisted by the highest powers of International Finance, the Central Banks have become practically impregnable, and the sanctions which they exert have shifted from the bank balance to the Order-in-Council.

It ought to be, but unfortunately it is not, apparent to everyone who takes an intelligent interest in these matters, that the fundamental problem has been greatly complicated by the developments of the past twenty years; and that the immediate issue is in the realm of Law and military power, not of bookkeeping. That does not mean in the least that bookkeeping is one penny the less important than it was when we directed attention to it; but it does mean that it is the second trench to be taken, not the first. For that, we have to thank in great part, the obsession with "nationalized" banking.

The problem presented by the centralized ("majority") political vote is the same in its fundamentals as that of which it is only another manifestation—the monopoly of credit.

—The Social Creditor (Eng.) Oct. 16, 48

### Irgunist Leader Leaves For United States

HAIFA, Israel, Nov. 20 (AP)—Menachem Beigin, leader of Irgun Zvai Leumi during its years of underground fighting against Britain, left Israel yesterday for the United States. Members of his organization, now a legal political party, said his main purpose was to raise funds for the party for elections scheduled in Israel next year.

—Edmonton Bulletin, Nov. 20.

### Solon Low Exposes Enemy Hand

EDMONTON.—The 14th annual convention of the Alberta Social Credit League is over; and resolutions calling for a 100% increase in the pay of M.L.A.'s, price control, higher old age pensions and the like were lost in the furore of publicity resulting from the actions of the League executive in barring Social Crediters ("Douglasites") from the convention and facing strong criticism from fair-minded delegates there. A strong public reaction to the affair has begun to set in.

For the benefit of our readers, who may not have an opportunity to get the true picture of the convention, we are condensing it here, as gleaned largely from the columns of the daily newspaper reports.

#### DICTATORSHIP CHARGED

First morning of the convention was devoted largely to discussion arising from the report of the League president, R. D. Jorgenson.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Jorgenson stated that league membership had grown from 1,900 to 9,000 in 12 mos. No one challenged his statement, but at the Calgary convention a year ago, League officials told delegates that membership was "between three and four thousand."

From the start, the convention was "closed" to members of the Douglas Council and those thought to be members. Among the latter was J. P. Gillese, former editor of the Canadian Social Creditor and president of the Lac Ste. Anne Constituency Association (who holds no office on the Council). Mr. A. V. Bourcier, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne, and a Social Creditor since the early days of the movement, was previously refused membership in the League, which automatically barred him from the convention.

Delegates resented the barring of these social crediters without at least giving them a chance to speak for themselves. Mr. Jorgenson was charged with being a dictator. "What authority has the executive of the league to condemn these men fighting socialism and communism?" asked Mr. C. H. Ohrn, president of the Leduc S.C. Constituency Association. He asked, amid applause, that the men concerned be brought before the conven-

tion to defend themselves. Mr. E. Geehan, a Calgary delegate, pointed out that the Alberta movement "is only a political beach-head" and must regain the sympathy of the rest of the Social Credit world "if we are to succeed in bettering world conditions."

Among those who blasted viciously at the absent Social Crediters was Gordon Taylor—who lasted some six or eight months as editor of the Canadian Social Creditor, in which capacity he banned the writings of Norman Jaques and others—who charged the Douglasites with being "fifth-columnists."

#### ISSUE BECOMES PERSONAL

The debate waxed violently until the noon adjournment. After lunch—it was taken up again by Premier Manning who dropped the basic issues involved and told the convention to choose between himself and the accused Social Crediters: "If you want these people in the movement, you don't want me; and if you want me, you don't want them."

He was (naturally) supported on the vote, though, as was pointed out in a letter of correction to the press, not by the overwhelming majority indicated. Though there were some 300 people at the convention, 192 were voting delegates. About 21 voted against the Executive's motion, and a goodly number abstained from voting. Among those who did vote, as the letter pointed out, were

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### Better Part of Valour?

The local press last week reported R. B. Jorgenson to be fighting mad and calling on the "Douglasites" to come out in the open and fight at the annual convention. Having effectively silenced A. V. Bourcier and K. Burton by refusing them membership to the Social Credit League, Mr. Jorgenson reminds us of the very brave man renowned for fighting duels with balloons on sticks at five hundred paces!

### There's A Difference

There is a story making the rounds that seems to cover the situation thoroughly. It goes as follows:

"The United States has had three outstanding Presidents: (1) George Washington, who never told a lie! (2) Franklin Roosevelt, who never told the truth; and (3) Harry Truman, who doesn't know the difference."—Ohio Pioneer, October 1948.

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## The Plot Thickens

A report which appeared in the Edmonton Bulletin of November 16 carried a four column caption: **"Fireworks Are Anticipated At Sacred Meet Next Week."** This was followed by the sub heading **"Douglas and Manning Factions Will Clash."** The rift between "Douglasites" and "Manningites" may be measured during the opening hours of the Alberta Social Credit League convention commencing on Wednesday, Nov. 24 in the Masonic Temple according to league officials here . . . "It was predicted today that Mr. Jorgensen's report would challenge the 'Douglas Social Credit Council' faction within the party ranks to come out into the open . . ." (Our Emphasis.)

Evidently the Bulletin report was based on information supplied by "officials" of the Alberta Social Credit League. And because of this it has implications of concern to every Social Creditor in Alberta; particularly as this followed an announcement to the press, presumably by the same "officials," that the President of the Alberta League had taken it upon himself to refuse membership to Mr. A. V. Bourcier MLA.

In the first place it is necessary to be perfectly clear on the meaning of the terms used in the press report in question, and in particular what is meant by "Douglasites" and "Manningites."

"**DOUGLASITES**" At least there can be neither difficulty nor ambiguity in regard to the meaning of the term "Douglasites." It can mean only one thing—A Social Creditor—a person who subscribes to the philosophy, the principles and the policy enunciated by Major C. H. Douglas and known throughout the world as Social Credit.

In other words "Douglasites" can mean only "genuine Social Crediters who comprise the world-wide Social Credit Movement." There is no other "kind" of Social Credit than that enunciated by C. H. Douglas and being propagated by the Social Credit Movement throughout the English-speaking world.

"**MANNINGITES**" What, then, are the implications of the term "Manningites," who, according to the press reports inspired by "officials" of the Alberta Social Credit League, will clash with the "Douglasites" at the Convention on Nov. 24-25? Obviously the Manningites must be the followers of the Hon. E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta and head of a government elected as "Social Credit."

It is equally obvious that the Manningites must be opposed to the "Douglasites," as, according to their own spokesman, they intend to "clash" with them. So the Manningites must be opposed to those subscribing to the tenets and policy of Social Credit as enunciated by C. H. Douglas.

In other words they must be opposed to Social Credit in its true meaning—and they are opposed to genuine Social Credit because they are Manningites, followers of Mr. Manning; therefore this opposition must stem from Mr. Manning.

### OPEN ADMISSION OF STAND

So—at long last we have it on the authority of "officials" of the Alberta Social Credit League that they, the Premier of Alberta and presumably those supporting his stand on the issue are implacably opposed to the philosophy, principles and policy of Social Credit as enunciated by Major C. H. Douglas, and all those adhering to these tenets. These "officials" have predicted that this will be the issue at the forthcoming Alberta Social Credit League Convention. And they should know!

In order to clarify matters it might be well to consider some of the highlights of the record.

The Social Credit Movement in Alberta was mobilized by, and became a dominant influence in Provincial and National affairs under the leadership of the late William Aberhart.

After his initial differences with Major Douglas and the so-called "Douglasites" within the Alberta Movement, Mr. Aberhart himself became identified with Douglas and the world wide Social Credit Movement. From 1937 until his untimely death in 1943 he consistently followed a Douglas—that is a genuine Social Credit—policy and strategy. He worked in close and constant consultation with the Social Credit Board and the advisor who was Douglas's nominee.

### THE SOCIAL CREDIT RECORD UNDER ABERHART

The battle for Social Credit under Aberhart is a matter of record:

The defeat of the Loan Council Scheme.

The Credit Regulation Act.

The exposure of the power of the financial institutions.

The defeat of the Central Mortgage Bank Scheme.

The showdown on the debt situation.

The exposure of party politics.

The exposure of the taxation racket.

The defeat of the Rowell-Sirois conspiracy.

And so on and so forth. At every turn, on every occasion, week in and week out, month by month William Aberhart opposed, exposed and fought the policy of monopoly and centralization. Year after year he approved the progressive exposure of the International conspiracy of the Financial-Zionist-Communist-Socialist combine. Fearlessly he denounced the enemies of freedom and advanced the Social Credit alternative.

### THE SOCIAL CREDIT RECORD UNDER MANNING

Since William Aberhart's death, what is the record?

In 1944 Premier Manning sought and obtained a mandate to carry on the fight for Social Credit—the unfinished task left by William Aberhart. Nothing happened until the first post war convention in Calgary in 1945, at which the delegates, amidst cheers, were promised action.

At the 1946 session of the Legislature, the so-called "Alberta Bill of Rights" was introduced for submission to the courts. This was done against the advice of the Social Credit Board and L. D. Byrne. It was not a Social Credit measure; it was strongly Socialistic in important respects; it was an administrative monstrosity which could never have been carried out; and it was a foregone conclusion that it would be thrown out by the courts.

Two years were wasted on taking this measure through the courts. When the inevitable adverse verdict was given by the Privy Council, the government announced that it proposed to abandon the fight for Social Credit in Alberta in favour of federal party political action. But nothing of consequence has been done so far.

### THE FINAL BETRAYAL

Progressively the Social Credit Board was reduced to impotency and finally discarded at the last session.

One by one the leading Social Crediters and Social Credit Organizations in Canada that were advocating genuine Social Credit as enunciated by Douglas were repudiated and smeared: The Union of Electors in Quebec—the most powerful Social Credit organization in Canada; the Union of Electors in Ont.; Professor Ernest Gregoire, Vice-President of the National Organization; Louis Even; Norman Jaques M.P., Ros Gostick; Vans Macdonald; N. B. James; L. D. Byrne; A. V. Bourcier; R. E. Ansley; J. P. Gillese; K. Burton and so on.

R. E. Ansley was summarily dismissed from the Alberta Cabinet, L. D. Byrne was dismissed from his post of Deputy Minister—both in connection with a report made by the latter to the Social Credit Board.

### MUZZLING ALL OPPOSITION

The Canadian Social Creditor, supposedly the national organ of the Movement, was placed under the charge of an Alberta MLA for the sole purpose of changing its policy. Articles by C.H. Douglas and Norman Jaques were banned from its pages. Effective attacks on Communism were squelched. All mention of Political Zionism was excluded. The editor and his assistant were forced to resign.

The Zionists claim this was done at their instigation. Be that as it may, the Manning administration has won their enthusiastic support, the warm approval of "big business" and "big finance" on this continent and the almost servile support of the press which singled out Aberhart for such violent and vicious attack.

And now to round off the consistent persecution of Social Crediters the President of the Alberta Social Credit League, himself recently elected as a "Social Credit" MLA, has refused League membership to A. V. Bourcier, a fellow MLA, and Mr. Bourcier has been excluded from the Government Caucus.

The record certainly tells the story. "It was predicted today," says the Edmonton Bulletin's report concerning the Alberta Social Credit League Convention, "that Mr. Jorgensen's report would challenge the 'Douglas Social Credit Council' faction within the party ranks to come out into the open." Ye Gods!!

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## ALBERTA LEAGUE REPUDIATES DOUGLAS

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several not wearing voters' badges.

R. E. Ansley, MLA for Leduc, criticized the action taken by the executive. He told the convention that, during his election campaign, he had not won the confidence of his electors by saying he was a "yes-man" to the government. Referring to the expulsion of Mr. Bourcier and Mr. Gillese, he said: "Neither the MLA nor the president were permitted to enter these doors. What say have people whose expression is bottled up when that sort of thing occurs?" As he reached the crucial point of his speech, he was told by the chairman that he had spoken seven minutes and could not be allowed to speak any longer.

Mr. Frank Gostick, opening the debate in the afternoon sessions, called for members to exercise British fair play. He recalled the history of the SC movement and said that since its inception financial interests had tried to drive a wedge between Major Douglas and the Alberta movement.

"Sit down," some one barked. Though the issue was technically at an end, it flared throughout the whole convention.

When the resolution urging the government to carry through the fight for Social Credit was being debated, a lady delegate said she favored carrying on the fight "the Douglas way," rather than the "Manning way."

Government delegates booed her and told her to sit down.

No Douglas Council supporter at the convention engaged in heckling, booing, cat-calling or rudeness.

### SOLON LOW'S WARNING

Highlight of the convention was the speech of Solon E. Low, which was completely blacked out in the daily press. Mr. Low told delegates he had recently visited Major C. H. Douglas, while attending foreign conferences in Europe. (Mr. Low is a member of the

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### THE PURPOSE OF THE DOUGLAS SOCIAL CREDIT COUNCIL

The Douglas Council came into being solely because of the indisputable evidence that a determined attempt was, and is, being made to systematically sabotage the Social Credit Movement and bring to naught all that the late William Aberhart lived and fought and died to achieve. That those that are being used for this purpose may not be aware of what they are doing is beside the point.

The Douglas Social Credit Council has never worked in the dark. It is operating in the open and it will continue to do so. Being composed of genuine Social Crediters, members of the Council and their associates want no truck with any PARTY. They will strive by every means to save the Social Credit Movement from the contamination of party politics, which have been so effectively exposed by Douglas, Aberhart and other leading Social Crediters as being the very antithesis of Social Credit Principles.

We have only hope that delegates to the Convention in question will recognize the nature of the issue confronting them, and that they will act accordingly with the responsibility and without reference to the personalities involved.

Canadian External Affairs Committee.) He pointed out to delegates that on every occasion when Major Douglas had warned the world in regard to the international situation, his warnings had been justified. Now, said Mr. Low, he had seen at first hand how the "plotters" were engineering the third world war. Said he:

**Dismantling of the gigantic Krupp munition works had been halted, and the Communists were obviously intending to use these works in their war against the western world.**

**Germany's largest short-wave radio station was left unmolested during the "saturation bombing" of Berlin. Everything around it was a heap of rubble and ruins, but this target had been deliberately left for future use. Though partly in the British zone, Russian troops guarded it day and night with loaded guns.**

These were only two of the illustrations used by Mr. Low to bring home to delegates the imminent danger of world war. He concluded by inviting all Social Crediters to bring their viewpoint before the next national convention, so that a program could be drawn up that would meet the critical needs of Canadians now.

All delegates there were enthusiastic over his message; and it was significant that it was completely omitted from the daily press.

### PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT

After being refused admittance to the convention as a constituency delegate, Mr. J. P. Gillese felt that, on behalf of the constituency, he had no other recourse than to ask the public press to carry a nine-point criticism of the actions of the League executive. Said Mr. Gillese in his preamble: "If the Social Credit League chooses to call this an 'attack,' I would remind them it was they, not I, who started the brawl." Though the Edmonton Bulletin of November 25th carried the statement in a comprehensive manner, there was an editorial error, in that Mr. Gillese was described as "president of the Douglas Social Credit Council," whereas he signed the statement as president of the Lac Ste. Ann S.C. Constituency Association.

In his statement, Mr. Gillese asked the following questions:

(1) How can Premier Manning's Alberta League lay claim to the title 'Social Credit' when it has been discredited by Major Douglas, the only authority on Social Credit? And when the League and its leaders refuse to recognize Douglas?

(2) Since Mr. Gordon Taylor, MLA, called true Social Crediters traitors and asked them to get out of the movement, why doesn't he follow his own advice and get back on the communist platform where he appeared publicly in the past?

(3) Why did Social Credit women endorse a socialistic resolution asking for "price controls"?

(4) If Social Crediters may not belong to a Council of their own making (which has no open membership and therefore cannot be said to rival the League) why aren't they also banned from joining "the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Aid, the Masons or the Bowling League?"

(5) Why is Mr. Manning so ready to fire and purge everyone—cabinet ministers, deputy ministers, MLA's, etc.—whose beliefs occasionally differ from his own, when he makes such fervent declarations of his party's belief in the sacredness of the individual?

Space prohibits us from running the statement in full, but the Lac Ste. Anne

constituency president also asked the League to justify its expulsion of "Douglasites" when the men were first condemned by the league executive without a hearing and later condemned by a convention bludgeoned into accepting the executive's action. And how can Social Credit members, he asked, be of good conscience when they declare it treason for anyone to differ with their party. "I am not aware of any government in the world being that sacred," he concluded, "nor of any government being so flawless that its people never desire improvement of change."

At time of going to press, no answer had been given to his charges.

### PUBLIC REACTION

Public reaction following the convention was heightened by the announcement that Mr. Bourcier had been expelled from government caucus, though, said the speaker, this would not mean that Mr. Bourcier would be forced across the floor of the house. Several members protested this action and after the caucus recessed, Mr. Ansley issued a statement in which he deplored the action of the caucus and denied that Mr. Bourcier had made any statements in opposition to Social Credit. His statement follows:

"It is my sincere belief that A. V. Bourcier, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne is a most conscientious Social Creditor. I am not aware of any statements he has made or endorsed being in any way contrary to the principles and philosophy of genuine Social Credit. I, for one, am opposed to Mr. Bourcier's exclusion or expulsion from any Social Credit ranks."

On November 25th, Mr. N. B. James, whose column "Main Street" had won editorial praise throughout Canada, and whose brilliant book, "The Autobiography of a Nobody" was chosen by The Narrator Book Guild as its choice of the month, issued a public statement, as follows:

"As a Social Creditor of about 16 years standing, and as a Social Credit member of the Alberta Legislature (now ex) of 13 years standing, I have endeavoured to stay away as far as possible from the mud-slinging campaign staged by the Alberta so-called Social Credit League.

"But since the Sovietization of this League has come out into the open and the Convention has been bludgeoned into acquiescence, I feel there is no course open to me but that of dissociating myself from the said League.

"Having read and re-read Mr. L. D. Byrne's Report to the Social Credit Board—the report that was the excuse for Mr. Byrne's dismissal and the forced resignation of Hon. R. E. Ansley, and having agreed with the Report in toto, I am also compelled to publicly associate myself definitely and whole-heartedly with the Douglas Social Credit Association. (Signed) N. B. James."

Pressure of space prevents "The Challenge" from listing other highlights from, and reactions to, the convention at this time.

## SOCIALISM IN ACTION

"Eleven persons drove up to my farm the other day to tell me how to run it. Four checked a particular field, three went to the cowhouse, another looked at the dairy, another at the tractor, and so on. All of them were in the employ of the Ministry of Agriculture."—Mr. B. White, in *The Farmer and Stockbreeder, England*.

# MAIN STREET

by N. B. James

Seeing that confusion is becoming worse confounded over in Europe and Palestine and that the "Talks" are becoming more and more prolific and more and more futile, I am going to suggest timidly and in a lady-like manner, a remedy that might solve all the problems and be a foundation for peace and prosperity in those unhappy countries.



The remedy is this: That all the Stalinites, Un-ites, Big Four-ites and all the other "ites" (including termites) should pack their bags, go home—AND SHUT UP.

There is a rumour—possibly ill-founded—that there is a friction between the Liberal Government at Ottawa and the UN at Lake Success.

It appears according to the rumour, that the UN wants to adopt the title of "Operation Futility" and the Liberal Government in Ottawa is objecting.

They claim they have a priority on the title of many years standing, and they resent this upstart organization trying to usurp something that they have cherished so lovingly for decades!

The UN claims, possibly quite justly that, though it has only been in existence a short time, it has shown more blatant and unmitigated futility in its young and useless life than the Liberal Government at Ottawa in the last twenty years.

It is a tremendous claim to make, but, even taking into account the record of the Liberal Government at Ottawa, one has to acknowledge that, in the short time of it's existence, the UN has outclassed them in the ultimate of futility.

However, I understand that a Royal Commission is to be formed to decide the matter.

It may end up by all three—The UN, the Liberal Government at Ottawa and The Royal Commission being amalgamated and then they could use the title. They could possibly lengthen the title somewhat and call themselves "Operation Futility Incorporated and Unlimited."

So you think I can't be serious? Maybe you're right in the main. It's pretty hard to take things seriously in a mad world that makes even the most solemn things a farce. But just for once I'm going to fool you. I promise you it will not occur again—at least not often.

I have just been re-reading Mr. L. D. Byrne's final report to the Social Credit Board, the Board from which the Alberta Government has now disassociated itself.

I of course read and heartily agreed with this Report some months ago, and, re-reading it, I find myself, in view of recent events, more in agreement than ever.

It is a sane and factual document that not only gives a full and clear-cut picture of Social Credit principles and what all true Social Crediters stand for, but points out the dangers and pitfalls ahead

and exposes the enemy in moderate but uncompromising language.

This is the document that was the cause—or excuse—for the dismissal of Mr. L. D. Byrne by the Alberta Government and the request for the immediate resignation of the Minister of Education.

A good deal of confusion has been caused in the minds of many people in Alberta and elsewhere in regard to the so-called "split" in the ranks of Social Crediters.

There really is no "split" of course. If you are a Social Credit—er—that is, a believer in and upholder of the principles of Social Credit—(that does not necessarily include members of the "Social Credit PARTY") there can be no split. Either you are a Social Crediter or you are not, and that's that.

I have been repeatedly asked lately "what all the fuss is about." Frankly I don't know. If there is any "fuss" it is not of our making. We are just attending to our knitting—which is Social Credit.

There has been a lamentable amount of false propoganda, misrepresentation and name-calling going on by radio and word of mouth (and WHAT a mouth!) but all this has come from those who are completely outside Social Credit ranks. And when I say Social Credit I mean Social Credit.

Within the Movement there positively is no "split" and no "fuss."

We have been called "Insurgents," "Douglasites" and a lot of far more unsavoury names by those who wish to discredit or forget Social Credit but we are—or should be—quite used to that kind of thing by now. We've had it in large gobs ever since before 1935. Actually there is no such animal as a "Douglasite." Major C. H. Douglas has been the great and original expounder of the principles of Social Credit. We believe in Social Credit and we believe in Major C. H. Douglas who brought those principles to us, but we are not the "follow-the-leader" type. We leave that to the politicians.

As for being "insurgents"—what in the name of common-sense are we supposed to "insurge" against? The Government? Hardly. We have consistently supported the government in all good progressive legislation, and in fact all legislation that is not socialistic, communistic or anti-Social Credit.

We ARE insurgent against so-called Social Credit organizations that are merely political party stooges and don't even know the fundamentals of Social Credit—much less act on them.

Believing in Social Credit—we can do no less.

No, we are not "Douglasites." We are not "Insurgents." We are just Social Crediters.

But all this propoganda and misrepresentation was brought to a head by the document I mentioned in the early part of this article, and for that reason I wish every intelligent citizen—and their name is legion—could have the opportunity of reading this Report.

This can only be accomplished by a plentiful distribution of this "Report," and I'm going to throw out a suggestion right here to those interested.

But first of all I want to emphasize

that this suggestion is entirely "on my own." It is not inspired, or even approved by the editorial staff of this paper or by the Douglas Social Credit Council. I am doing it all by my little self.

The suggestion is this: That all those interested in clearing up this confusion immediately send in a donation of from 10c up according to your zeal and financial ability to the editor of this paper (address, top left hand corner of page 2) labelled for distribution of Byrne Report to Social Credit Board.

The reading of this report will give people an insight to the situation and will clear the atmosphere as to the aims and objectives of the mis-called "Insurgents."

Remember—THIS was the document that caused the dismissal of Mr. Byrne, the forced resignation of the Hon. R. E. Ansley and the upsetting of the political apple-cart as far as Social Credit is concerned. Remembering this, YOU can be the judge.

The following is an excerpt from G. K. Chesterton's poem "The Secret People." I have quoted it before, but today it seems to me it is peculiarly applicable, not only to Once-Great Britain, but also to Canada, and so I'm re-quoting it. The whole poem is worth quoting but I have no space for it all, so I am giving this excerpt. Here it is:

"They have given us into the hands of new unhappy lords,

Lords without anger or honour, who dare not carry their swords.

They fight by shuffling papers; they have bright dead alien eyes;

They look at our labour and laughter as a tired man looks at flies.

And the load of their loveless pity is worse than the ancient wrong,

Their doors are shut in the evening; and they know no songs."

## 1,000 GERMANS DAILY FLEE SOVIET RULE

BERLIN, (AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay said Tuesday an average of 1,000 Germans a day are fleeing Russian rule and slipping into the western zones of Germany.

The U.S. Commander in Germany made his statement at a press conference, where he discussed both the Berlin crisis and the general German problem. He gave no explanation for the wholesale flight from the Russian zone.

Observers said, however, one of the reasons probably was the lagging Soviet economy. Another contributing factor, it was said, might be fears of a police-state regime imposed through the newly-organized "people's police."

Edmonton, Journal, Dec. 9, 1948.

## "SPY" RING IN U.S.A.

An associated Press message from Washington dated September 25 and published in the European edition of the New York Herald-Tribune says:

"An official close to the House Un-American Activities Committee said the committee's report on atomic espionage 'will shock the public when it is published.'

"The official said the report will state that Presidents Roosevelt and Truman and Attorney General Tom C. Clark 'had all the facts' on the Russian spy ring that got atomic secrets, but that they did nothing about it."