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Diverted Social Credit

If Mr. Walter Elliot thinks that the piecemeal implementation of Major Douglas's ideas is an effective or a sufficient response to the contribution he made towards the solution of problems created by politicians he is mistaken. Probably the ex-Minister doesn't think so. The test of the sufficiency of any mechanism is not the bits which go to its manufacture, the bolts and screws and here and there a gadget, but the policy which animates it. In reintroducing the pundits collected by the B.B.C. to the (Douglas) idea of differential taxation as a political device, Mr. Elliot may have done a slight service. But the Social Credit idea was to use that device to induce responsible voting. Mr. Elliot's is to use it to correct the results of irresponsible voting apparent in the threat which the atom bomb constitutes to the life of overgrown cities, and thus to the communities which they dominate. A 'civilisation' (*i.e.*, the political expression of a culture) such as was once ours need never have got into its present desperate situation if the substitution of personal expediency for public policy as a *technique* had not been effected. Among the many epithets bestowed upon great cities when the intelligentsia foregathered in the Home Programme studio (which they mistook for the much maligned Third) the other night 'corral' was absent. That is what London, Paris, New York and many another great city of a fifth the size, but, even so, vastly bloated and distended, are, in fact and possibly in intention: they are corrals into which the human cattle (*goyim*) are driven for branding or for slaughter, physical and mental, by Promethean (Luciferian) Science and Industry. Differential taxation as an inducement to the cattle to redistribute themselves is merely the suggestion of bankrupt statesmanship. ("And where's the money to come from?")

Mr. Elliot will doubtless object that differential taxation is, in fact, a very old device. Yes, an old enough *device*; but not old in a just connection, and new in a modern political connection. Why not resurrect it in an effective modern political connection?

To New Readers

New readers of this journal may, upon application enclosing 1½d. stamp, receive copies to the extent of the limited number available of *The Social Crediter* for September 5 containing an Announcement of our plans for the future and, incidentally, an explanation of the present size of the journal, which was formerly of eight pages.

To both new and established readers we may say that *The Fig Tree* (quarterly) will resume publication early in the New Year (further announcement later).

THE SOCIAL CREDIT SECRETARIAT*(Continued.)*

The STATEMENT of July 2, 1949, concerning the Social Credit Secretariat, which, introduced by a short prefatory note, appeared in part in last week's Social Crediter, concluded as follows:—

The organisation may be correctly envisaged if the movement in alliance with Major Douglas is considered as consisting, on the one hand, of a number of people convinced of the accuracy and importance of his ideas, who desire the implementation of these ideas, and who are thus able and willing themselves to contribute to the attainment of this end, and, on the other hand, the service of this body by appropriate means. The association is voluntary (*i.e.*, arising from the will) on all sides. At any moment, subject to certain simple conditions of elementary justice, the association, in so far as the individual is concerned, can be broken down by the simple expedient of contracting out. This brief statement is clearly abstract in its nature, and many practical details are by no means defined in its terms, although, if the organisation truly reflects the intention which underlies it, the application cannot in any respect contradict that intention.

Social organisation as we know it in its more ordinary manifestations is a web of contradictions and absurdities, the very familiarity of which makes it less easy than it might be for the individual to understand any structure which is, in its essentials, sound. From its origination, the Social Credit Secretariat has been continuously the object of attack by interests which are identifiable precisely with those most clearly instrumental in the war upon human society which has been waged with increasing power and determination for centuries. In endeavouring to withstand this attack, it must pay heed equally to the special dangers to which it is exposed and to the fact of experience that the universe is governed by Laws, "which cannot, in the ordinary sense of the words, be altered, and therefore must be ascertained." These Laws, in our understanding, which must be ascertained but which cannot be altered, comprise association for a common objective as much as anything else, and there is already a considerable literature of Social Credit origin or inspiration to suggest what they are. The present summary is hardly the place in which to review them. They are already woven into the fabric of our organisation; although, doubtless, their permanency even there will be proportionate to the vigilance which accompanies their recognition.

No one who has read even half a dozen consecutive issues of *The Social Crediter* can be in great doubt whether or not it represents a body of thought and opinion, or counsels a course of action, with which he is in agreement. This statement starts from the assumption that he does agree, and that he desires to effect some closer relationship between himself and those who are addressing him. In the ordinarily accepted meaning of the term, we do not *appeal* for support. We recognise that support or otherwise for any policy of importance is a matter for individual decision, and of individual decision to which there should be attached, and to which there is attached so far as we are concerned, a very high degree of responsibility. For that reason, and the more so rather than less, it is desirable to state what, in our opinion, is the nature of the responsibility: assuming that the reader has decided that he should support

the Social Credit Secretariat, what does this entail, how can his intention be implemented?

In choosing to support the Social Credit Secretariat, each individual supporter is electing to follow the advice of the Advisory Chairman, Major Douglas, and to apply it, for the realisation of Social Credit. The channel for the communication of the advice is the Secretariat, the official organ of which, *The Social Crediter*, is a weekly guide to strategy, as well as itself exerting pressure upon the opposition to Social Credit in a variety of ways. Hence its insistence upon its character as "a journal of policy, not of opinion." *The Social Crediter* is not the sole means of communication with the Secretariat's supporters. Special bulletins are, from time to time, circulated among selected groups of supporters, and direct communication with individuals is, of course, maintained.

It follows that, in our opinion, every supporter should be a regular and closely attentive reader of *The Social Crediter*, since it is there that he will find indications of the strategy which he, with others, as a self-elected supporter both desires and is desired to advance. There is further constant exhibition of the reasons determining the choice of one line rather than another, and material designed to enable the reader more thoroughly to master the realities of the situation in politics and affairs. The ideal Social Crediter would be one who had become independent of such aids: armed with an understanding of the situation in which he is acting and of the means available to him to meet it, he would work harmoniously, convergently with others, to gain the ground he desires. But this is a real world, and however well-prepared, the individual gains effectiveness through the increment of association with others.

At the present time, when the vast forces which have been generated during recent centuries seem to be moving rapidly towards a decision, the most potent force which it is within the power of a minority group to exert is the power of inherent QUALITY. No confession is easier to elicit from most observers of good intelligence and undoubtedly deeply interested as well as involved in the political drama set before us than the confession of *confusion* of mind which paralyses action or precipitates it uselessly in a direction which serves any interest but the one the individual most truly desires to serve. The average mind seems to be in the grip of opinions which are *not clear cut*: they lack definiteness and therefore consistency and therefore truth and effectiveness.

Now, such is the spread of technical information nowadays (perhaps to an altogether undesirable extent, leading to much minding of anybody's business but the individual's own business) that most people know what chemists mean by a catalyst, *i.e.*, some substance present among reacting elements or compounds, which itself may be present in exceedingly small amount, but which, in some way, by its very presence, determines action and reaction which otherwise would not occur. The nature of the more abundant reacting substances does not seem to be affected in the slightest degree; but by this catalytic link, which itself remains unchanged, these are brought to behave in a way in which they would not otherwise behave. So THIS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED NON-CLEAR-CUT OPINION which displays itself in tragic *ineffectiveness* at the present time can be made *effective* by the presence everywhere of a sufficiency of CLEAR-CUT OPINION. The establishment of such a condition is particularly the objective set before the supporters of the

Social Credit Secretariat. All the efforts of the Secretariat are turned for the moment upon developing QUALITY OF ACTION of this kind at its highest possible intensity. If he is truly in affiliation with us, each supporter will participate in this development as fully as he can.

Lastly, a sufficiency of income is necessary to carry on the work of the Secretariat. The total sum required annually is not a large sum, and it is well within the ability of supporters to provide. Few appeals have been made since the beginning of the recent war, and it is a matter for satisfaction that a sufficiency of income has been forthcoming, almost entirely in contributions individually small, without such appeals. But this has thrown a heavy burden upon those most active in the Secretariat through diverting to routine activities time which should have been available for more important matters. It has therefore been suggested that a flat-rate subscription of £3 3s.* per annum should be asked from each subscriber. While it is hoped that existing supporters, as well as new subscribers, will find this convenient, it must be emphasised that affiliation is by no means conditional upon such payments.

The accounts of the Secretariat are audited annually, and the auditors' certificate to the effect that the expenditure of the Secretariat's income is in accordance with the relevant parts of this statement is available to inspection by arrangement.

Arrangements concerning the formation of groups, as well as detailed information to meet special cases may be had on application to the Director of Organisation. Nevertheless, it seems not inappropriate to state here the attitude of the Secretariat to activities organised on a group or regional basis in affiliation with itself. Firstly, the Secretariat does *not* encourage mere organisation as an objective in itself. The time, money and effort devoted to organisation *per se* should, in all cases, be minimal. Mere arrangements to facilitate the meeting of Social Crediters with one another without there being, as the primary objective, the attainment of some significant and clearly envisaged concrete end in view lead nowhere. It is required, before encouragement is given to supporters to form groups, that evidence be forthcoming that effectiveness in action of the individuals likely to be interested is the motive which brings them together. Assuming, then, a group of Social Crediters who are *active* for the advancement of Social Credit, its function is spiritual rather than organisational in any sense. It is easy to slip from a real increment of association of the kind envisaged in the subtle verses of the New Testament (Matt. XVIII. 18, 19, 20)—the unreal cannot be bound, on earth or in heaven—into a spurious relationship which makes all who participate "all one with the heathen and the publican." The increment of association is not something added to give it a flavour, but is a necessary concomitant, positive or negative in sign, of every association. The Secretariat desires the development of group activities on right lines, and will co-operate with those who will undertake action which is accordant. To test the continuing usefulness of groups, a report will in future be expected by the Director of Organisation from each affiliated group at least annually.

*It does not seem to be so clear as we should have thought that this document has nothing to do, except incidentally, with the rate of subscription to *The Social Crediter*, which remains as it has been since the early days of the late war. Details appear in the title heading overleaf.