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Social Credit Prospects.

Mr. Gorham Munson contributes to The New English Weekly of January 13 an account of how Social Credit He prefaces has been getting on in the United States. He prefaces this account a continuities in Engthis account with a swift survey of activities in England, About with a swift survey of activities, Alberta. land, Australia, New Zealand, and, of course, Alberta. Of these activities generally he remarks that there is a scarcity of "on which scarcity of "data of practical experience" on which movements in different parts of the world can assess the value of methods. the value of each other's principles and methods. Alluding to the English electoral campaign as an example, he says, that "we in America know virtually nothing", or "actual renothing, he says, that "we in America know vital results," of its "efficacy," "cost," or "actual re-He continues:

Were we to make a serious effort to apply the lectoral Carron make a serious effort to apply the Electoral Campaign, we would have to send a com-John to England to study it at first hand, much as John L. Lewis and his lieutenants went to France start the control of the control to learn the new technique of the stay-in or sit-down the new technique of the strike, and probably in any case this should be done.
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upon politicians.

to the inner said that publicity should not be given the inner said that publicity should not be given to the inner said that publicity should not be given to the inner said that publicity should not be given to the inner said that is the inner workings of our campaigns, and that is a after a scattering of our campaigns, we are not an under workings of our campaigns, and that is an under a certain point. Nevertheless, we are not to work unting us; and the Socialists, who often had actually, did produce an abundant critical actually, for the training of their organisers and derature for the training of their organisers and

world in active ing the focal point of an actually inbrought in all Bill—for Mr. Goldsborough has
it Bills at every session of Congress since

Social, Mr. Munson points out, was "the first piece to the first piece

the cod on the same day on which Aberhart triumphed hamely August 22, 1935.]

be brought into a national legislature." He then describes the diverse reactions of Social Creditors to certain features of the Bill, and points out that discussions were bound to be inconclusive because "neither side had any precedent in Social Credit history" to invoke nad any precedent in Social Credit filter instory to invoke—
"no pool of Social Credit political experience to draw
upon"; and, thus, "the arguments on both sides were
improvised." It was, however, agreed that the Bill
improvised." It was, however, agreed that the Bill
improvised. ought to be viewed as an educational, not a practical, political, instrument, having regard to the weakness of its Social-Credit backers. Mr. Munson estimates that the American movement in 1935 did not number more than 500 Social Creditors, with perhaps 2,000 passive assentors; and states that the movement's magazine, assentors; and states that the movement's magazine,

New Democracy, had a distribution of 1,450 copies.

Since its formation in 1932 its average revenue (and expenditure) has been not more than the equivalent of f2,000 per annum. Is the success of the American movement, he asks, due to conceiving and executing an astute plan? He answers: "Partly plan, partly confused endeavour, partly luck."

Well, this answer may serve to explain the progress of Social Credit generally, that is, the various kinds of successes achieved on different sectors of the world-front; but we should say that the success in America, the introduction of the Goldsborough Bill most the control of the Goldsborough Bill most the contro front; but we should say that the success in America, i.e., the introduction of the Goldsborough Bill, was not the result of astute concerted planning, or confused endeavours, or luck, but was the result of Mr. Goldsborough's personal initiative, enterprise and course. deavours, or mek, but was the result of Mr. Golds-borough's personal initiative, enterprise and courage. If obrough s personal influence, emerprise and courage. If there was any luck about the event, it lay in the circumstance that Mr. Goldsborough was on the spot at cumstance that Mr. Goldsborough was on the spot at the right time, and possessed the attributes required for taking action. Mr. Goldsborough appears to be the taking action. Mr. Goldsborough appears to be the rare type of believer who says: "Lord, here am I; send me"—in contradistinction to that numerous class of believers whose cry is: "Lord, here am I; send him." lievers whose cry is: "Lord, here am I; send him." This "send-him" evasion of personal responsibility this principle of reliance on others—is as great a blight

this principle of reliance on others—is as great a blight on the movement as the bankers' principle of sacrifice on the movement as the pankers principle of sacrifice for others is on the condition of the people as a whole. To invent jobs for other people to do is as vicious as to To invent jobs for other people to do is as vicious as to cut down one man's rations for other people to eat. It cut down one man's rations for other people to eat. It is the bankers' ramp upside down. And the proof of the ramp is the observed fact that in the first case the other people don't do the jobs prescribed for them, the other people don't got the other people don't the other people don't do the jobs prescribed for them, and, in the second case, the other people don't get the rations renounced for them.

There is a story about a public-school cricket team There is a story about a public-school cricket team who played a team of village yokels. One of the latter, a hefty blacksmith, knocked up his hundred in forty a hefty blacksmill, knocked up his nundred in forty minutes, and even then only got out because he was thirsty. After the match, the school captain congratulated him. "A jolly decent knock, my man; who was your coach?" The blacksmith asked what a coach was. Upon being told it was a teacher, he said: "Oh, it was me feyther." "Ah; and what was his system?" asked the other. "System?"—"Yes: what did he tell you to do?"—"Oh, is that it? Well, he always used to say to me: 'Lad, when tha seet t' ba, clout it —and I have well does!" Mr. Cold, clout it '-and I b- well does! " Mr. Goldsborough seems to have been similarly coached. When he saw the ball he clouted it. To see, and to seize, an opportunity was, for him, an instantaneous act. Yes, and a good policy, too; for even a mishit, if it is a proper clout, is more likely to drop over the boundary for 6 than to drop into a fieldsman's hands for o.

Without discussing the merits of the Goldsborough Bill either as a technical or political instrument, its introduction has this underlying value, namely that it does link up a desirable economic objective with monetary policy, and in such a way as registers the fact that the remedy for the economic deadlock lies in monetary policy and nowhere else. The Bill provides a focal point for stray energies, and thus contributes towards obviating what Mr. Munson describes as "confused

Surveying the movement as a whole, it can only act on the guerilla principle. The chief cause of weakness in the movement resides in the inability or unwillingness of so many of its members to recognise this fact. Yet all the evidence of our experience points that way. Mr. Munson provides some of it in his survey. He shows us a picture of the movements in England, America, Australia, New Zealand and Alberta all doing different things. Furthermore, as will have been seen, he observes that these movements do not know what each other is achieving. Information is not distributed through any centre, nor is it elicited by any one move-ment from any other. Thus, three years after Buxton he does not know how the Buxton policy has been working, and, apparently, is waiting to know before he (or the American movement) decides whether that policy is suitable for adoption in America. Well, all this (and much more that could be adduced) amounts to proof that the Social Credit movements all over the world are acting on the guerilla principle. Acting on that principle inevitably means acting as if there were no centralised directive General Staff. And even if the Ganaral Staff. General Staff ceased to assume direction, and became merely a clearing house for information based on guerilla successes or failures, the value of this information would be very little, because the circumstances of any guerilla coup are, in the nature of the case, bound to be unique, and therefore afford no precedent or guidance to guerilla bodies elsewhere. As the sailor said about Invergordon when someone jocularly said: Better luck next time," after hearing the inside story,

'No." (said the sailor) "it will never happen again—

I mean, not in the same way."

And if Mr. Munson will reflect on why the American movement have waited more than three years to inquire into the results of the Buxton policy, he may reach the conclusion that they did not really want to get the information and that they did not really want to get the information, and that the reason was that something told them that England. them that England's experience was unlikely to be applicable to America, even if encouraging. There was no idea of disparaging guidance from London, nor of resisting the idea of being guided by a General Staff: it was simply that they instinctively felt that they were one of a number of guided by a which each and one of a number of guerilla forces, to which, each and all, a General Staff was a superfluity and maybe an embarraesment

The national guerilla forces of the world movement are each subdivided into guerilla bands, and—if you like to analyse further—these bands into individuals. Whatever the size of the unit you consider, it exercises its own attractions and repulsions. Someit exercises its own attractions and repulsions. Sometimes they collaborate, sometimes not. It depends on external circumstance. For example, the Abdication Crisis brought together The New Age, the London Social Credit Club, the Green Shirts, and the Secre-

tariat. But when this crisis was over (or shall we say, went underground?) these bodies reverted to their independent policies. This episode, by the way, is a reminder that the Secretariat represents only one among the several guerilla bodies constituting the English guerilla force. Its electoral campaign to blockade Parliament failed because such an objective was only within the reach (even theoretically) of a properly constituted army with full complements of all ranks down to the law with full complements of all ranks down to the lowest—especially the lowest. It was not a guerilla proposition; and, as already said, the world movement, let alone the English movement, is not, and will not become a superior of the same and the same will not become, anything more than a guerilla force. Considered as a potential army, however well led and disciplined it leaves disciplined, it lacks the resources necessary to oppose the bookers' the bankers' army, namely money and personnel. Munson has given us the measure of the American movement's strength in these terms; and the English movement's strength is something of the same order, its membership probably being not more than 1,000 its membership probably being not more than 1,000 Social Credition Social Creditors, and 5,000 "passive assentors," and its monetary revenue (and expenditure) say £5,000 per annum. These figures would have to be multiplied by a thousand of least before we began to talk of a by a thousand at least before we began to talk of a

Now, these facts are the reverse of discouraging if faced up to. If we realise our weakness we shall realise our strength. It has been through our forgeting our weakness that we have lost strength, or at any ting our weakness that we have lost strength, or at any taken the failed to use it as effectively as we used to do our achievements up to Buyton were of the order of Our achievements up to Buxton were of the order of a miracle considering the miracle considering the apparent foolishness of our proposition, the provider apparent foolishness of equipproposition, the paucity of our personnel and equipment, and the gigantic power of the monopolistic ment, whose tutions whose supersession or regeneration of demanded. In fact it was pardonable that in view this progression that it was pardonable that in thought this progression that we (or many of us) that the days of colored or many of us) that the days of educational agitation were over and that we could be the that we could beat our instruments of war into instruments of perceptions. ments of negotiation with a discomfited enemy.

Buxton Conference was virtually a disarmament conference.

We have a virtually a disarmament and ference. ference. We had won the battle for Social Credit, and all we had to do were the battle for Social Credit. all we had to do was to appoint a body of negotiators to go to Versailles. We damped down our educational agitation; and to-day the body or embarking on agitation; and to-day the bankers are embarking we dropped ours because we began to doubt the that we had proclaimed. This mistals was the renaired. had proclaimed. This mistake must be repaired us have our official negotiators by all means, for unless renew our fighting on the old guerilla lines, for unless we do we shall be frittering and powers of negotiation. we do we shall be frittering away powers of negotiation.

There is evidence the company of the c There is evidence that financial difficulties will compel to movement to receive the receive the movement to receive the movem

the movement to revert to the pre-Buxton policy. It is a striking coincidence that in the same week distress, ber II-I8) when THE NEW AGE flew its signal of distress, so did *The New English Weekley* and the Secretariat. creased, but rather reduced—and reduced wholly under the "B" category, i.e., "payments to other or much to printing. The English movement spends far too alistic matter.

There is, for instance a glut of journalistic matter. on printing. The English movement spends far too mittomatter. And if the outside public are not absorbing their presents and in the outside public are not absorbing their presents. on printing. There is, for instance, a glut of journalistic matter. And if the outside public are not absorbing their proportion, the deficit must be made good by will movement, or, if not (or not wholly) then there was have to be retrenchments under the 'A', category course which the spirit of the Social Credit Order surely forbids.

Listen! Keep the date Friday, March will 1938, open for a Friday. 1938, open for a Dinner. Particulars will be any

All Sound and Führer.

"The peace that you wish . . . is also the aim of my

"Germany is striving . . . to give the German people the happiness of a brotherly and united community by smoothing away the apparent social and economic contrasts which threaten the inner unity of the nation, to strengthen those who are economically weaker through joyfully offered help and to promote all healthy and good movements for increasing the material as well as the spiritual well-being of the entire people."—(Herr Hitler at his official New Year reception in Berlin on January 11, 1028)

O.—What is the aim of the German Government?.

Q.—In what will this happiness consist? A. In brotherliness and unity.

Q.—How will you bring this about?

A. By smoothing away the apparent social and economic contrasts which _____.

Q. One moment, please. That word "apparent," does it not mean that the things denoted by it do not exist, but only seem to contain. exist, but only seem to exist?

A.—That is so.

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Q. Then the social and economic contrasts that you refer to are not real contrasts? What I mean is, these as if they were divided in the blocks and whites? as if they were divided into blacks and whites?

A. That is logically involved, I admit.

Then, how do you smooth away what does not easily effect. really stick out? A. Well, if the people are deceived by appearances

Q.—You undeceive them—is that it?

A.—Yes.

O You will explain that these apparent contrasts are

O.—You will explain that these are not contrasts at all?

A.—Well, I.—

O.—Take instances of contrast: "The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate"—rank and wealth that midst of obscurity and poverty. Are these contrasts real or imaginary?

A Of course they are real as contrasts, because they antithetical are antithetical.

Q antithetical.

Peal unlikeness between rich and poor or high and low?

A.—Oh, the unlikeness is real, but the people misinner unity of the retire.

There is no A.—Oh, the unlikeness is real, but the people misinner unity of the retire. inner unity of the nation.

Q. You mean that although the contrasts are real will speech that although the contrasts are real. you mean that although the contrasts are will smooth away the notion that they are real.

Or image of the matter is a bit involved.

is that Yes, I'm afraid I don't quite understand—. It wouldn't in afraid the matter is a bit involved. It wouldn't it be better if you dropped it, and simply said A you would would it you dropped it, and simply said

Wouldn't it be better if you dropped it, and surry you would smooth away the contrasts?

Without Yes, but I cannot smooth away these contrasts without altering the things that stand in contrast.

In You mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you mean without taking from the rich and given you have you will be a supplied to the same you will be a supplied to the rich and given you will be a s

Quality out I cannot smooth away these ing to You mean without taking from the rich and given the to the poor—and elevating the lowly to the same equality mighty—a rolling-out process of removing in
Alty?

Complex which characterises the Communist movement, inner unity of inner unity of -

One moment, again. What is "inner" unity?

Well, unity has more than one dimension in fact, Well, unity has more than one dimension. Q. several dimensions.

identify Buite. But which dimension do you intend to upper by the word "inner"? Would you say unity—the unity of the governing caste?

Your I do not contest that: I only want to know what there must be unity in leadership.

the policy is. Now, agreed that there must be this traits or upper unity, I see your point that real continued not smooth them away you have to pretend that not exist, so as to establish the outer or wider

unity of the "entire people" to whom you refer in your peroration.

A .- Yes, I think you have seen part of my problem.

Q .- In other words, your problem is to preserve contrasting inequalities by teaching the people that the contrasts are not real but only apparent.

A.—Well, I certainly think that they can be, and

should be, taught to see that wealth and rank are not

Q.—Ah! Now you're talking ilke a pedigree Democrat. "Almost thou persuadest me" to be a Fascist. I think you ought to have the Church in on this proposition. The clergy are great boys at proving that anything which isn't everything is nothing.

A.—Well, we are looking after that, but we are going

to form a Church of our own.

Q.—Ah, like the B.B.C.?

Q.—Well, don't forget the rest of the hymn I quoted just now about the rich man in his castle: you remember the later lines:

"God made them high and lowly And ordered their estate.

Yes; put the responsibility for contrasts on the Deity, and then you save yourself the task of pretending to people that they are not real contrasts. Admit the reality, but say that it must be tolerated because it has been

ordained.

A.—Thanks. I will consider this proposition.

Q.—I see that you are striving "to strengthen those who are economically weaker through joyfully-offered is help." I take this to mean that the man-at-the-gate is to get a few more scraps off the plate of the man-in-thecastle?

A.—That is my hope: it can be done.

Q.—Provided that the man-in-the-castle offers this

What I man is does he have to feel help with joy. What I mean is, does he have to feel joyful about parting with—?

A.—Well, I should hope he would be ashamed to abject.

object.

Q.—Yes, but if he did object, or didn't feel joyful,

Q.—Yes, from transferring the scraps?

Q.—Yes, but if he did object, or didn't feel joyful, would you refrain from transferring the scraps?

A.—Well, I should have to proceed slowly and circumspectly, because I must not disturb the "inner unity" that we have been—unity "that we have been—go.—Ah, you would wait until the man-in-the-castle got the feeling that he would like to part up—?

A.—Yes, but I should try to persuade him in that direction. Q.—I see. I suppose that this is what you mean

when you talk about increasing the "spiritual well-being" of the—well, not "entire people," but, let us

being to fithe well, the say, the castle-people? say, the castle-people? say, the X-Yes, I should teach them, if I could, that it is A.—Yes, I should teach them, if I could, that it is

O.—Well, you could do that; but have you considered that if you preached this doctrine to the man-in-the-cartle, he would preach it to the man-at-the-cartle.

that if you preached this doctrine to the man-in-the-castle, he would preach it to the man-at-the-gate?

A.—Yes. And that is why I speak of the "spiritual A.—Yes. And that is why I speak of the "entire people."

Well-being," not of one class, but of the "entire people."

The doctrine has a universal application, or none at all. Nicht wahr?

Q.—Oh, I see that. But what bothers me is that you say you want to increase "the material, as well as the spiritual, well-being of the entire people." Two quesspiritual, well-being of the More do you improve the tions arise in my mind. How do you improve the spiritual, well-being of the entire people." Two questions arise in my mind. How do you improve the material condition of the entire people? And if you do this, how do you promote the spiritual well-being of the

this, how do you promote the spiritual well-being of the entire people at the same time?

A.—I did not specifically undertake to improve material conditions. My words were: "To promote all healthy and good movements for "doing this that is healthy and good movements for do this in the same movements."

healthy and good movements for doing this—that is to say, movements attempting to do this in the right Q.—Ah; such as the distribution of new credits as

personal incomes and measures to regulate prices? A.—Oh no; I mean morally regenerative movements.

Q.—And you think these can do the trick?

Q.—In that case, I suppose you hope that, by persuading the entire people to seek the spiritual blessedness of renouncing material benefits, you will put them in the way of receiving them?

A .- I have faith that if they seek the things of the spirit first, all the things of the flesh will be added unto them-at least, all that are good for them.

Q.—Good for their spirit, or their flesh?

A.—That I cannot say. God moves in a mysterious_

Q .-- And you are the Steward of His mysteries? A.—Excuse my modesty; but I prefer to leave the answer to Posterity.

Common Sense.

NOUS they call it in the North of England, from the Greek word meaning "mind," and, says the dictionary, "The reason; the highest intellect; God regarded as the

Savvy is slang for the same thing, from the Spanish saber, to know. It means mental grasp, understanding, nous, common sense-" horse "-sense. You'll hear it in the barrackroom, especially-" Ach, he's got no savvy!" Or, very often, as a question—" Savvy?"—meaning, "D'you get

Gumption is another word for shrewdness, common sense, or nous, and the English people have always prided themselves upon having a good deal of it. I remember an old Westmorland woman calling out to her daughter-" Hast naw nowse, lass-bangin' t'mats against wind, so as dust

It is this nous, this reason, this highest intellect, that is the one thing, and the only thing, that can save us all from the Stampeding Stupidity of the Left-Right Conflict. The only thing that can solve the tragic absurdity of Poverty in the midst of Abundance. The only thing that can put an end to War. The only thing that can "de-mob" the Mass, and release the Individual from Herd Regimentation.

Common Sense is common to everyone; everyone has it in this or that degree. It is not a matter of book learning. It is a matter of using it to get what we want. And that means that, as a people, we must know for certain exactly what we do want. We must use our common sense in order

So we proclaim the Resurrection of the Living, which is the Religion of Common Sense in action. Those who know by means of common sense what they want will be drawn to act together as a Corps of Volunteers under the Banner of Common Sense. They are the Vanguard of the Army of Common Sense—and they are here, now, proclaiming a common sense objective. That objective is—LIFE, the good life, the splendid life on this earth. ("See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil ... therefore choose life "-" That they might have life, and

that they might have it more abundantly.")

Those who, here and now, use their common sense and fight for Life—the Common Objective—are thereby quickened and alive. Those who, having common sense, do not use it, but let it die out within them—overcome by Mass Apathy—though they number many millions—cannot hold back from the Resurrection that is to quicken them also. This is the social chemistry of the "Quick" and the

The use of common sense depends upon Imagination. If, therefore, you wish to keep people from using their common sense, the great thing is to weaken their powers of

When people say "It's too good to be true," when they hear it stated that Incomes-for-All based upon production is a practical, common sense solution to the social-economic problem of to-day, it shows that their imagination is weak. It has been weakened by propaganda absorbed from Press, radio, and cinema. They cannot imagine that they could free themselves from Work-Wage Slavery. And because

they cannot imagine this change to be possible, they cannot bring Common Sense into play and demand it.

Kill Imagination, you kill Common Sense.

Kill Common Sense . . . and what is the result? Exactly what you would expect: a mad world, my

masters!—poverty amidst plenty—class war, sex war, age war—psychological war within the individual—and, finally, the Mass Slaughter of World War. In a word: idiocy.

Do away with common sense, and what do you expect? Now, whether you know it or not, you are either on the side of *Idiocy*, or you are on the side of *Common Sense*. So there is a war on here, eh? There is, indeed! And no one can escape it.

Would a Maggot starve because the Apple was Too Big? The common-sense answer is-NO!

We preach the Gospel of Common Sense, we proclaim the Resurrection of the Living "Dead," the Revelation of Common Sense, the Common Sense and th mon Sense, the formation of the Committees of Common Sense, here Sense—here, to-day, now in the British Isles—and Common Sense Action in which Sense Action through the Party of Common Sense in which "party politics" are forgotten; in which the people of these islands stand activity islands stand solidly, as one man, for one Common-Sense Objective: ECOMONICS Objective: ECONOMIC SECURITY AND FREEDOM.

For common specific security and specific specific

For common sense gives short shrift to intellectual cynics.

m. Intellectual are gives short shrift to intellectual cynics. ism. Intellectual cynicism is the sure sign of that "living death" that country death "that overtakes the life-wearied idea-sippers and cult-tasters.

"I must live!" says the hungry man looking for food.
"Why?" "Why?" says the hungry man looking for look, who, please note, as had a good baself at the lectual cynic (who, please note, as had a good baself. tasters.

has had a good breakfast), and smiles his clever smile. But life runs past him, without bothering to answer the tupid-clever question. stupid-clever question. The hungry man—if he has common sense—huve here. sense—buys, begs, or steals a loaf of bread. Because he must live—and a must live—and no one knows why. In fact, the question does not arise until the control of the co does not arise until the belly has food in it; and if it arises then it is as full. then it is as futile (common sense tells us) as the asking of another question of another question to which no one in the whole world has the answer: "When the answer is the answer is the answer is the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the whole world has a second to the answer in the whole world has a second to the whole world to the whole world has a second to the whole world to the whole world has a second to the whole world to the answer: "Why is Space—Time—Matter?"

"Find Out," answers Common Sense, "if you want to; ut you won? for but you won't find out by asking the question.

It is at this point that Common Sense (the will to keep live) has all the D." alive) has all the Philosophical Systems beaten. First things first, says Common Sense (the will-to-section). first, says Common Sense, and those first things, so thuman life on this planet is concerned, are the Essentials:

We must have these things first, and enough to give us I plenty of time (Island) all plenty of time (leisure) from work-wage slavery, if there is to be any Culture

So the common sense concern with material things leads o culture, and there is to culture, and there is no other road. The middens of prehistoria middens" of prehistoric man lead to the modern laboratory, and all the results tory, and all the results of intricate intellectual activity in every sphere of art. science every sphere of art, science, and philosophical speculation the Our concern then

Our concern, then, in applying common conomic problem our applying common introduce and Economic problem—our determination to introduce introduce introduce introduce introduce to introduce to introduce the Release of Culture by the Release of the individual for the indivi the Release of Culture, by means of the release of the Money dual from economic engles. dual from economic enslavement to an out-of-date Money System.

We may see at what an early date the words "commense" are embedded in a early date the words how declared the words have the words how declared the words have the words have the words have the words how declared the words have sense " are embedded in the English tongue, and how hinks rooted they are in what we, as a community, feel and they when we read the following the piers plotters." when we read the following lines from Piers Plotument (written between 1360 and

"Then came Common Sense and made clerks and learned men That Common Sense and knighthood

and the king together

might gain a living."

Here we find Common Sense personified, just as personified. "Then came Common Sense personified in the Vices and Virtues as a partie of the Vices and the Vices and the Vices are just as a partie of the Vices and Just as a partie of the Vices and Just as a partie of the Vices and Virtues and Vices fied. "Then came Common Sense"—not just as a lickspit for blockheaded in for blockheaded ignorance-set-in-a-rut that our politicians cold ignorance-set-in-a-rut that our politicians and journalists extol in what they call the

in-the-street," but Common Sense with a clearly defined pur-Pose. "Then came Common Sense" in order to " see that the people might gain a living."

There you have the plain, matter-of-fact meaning that we attach to the words "common sense." It is not common sense that the people should be unable to "gain a living." And yet we have so-called economists to-day who will argue the hindleg off a donkey, with their statistical claptrap and their mean-hearted industry, to prove that there is no real Poverty—and no real Plenty (not even "potential plenty"). Sir Joshia Stamp-on-Plenty is but one of them. But, as regards this vital question, there is more common sense to be found in Rowton House than in the lecture hall at the London School of Economics.

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It is not knowledge that is lacking in the men who set themselves up to explain what is the matter, and how to put it right. Put it right. They are fuddled with Facts and addled with Figures, more especially with percentages that anyone can play due! play ducks-and-drakes with to suit his own line of salestalk. As against all this trash, I have only to look in the gutter to see the to see the old woman selling matches. . . . None of their Facts con-Facts seem to fit that frail, little, old, bent-up figure clad in black. in black rags, for by their everlasting Economic Studies they have " rags, for by their everlasting Economic Studies they have "statisticalised" her right out of existence! And they do that, either by working out a rigmarole about Trade Cycles Cycles, and so forth, or by printing a Table of Commodity prices, and so forth, or by printing a Table of Countries. But, believe me, the old woman is still there—in the gutter, miscally like the printing a tricken. Sutter, but, believe me, the old woman ...
miserable, cold, hungry, poverty-stricken.

Mother wit " is another expression we have. Mother is natural is natural." wit is natural or native wit (wisdom) or intelligence: the same thin. same thing as nous, gumption, savvy, common sense. It sounds a homely, commonplace sort of thing—mother wit and yet it. and yet it is the one thing that has given us all we have. For if "Necessity is the mother of invention," mother wit is the worth. is the Wecessity is the mother of invention," mother machines to-day if primitive man had not had the mother lear the companion of the inventive faculty. There would be no wit, the use of a stick to the common sense, to find out the use of a stick to upon, to strill lean upon, to strike with, to throw as a spear, to bend as a the intricate machine.

intricate machinery of the Power Age. But, unless we, as a community, again use that mother which is nothing more than Common Sense—we shall Stalled by soon as a sense which is nothing more than Common Sense—we shall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stall stalled by soon as a sense we shall stall stalled by soon as a sense we s e driven is nothing more than Common Sense—we shall aughter by economic causes into the shambles of Mass leap of rusting which our form of civilisation will become a age of rusting which our form of civilisation will be come and the chance of establishing and the chance of estab deap of rusting wreckage, and the chance of establishing an gone; plunged into a New Dark Age of confusion, scarcity, Such all years of confusion.

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Of Our Say, without fear of contradiction from the majority ment, fellow-countrymen, that the only "shirted move-that showed Common Sense was, and still is, the Shirts.

The Preacher.

Books to Read.

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Out his native languages.

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Native of Africa, by Karen Blixen, a Swedish aristocrat who how and for in Kenya and who

show to years on a coffee farm in Kenya and who che Hamiltonia.

Hamlet, by Dr. Wulf Sachs. This treats in life and character, Grim enough, but well worth

there is a for you need a change from homo sapiens there is a delignan who wanted to see elephants close and takes a back from Africa to what is now a much more of the amore or less sterescopic view of Farcinazism.

The Fascists, by E. B. Ashton, an American who is satisfied that both the Germans and Italians have the sort of government they have always liked, and more or less always had, and who is quite pessimistic as to the future. The House That Hitler Built, by J. H. Roberts, the very learned Professor of Modern History at Sydney, who seems well acquainted with Germany from within. He notes the in-

acquainted with Germany from within. He notes the increasing difficulty "of whipping up the dying love of sacrifice for the peace time war," but reckons that Germany is getting back rapidly to the old army-junker rule.

Nearer home there is Mr. O'Brien's anthology, Short Stories of 1937, which I had for Christmas time. On the whole fifty-eight that I then read I can only faintly recall two. "The Water of Sturrigorri" and "The Surgeon and the Nun," both American. A pitifully poor miscellaneous collection.

collection.

Going east by way of the Red Sea there are two first-class books of real adventure. So good are they that the fact that this admirable French sailorman was engaged in smuggling evil drugs through our lines in Egypt does not worry you a bit. They are Hashish and Sea Adventure, by de Montfried.

Further east still there are books on China. If you have not read those by Pearl Buck it is time you did. They are

Then there are two very light and entertaining books by Dr. Gervais. A French Surgeon in China and Madam Flowery Sentiment, which should amuse you. In contrast with these last two is a book which merits

much more space than I can give it.

Red Star Over China, an outline history of the Communist movement there—its repeated fight against what seemed overwhelming odds—its final extraordinary exodus into the far wneiming odds—its final extraordinary exodus into the far N.W. corner of China by a wonderful march of six thou-sand terrible miles where it outwitted, outfought, and outsand terrible miles where it outwitted, outfought, and outsuffered its larger and much better equipped enemy. Then there is the kidnapping of Kaishek by the northern army and the combination arranged between all parties against and the combination arranged between all parties against Japan. As Gordon found years ago, the Chinese, if they soldiers as any in the world, but we are left wondering whether the wonderful pluck and public spirit aroused by whether the wonderful pluck and public spirit aroused by the Communist hope could ever be canalised to a lasting the Communistic lines, or whether such an attempt State on Communistic lines, or whether such an attempt would again only end in a Stalin. Edgar Snow is the first would again only end in a Stalin. Edgar Snow is the first outsider to have actually lived with the leaders and men of the Chinese Red Army, and speaks with authority. outsider to have actually lived with with authority.
of the Chinese Red Army, and speaks with authority.

PAKEHA.

Making It Plain.

Scene: A Green Shirt Open Air Meeting.

Heckler.—Can you define Social Credit shortly?

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Anguage, but I'll do my best, I should define Social language, but I'll do my best, I should define Social credit as the monetisation of the real wealth and increment of association for the benefit of the general community. Oredit as the monetisation of the real wealth and increment of association for the benefit of the general community.

Heckler.—You've said a mouthful!—but it doesn't help.

G.S.—Just what I expected. You are not used to those words. Tell me, you look like a War hero, where are your medals?

Meckler.—What the hell has that got to do with you?
Heckler.—What the hell has that got to do with you?
Voice from the crowd.—Get on with it, Joe! Why don't
you tell him your medals are up the spout, same as those
helonging to the rest of us?

you tell him your medals are up the spout, same as those belonging to the rest of us?

G.S.—Exactly what I expected. Now those medals represent real wealth. By taking them to Uncle's you have monetised them. That is, you have got what Uncle thinks monetised them. That is, you have got what Uncle thinks monetised the real wealth of the medals. In exactly the monetised the Bankers are the Uncles of the business same way, the Bankers are the Uncles of the business same way, the Bankers are the Uncles of the community. They lend money on the security of the community, fields, factories, workshops, and plant of the community, fields, factories, the industrialists to pay their way until they are able to market their goods and get their money back are able to market their goods and get their money hack in prices from the general community. Another part of are able to market their goods and get their money back in prices from the general community. Another part of the real wealth of the community upon which they depend, although it is not mentioned in the deeds, is the mental and although ability of the producers to produce without when the state of the producers to produce without when the state of the producers to produce without when the state of the producers to produce without when the state of the producers to produce without when the state of the producers to produce without when the state of the producers to produce without the producers to produce without the state of the producers the producers to produce with the producers to produce without th although it is not mentioned in the deeds, is the mental and physical ability of the producers to produce, without which the very real wealth would be valueless. This ability, like the fields, factories, workshops, and plant, belongs to the fields, factories, workshops, and plant, belongs to the individuals. The Banks merely produce a ticket system, individuals. The Banks merely produce a ticket system, which they call "money," in exchange for which they not work for a legal claim over real wealth, but also insist upon which they can shortey, in exchange for which they not only get a legal claim over real wealth, but also insist upon only get a legal the repayment of any money they create and issue as loans to them out of the prices of the goods produced.

Heckler.-What do you mean by the increment of association?

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G.S.-We mean by the increment of association the obvious fact that ten men working together on a job can produce more than ten men working separately. simple case, we may suppose that one man working alone might produce one unit of goods. Ten men working in co-operation might easily produce as much again, or-say-twenty units of goods. To whom does the twenty units belong? Obviously, in the case under review, each man ought to get two units of goods. But in a complicated system like that of modern industry it is not a question of the simple co-operation of the physical energies of man, but all that we know as civilisations-scientific education and progress, and marvellous machinery, and machinery which produces machinery with less and less need for human labour. This is the productive system which has brought us within sight of the Age of Plenty. To whom, therefore, should the vast increment of association be distributed, after the producers have drawn a reasonable subsistence than to the community in general?

We contend that the goods and services representing this increment of association, i.e., the surplus goods and services produced over and above those which the producers need to consume that they may go on producing, shall be monetised and distributed to the community. To enable this to be done, we contend that it is necessary to set up a National Credit Office, the duty of which will be to measure production against consumption, to monetise the value of production and consumption, and to distribute the surplus equally to every man, woman, and child in the community by means of a National Dividend. Only in this way can the increment of association rightly become the possession of the community. Only in this way can the community enter into its inheritance and the standard of living be so raised as to enable the community to live at the ever-increasing standard of life which they are entitled to do in view of the ever-increasing productivity of the

Voice from the crowd.-When do we get that National

Social Credit in Politics.

EXTRACTS FROM DOUGLAS, 1928-31.

There are two hypotheses as to the method by which changes of so far reaching a character as those we have been discussing might come about, one of which may be described as the evolutionary method, and the second as revolutionary. For my own part I am inclined to believe in the probability of a combination of the two.

know what to do and how to do it, may make the difference between yet one more retreat into the Dark Ages, or the emergence into the full light of day of such splendour as we can at present only envisage dimly."—(New Age, Aug. 8, 1928.)

The state of mind which is the result of an environment cause is itself the greatest barrier to the removal of the morbid stimulus from which it arises. That is why civilisation seems only salvable by shock, or by a Saviour."—(New Age, Oct. 4, 1928.)

"It has to be remembered that antecedent to the actual constructive work on any great project a great deal of hard work, and perhaps the hardest work of all, has to be done. The minds of the public have to be prepared, they have to be educated to see the desirability of the proposed work, plans have to be drawn, and a staff of workmen has to be marshalled in readiness for the concrete effort.

force on which we had to rely was not principally propa-ganda, but rather the awakening of public opinion, once it had been given the lead, to the explanation of the facts of the everyday world I should not be honest if I gave it as my opinion that such a radical reform as we desire is at all . It has always been my personal opinion that the

opinion that such a radical reform as we desire is at all likely to take place so long as the credit and banking system in possession of it.

The formal sunder the control of the individuals who are now the control of the individuals who ar

in possession of it.

The forces of reaction undoubtedly will not retreat and be finally defeated without striking many a shrewd blow.

New Age, March 28, 1929.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PRICE-INCOME SHORTAGE

Sir,—Various criticisms of my demonstration of the price income shortage, when considered in conjunction with letters in your supplement, show possible weak spots in the

I do not want to step forward in my progress towards the logical proof of Major Douglas's "pons asinorum" without establishing each processition to the properties of the processition of establishing each proposition beyond question.

Firstly, I may not have illustrated sufficiently clearly my explanation of the permanent income-shortage of L pounds per week due to the repayment of weekly loan L before the cost of distribution. cost of distributing L as income appears on the price-tickets of goods and services actually

of goods and services actually on the market. I have therefore prepared a tabular statement compa ing week by week for seventeen weeks the minimum solvent costs. loans made costs, loans made, loans repaid, incomes distributed, and weekly deficiency. weekly deficiency. Owing to difficulties in the way of printing such a table here, I must ask your readers who are interested in finding the legical cause and solution by interested in finding the logical cause and solution of "Poverty in the midst of Plenty," to make their own table in the form suggested below. in the form suggested below. I start, as I have done before, from our zero taking off. in the form suggested below. I start, as I have done before, from our zero taking-off ground. (See my first letter, November 4.) I start from a simple self-liquidating system where R equals I, that is, total of retail prices equals total of incomes distributed. I am considering only loans and new money without interest. I postulate loans as repay able in four weeks (token figures), and incomes distributed appear as costs on the market in ten weeks. (Ten weeks is a better illustration than the eight weeks of my letter of is a better illustration than the eight weeks of my letter of November 4.)

It will be observed that for four weeks incomes exceed observed that for four weeks incomes built up, and therefore the contraction of the contrac costs by L, and therefore the excess of 4L is built up, and in four later weeks in a deficiency of 4L and no need in four later weeks. may be reserved to absorb a deficiency of 4L and no more in four later weeks. From week five to week 10, there he he no deficiency, the costs due to weekly payments the balanced by the incomes due to the weekly payments that tenth week the costs will exceed income by L per week this is absorbed by the earlier excess, for four weeks will be the fourteenth week and for ever the added deficiency bearded.

Guide to drawing out the table: Make six volumes headed use: Date; Loans model to the land to the land

A second point I want to clarify: Letters in the me supplement show that everyone does not agree with adults. A second point I want to clarify: Letters in the deep the supplement show that everyone does not agree with indust the amount of loans made to, and expended by day not must normally (assuming solveney) appear some deep the supplemental transfer to the amount of loans made to, and expended by day must normally (assuming solvency), appear some does not destroy my argument, which is, so far not quantitative. Everyone must agree that the solvency must appear in costs at some time. must appear in costs at some time, must represent the inevitable weekly shortages. Some of X is the only point on which we differ. imply that X is the amount spent on progressing consu

goods, the remainder being the amount spent on making capital "goods. In my opinion, there is no distinction of that sort, but a distinction of quite another sort. I would be glad to be cliented to be considered. be glad to be allowed space to prove this in your pages in due course. N. R. TEMPERLEY.

January 12, 1938.

"CANCELLATION" SEQUENCE.

Sir, Your correspondent, "Not Quite Convinced," writing in your issue of the 13th inst., would appear to be concerned about the 13th inst., would appear to be concerned within a Cancellation of credits and the piling up of cash within a Cancellation of credits and the piling up of cash within a Social Credit Economy. One hesitates to use his own expression of the control of the co own expression of "mug" as applied to one whose thinking is confused and illogical.

Presumably he does agree with the Douglas Analysis, that ithin the common than within the community at present there is not and cannot be sufficient be sufficient purchasing power in the form of tokens, currency and hard beginning the condition of tokens, currency and hard beginning to the condition of the rency and bank credit to equate the real wealth available, and, present there is presumably, he understands that at present there is ellation

oncellation and the piling up of credits and of debts.

If that be so, surely there is no difficulty in visualising a state of afficient state of afficients. state of affairs in which there will be available within the community just sufficient purchasing power—in the form of tokens, currence tokens, currency and bank credit—to equate the real wealth, and cancellation and cancellation in the same way as now. There will under such new regime the same way as now. such new regime be also some piling up of credits in the form of saving. form of savings as now, but no piling up of credits in that new purchasiness, seeing up of debts, seeing that new purchasing power will not come into existence as now as a debt to its creators. Under such a state of add to his savings until he realised that there wasn't much purchasing power is cancelled so far as the consumer of th

Purchasing power is cancelled, so far as the consumer changes hands, so far as the consumer pays his wholesaler, as the retailer is concerned when he concerned when he concerned wholesaler is concerned wholesaler is concerned wholesaler is concerned wholesaler. pays his wholesaler is a concerned when is concerned when is concerned when is concerned when is account, so far as the wholesaler is the concerned when it is account, so far as the concerned when it is account, so far as the concerned when it is account, so far as the concerned when it is account, so far as the concerned when it is account, so far as the concerned when it is account, so far as the concerned when it is concer concerned wholesaler's account, so far as the wholesaler is account, so far as the wholesaler adversal when he pays the manufacturer, and so far as adversal wholesaler is account, so far as the wholesaler is account, so far as account is account in the contract of the contract is account. manufacturer is concerned when he repays his credit ance through the concerned when he repays his credit through the concerned when he repays his credit ance through the concerned when he repays his credit and the concerned when he repays his credit and the concerned when he pays the manufacturer, and so that the concerned when he pays the manufacturer, and so that the concerned when he pays the manufacturer, and so that the concerned when he pays the manufacturer, and so that the concerned when he repays his credit and the concerned when he repays have the concerned when he repays have the concerned when he can be concerned when he concerned when he can be concerne National Credit Office, or equivalent. through the bank to the issuing authority, the

burchasing power is simply a series of book entries and sens, currence is simply a series of book entries and detachable looseentries; the tokens, cash, and notes being available ularing again when the circulating and returned again to the issuing authority. sue again when they have performed their functions in ating and rate.

Sir, It will be interesting to see whether Social Credit is point raised by "Not Quite Convinced" in your last S. R

Sir, I hope later to give Mr. Coleman's letter in the hasten section (January 13) the close attention it merits.

One in the section of the confirm his belief that I would not have the misrepresent him. Upon reflection, however, I have the section of the head of the confirm his belief that I would not have the section of the head of the confirm his belief that I would not have the section of the confirm his belief that I would not have the confirm his belief that I would not have the confirmation of t consciously misrepresent him. Upon reflection, however, I stateme will see that I really did not do so. His full saying was there for all to see; I merely quoted that I have then denying and which itself denied what I was the constant of the constant of

case I was presenting was that consumers are all the receiving presenting was that consumers to meet capit receiving payments sufficient in themselves to meet as the denied this. The latter part (starting at "unless")

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Lagree that conthe denier dethis. The latter part (starting at "unless therefore this. The latter part (starting at "unless ration for irrelevant at that stage. I agree that condiquid of it is "vital to a proper understanding of the to see why problem" which Social Credit propounds. see why problem "which Social Credit propount t is easy critics deny that any such problem in reality ling and the vital to obtain a proper understanding easer to skip

add that he himself unintentionally misinterprets d that he himself unintentionally misinterprets that £1 a week collected and hoarded over two not cause a deficiency. I was simply and corpointing out that the money has not disappeared; e tely ilust just not being used. Mr. Coleman's point that spend money (and so to create income) has unbisequences can be freely conceded, but it lends to his obglas deficiency—that money is simply not there at spent, not just being hoarded.

Charges bent, not just being hoarded.

J. A. FRANKLIN.

J er, of capital goods unbalanced by any payments to con-delinless the industrial system is expanding and getting at an ever increasing rate

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Sissue), which is attributed to an American

bankers' magazine of 1924, the following appeared in the Canadian Leader-Post recently:-

"The main trouble about the quotation is that it never appeared in the U.S. Bankers' Magazine at any time or place, and it never appeared in any bankers' magazine that anybody can discover. Exhaustive researches have failed to trace the quotation to its source. The Leader-Post once took a notion to find out where it may have come from and the best it could get was that the quotation had appeared in a radical weekly in Idaho in 1893 or 1894. But when further inquiry was made it was discovered that the paper had not been published for about forty years. The quotation is evidently a fake, but truth has never been able to catch up

PARTY POLITICS.

Sir,—I read in the paper called "Social Credit" (2d.) that:

"Party Politics is not Democracy. It is a mechanism of frustration financed by the Money Power."

As I understand it, Mr. Aberhart formed a political party called "The Social Credit Party of Alberta," put up S.C. candidates in the ordinary way, preached the main plank in the Party platform ("25 dollars a month basic dividend") far and wide, and won the general election of 1935 on orthodox lines, using the existing voting system. Is it orthodox lines, using the existing voting system. Is it being suggested that Mr. Aberhart's party was "a mechanism of frustration financed by the Money Power"? ism of frustration financed by the Money Power"?

Aberhart party as a "mechanism of frustration," is it not Aberhart party as a "mechanism of frustration," is it not a fact that, between them, Douglas and Hargrave succeeded in manipulating the Alberta situation in such a way as to

a fact that, between them, Douglas and Hargrave succeeded in manipulating the Alberta situation in such a way as to turn the "mechanism of frustration" into a weapon for the release of real democratic action against the Money Power itself? It does look as though the only place in the world in which Social Credit has a chance to get to grips with the enemy is in the Province of Alberta, and that this with the enemy is in the Province of Alberta, and that this opportunity was brought about, in the first place, by means of "Party Politics," in spite of the fact that P.P. is "not Democracy." I think this fact should make us reconsider the whole question of the use that might be made of "the mechanism of frustration." If Aberhart can use it to get mechanism of frustration. If Aberhart can use it to get mechanism of power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can governmental power in that governmental power into a political spear-then turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can turn that governmental power into a political spear-then turn that governmental power into a political spear-then turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can then turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can turn that governmental power in Alberta, and if Social Credit men can the social Credit men can turn that governmental power into a political spear-then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear the power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a political spear then turn that governmental power into a poli some more Aberharts.

Sir,—The following facts may be of use to your correspondent, G. S. Wood, in formulating the main point in the abdication problem raised in his letter of January 13:—abdication problem raised in January 13:—abdication problem raised in January 14:—abdication problem raised in his letter of January 14:—abdication problem raised in his letter of January 13:—abdication problem raised in his letter of January 13

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heirs of her body, being Protestants." It is established that heirs of her body, being Protestants." I severeign cannot do.

"the Sovereign cannot be, or marry, a Roman Catholic." There are several other things that a Sovereign cannot do.

"the Sovereign cannot "make, unmake, or suspend Acts There are several other things that a suspend the can do no wrong, of Parliament; levy or suspend taxation; prevent impeached the must not be praised the can do neither right nor wrong.

It should be noted that: "Since the King can do no wrong, into political controversy." (Lowell.) This means that "if or blamed, nor must his name, or personal wishes be brought he can do neither right nor wrong. (Carke.) (Clarke.) the King has done a wrong act he can neither legally nor into political controversy." (Lowell.) This means that "if constitutionally be held responsible for it." (Clarke.) the King has done a wrong act he can neither legally nor into political controversy." (Lowell.) The power and jurisdiction of constitutionally be held responsible for it." (Clarke.)

Moreover, we find that: "The power and jurisdiction of constitutionally be held responsible for it." (The King confined, either for causes or persons, within any bounds." Parliament is so transcendent and absolute that it cannot be well as the does not govern."

reigns but does not govern.

We may recall the words of Bracton, the foremost jurist of his time, in commenting on the dangerous state of affairs we may recall the words of Bracton, the foremost juri

Sir,—It seems perfectly clear that if Edward VIII. had replied to the "ultimatum," as formulated by Mr. G. S. Wood, by saying: "I will not give up this woman, nor will

I abdicate: I am determined to reign as King, and marry this woman, and she shall be Queen," he would have split the country into two warring factions: the Kings' Party and the Constitutional Party. For a day or two we were very near that in December, 1936. Without a Press and deprived of the use of the radio, it is doubtful whether the King and the King's Party could have dead courthing worth doing the King's Party could have done anything worth doing. The Bankers' "Constitutional" Party would have dominated—as, indeed, they did. Had Edward said "No" to the "ultimatum," there was nothing for it but a coup d'etat carried out immediately by the King's Party. If successful, it would have meant a semi-Fascist regime with the King at the head of it. It is doubtful, from a Social Credit point of view, whether that would have done any good. From any point of view Edward was probably right in declining

Sir,—I am very glad G. S. Wood has raised this question of the Abdication. I do not believe Parliament, Prime Minister, Cabinet, or anyone else, has the constitutional or legal power to bring the kind of pressure that was brought to bear upon Edward VIII. because he wished to marry a woman who had divorced her first husband, and was about to divorce her second. By all means, let us hear what those versed in constitutional law have to say.

L. G. ACKLAND-DOYLE.

Sir,—With K.M.J. I also deplore the infantilisms that have reduced the morale of the S.C. movement and brought it into disrepute amongst thinking people. It seems incagod many others one could name—all "Old Guard" turned into "opposition." But I also deplore K.M.J.'s attitude until these childishnesses have been outgrown or pushed out forrader by going "dormouse." What is needed is informalished, I cannot for the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the property of the pounds of the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the property of the property of the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the property of the property of the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the property of the property of the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, who all years wall to the life of me make out, even now, why all years wall to the life of me make out. Douglas fell out with Brenton and The New Age. It is all very well to say, "the whole thing is fatuous enough without explanations," but that is not likely to get us very far. I, for one, would welcome an authoritative "explanation" of the above-mentioned crosspatch-puzzle. I am not signing this letter for reasons that will be obvious to you,
Sir, but I enclose my card.

Sir,—K.M.J. makes a great mistake in writing as he does about the differences of Social Credit actionists. Turning as well say that the differences that have arisen between people who said the same sort of thing about the dialectical tions that took place between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks; they thought it was just squabbling. Superficial tions that took place between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks; they thought it was just squabbling. Superficial matters, that actionist policy is right that works, and these you leave the theoretical sphere and attempt to put ideas into action. The only way of escaping them is to "follow conflicts are inevitable and become more intense the moment into action. The only way of escaping them is to "follow what K.M.J. contemplates. But those men who have the keep their minds wide awake in order to understand the manipulate them. They are practical psychologists. Days to be the mind, how-into action the manipulate them. They are practical psychologists. Physics. Every thought which flits through the mind, how-into action in the conflicts of children squabling in "tin-pan the social-economic life of the community. If we intend to intellectual sluggards. We must come to understand the manipulate them. They are practical psychologists. Physics. Every thought which flits through the mind, how-thought which can possibly result from the various mental Psychology of Insanity, page 60.)

alley "do not arise by chance, and are deeply significant in the social-economic life of the community. If we intend to intellectual sluggards. We must come to understand how effect they are having at each given moment.

MAN'S BODY XX. See The Markey of the same and a strength of the community. If the movement, and what

J. S. HELMONT.

MAN'S BODY IN CESSPOOL.

Sir, The following letter appeared in The Times for

January 13.

Sir,—More than a month ago a young farm labourer and two children good-bye and left home to go to his

work. He lived in a block of cottages known as Chanty Cottages, and when a few steps from his threshold he disappeared into a well. Apparently, caused by heavy only a thin cruet of a subsidence in this well, leaving only a thin cruet of a subsidence in this well, leaving only a thin cruet of a subsidence in the subsi only a thin crust of earth on the surface. Burgess stepped on this, the crust gave way beneath his weight, and he fell into a 200 ft. well that used to serve a monastic college here.

From that day to the present time the body of the poor fellow is still at the bottom of this disused well, which for some years now has been utilised as a cesspool, sultations and correspond to the poor sultations and correspond to the poor going on sultations and correspond to the present time the body of the poor fellow is still at the bottom of this disused well, which the poor going of sultations and correspondence have since been going on between the coroner, the police authorities, the Council, the Home Office, and the Ministry of Health to one will authorise the sanction of the expenditure but no one will authorise the sanction of the expenditure that will be entailed by the setting up of machinery to raise the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give it at the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give it at the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give it at the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give it at the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give it at the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give it at the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and give its the dead man's body from its loathsome tomb and gi

Christian burial.

The young widow is still suffering from the sheedgar her husband's tragic death, and everybody in amounts is indignant at the unaccountable delay, which amounts to a scandal, in finding some way out of the difficulty of the no authority, Government or county, put an end to this dreadful state of affairs.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, Robert J. G. Bennett. Robert J. G. sanction of ust imagine it!—"no one will authorise the sanction of the s

Just imagine it!—" no one will authorise the sanction the expenditure." Truth at the bottom of a well.

H. SAUNDERS.

ACTION IN ALBERTA.

Sir,—The American magazine, Dynamic Munson of Meltattersley's booklet, Aberhart and Alberta: The First place in which the following passage occurs:

"Aberhart would not take advice until he and blunders he made during the first phase, are ligivable. Both Major Douglas and John Hargrave, but of occupying form shrewd appraisals of Aberhart. List splane form shrewd appraisals of Aberhart. In middle ground between Douglas, with his, are more divided with writers like Mr. Hattersley, who exhibit the first polatics. In an not concerned with this opinion about Mr. Songood will, bourgeois vision, and wishful politics. If am not concerned with this opinion about Mr. Songood will, bourgeois vision, and wishful politics." If Hargrave advocates a "sanctions-plan, "but there seems to I grave advocates a "sanctions-plan," but the two plans. That is most the same thing as that stated by Mr. Munarts Douglas advocates a "sanctions-plan," but the same thing as that stated by Mr. Munarts Department of the same thing as that stated by Mr. Munarts Department of the same thing as that stated by Mr. Munarts Department of the same thing as that stated by Mr. Munarts Department of the cocasion of its first meeting committee on the occasion of its first meeting committee on the occasion of its first meeting committee on the occasion of its first meeting to the penalties upon any banking institution that operate with the Government, and still heavier operate with the Government, and still heavier of situation any threat of such pressure brought to bear by the Alberta poperate with the grave resociation of citizens in the Report, page 10.) It is clear from many other situation any threat of such pressure, as in this case.

I am not attempting to argue whether states is a sanction of the application of "sanctions," dividend or for sanctions, dividend or for san

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