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THE KING: THE TRUTH

He Must Refuse To Be Bullied

THE REAL ISSUES

THIS is written before the King or the Government have made any official statement on "The difficulties that have arisen through the King's desire to marry Mrs. Simpson."

This is the truth about the situation. These are the real issues.

The issue, whatever the newspapers may be saying, is NOT whether the King should marry Mrs. Simpson or not.

What is being demanded by a curiously unanimous body of newspapers, all of which have financial connections, is, first of all, and as usual, that the interests of the individual must be subordinated to an abstraction, an institution.

Much play has been made of the fact that Mrs. Simpson has two husbands still living from whom she has obtained divorce.

It appears from all the evidence with which we are acquainted that, in this connection, she is singularly free from the unpleasant notoriety which is apt to accompany questions of this kind.

But apart from that it is beyond all discussion that divorce is the law of the land, and to raise such a question is to state in effect that the law of the land is an improper law. This is an aspect of the matter which comes with singularly bad grace from those who are responsible for those laws.

Secondly, the storm has burst immediately on top of the King's obvious intention to obtain action to relieve the suffering of the distressed areas.

This is an attack on realism. The row is being made, on formal grounds, by the very people who have been completely unmoved by the continuous suffering of millions of their fellow men.

The King has been moved to indignation by those sufferings, and has been pressing his Ministers.

The answer from those who control money is the same answer as that given to the Labour Government in 1931.

It has been accompanied by all the well-known phenomena of financial intrigues, such as the alleged Stock Exchange depression.

They are trying to suppress reality

(unnecessary human suffering) and en-throne abstractions (money).

The Future

The King, with the support of his people, will, we hope and expect, refuse to be bullied. If he will hold to his line, which is the human, individual line (His Majesty's dislike of the formal and ceremonial is world-famous and beloved) we predict:

It will break the Government. It will be the first step, and a tremendous step, towards the smashing of the inhuman money power which has been busy consolidating its power for hundreds of years.

The Bishop of Bradford

Sympathy is due to Dr. Blunt, whose remarks were obviously confined to questions of religious observance.

But as is the astute practice in high financial politics the occasion has been taken to "kill two birds with one stone."

The Bishop of Bradford has been uncomfortably outspoken at times about the suffering in the distressed areas. The same ingenious sort of trick has been played in diverting the attention of the public away from the distressed areas, to the so-called constitutional crisis.

The attack was launched by the *Yorkshire Post*, whose Chairman is also Chairman of the Westminster Bank.

OUR TELEGRAM TO THE KING

THE SOCIAL CREDIT SECRETARIAT LIMITED ON THURSDAY SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AT FORT BELVEDERE:

"ISSUE RECOGNISED AS THE KING VERSUS OLIGARCHY. WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT ASSURED HIS MAJESTY.

—Chairman, Social Credit Secretariat Limited, 163A Strand, W.C.2."

Many letters and telegrams supporting our wire have been received by SOCIAL CREDIT.

THE PRESS LEASHED AND UNLEASHED.

The King's wish to marry Mrs. Simpson has been common knowledge outside this country for months.

All the newspapers have maintained a uniform silence, so long as it suited those who control them.

(The control of finance and control of the Press (with few exceptions) is concentric.)

At a given moment an innocent remark by Dr. Blunt was used to unleash on the public, hitherto systematically fooled, news that has been fully supplied to the public of America.

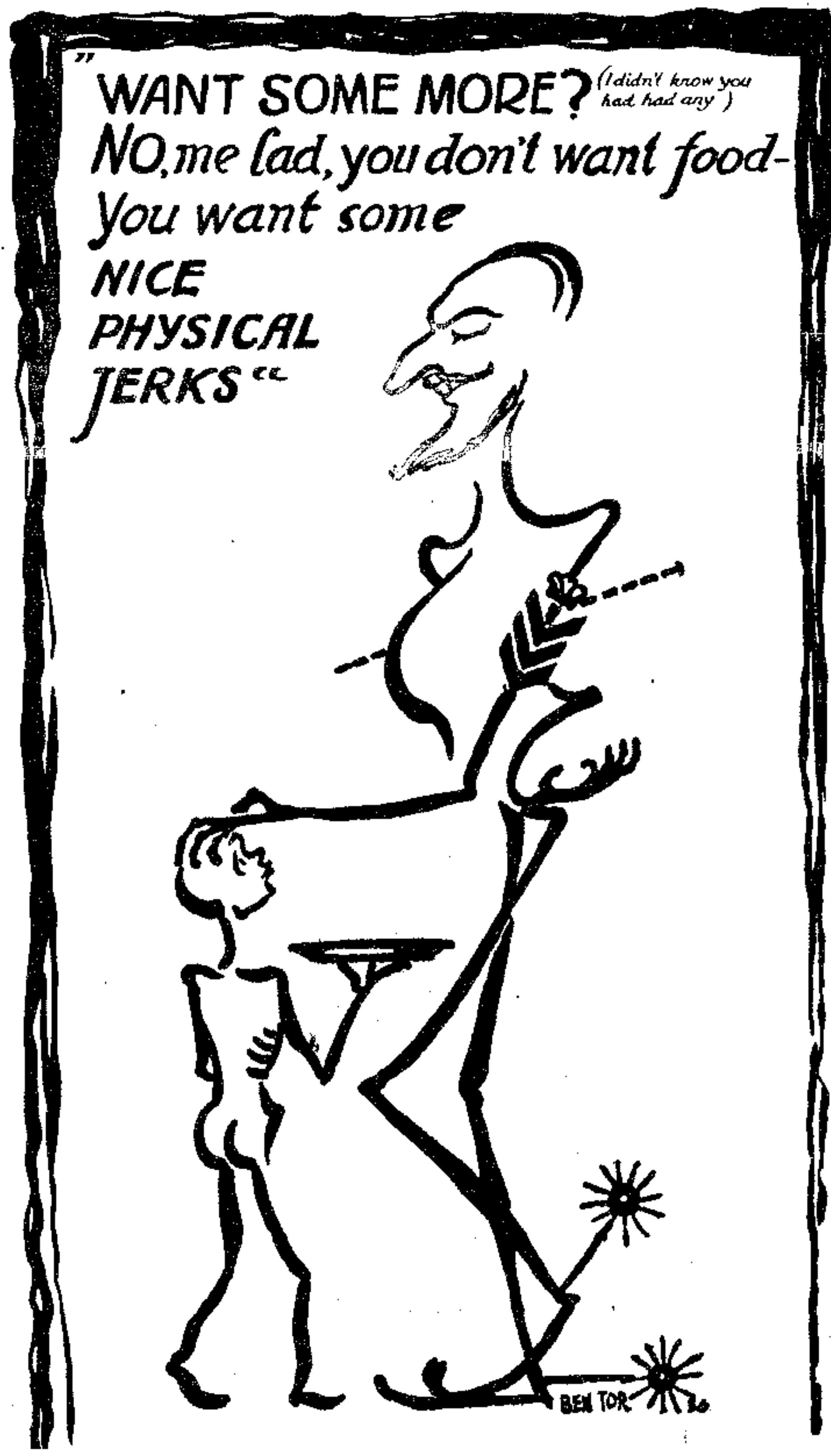
(Schenectady Radio broadcast the news of Mrs. Simpson's Decree 11 minutes after it was pronounced. That needed the fullest facilities. Who gave them? *Time*, the American news magazine, has been carrying Mrs. Simpson's story for months.)

"Usually such matters are played down, or generally suppressed by a sort of international gentleman's agreement. Obviously, however, the lid has been lifted, and the word has been passed down the line that the sky's the limit so far as concerns exposing Carol's private life. There can be only one answer to this. Politics, and politics of the biggest sort . . ."

[Extract from "Our Lords and Masters" by the Unofficial Observer, Robert Hale, 15s. Commenting on the attack on King Carol of Rumania, which has developed since he rid Rumania of its financial dictators. (See *The Times*, page 15, December 3rd.)]

Nothing has been or can be produced against King Edward. But this attack on him is just such a political manoeuvre engineered by financial interests.

FOOD FIRST, JERKS AFTER



Prof. Julian Huxley writes:

"Physical training is eminently desirable, but in the opinion of most physiologists is secondary to diet. To press forward large-scale schemes of physical training while leaving the nutrition level far below the optimum is to put the cart before the horse. . . ."

"But the standards made available by the recent scientific advance permit us to say quite definitely that a large percentage of the population is living on a diet below the optimum."

The leading article in *Nature* for November 21 on Physique, Nutrition and National Health, remarks that when the proposal to institute physical exercises was introduced "no reference was made to the subject of nutrition, and as no responsible minister can be unaware of the relation between national nutrition and national health, one can only assume that the Government does not propose to attack the major issue, with all its far-reaching implications. . . ."

"Increased physical exercise must entail an increased consumption of energy-producing foods; the human engine must have more fuel if it takes in more oxygen; and the extra supply of food must be accessible. . . ."

To the People of England:
DEMAND THAT YOUR KING BE FREE

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His Majesty The King

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY V. THE COMMITTEE MIND

Major Douglas States The Issue



MAJOR C. H. DOUGLAS

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

July 9. Mrs. Simpson appears in Court Circular as the King's guest at a dinner party. American papers full of "stories."

Oct. 27. Mrs. Simpson secures decree in undefended petition.

Oct. 28. Cabinet meeting alleged to concern the King's wish to marry Mrs. Simpson.

Nov. 24. *The Times* leading article criticises the King for his insistence that "Something must be done" for the Distressed Areas.

Nov. 25. Further criticism of the King in leading article on General Smuts.

Nov. 27. Cabinet meeting to discuss the King's project of marriage. *The Times* suggests on December 4 that the King had "expressed his desire to contract such a marriage as would require a special Act of Parliament," and that the Cabinet immediately communicated with Dominions.

Dec. 1. *Yorkshire Post* circulates strong leader criticising the King. *News Chronicle* has extract from provincial dailies on the same day.

Dec. 2. General public hears of Mrs. Simpson for the first time. Great play made on the divorce question. "Crisis."

Dec. 3. "No constitutional difficulty yet."—Baldwin.

Dec. 4. Baldwin's statement implies that the King contemplates morganatic marriage. Strong support for the King evident everywhere. Col. Wedgwood proposes motion of unqualified loyalty to the King. Mrs. Simpson leaves for Cannes.

Dec. 7. Baldwin states question of morganatic marriage raised by the King.

Dec. 8. *The Times* publishes astonishing leading article (see p. 4). Mrs. Simpson expresses willingness to withdraw, subject to the King's judgment. "The Crisis is Over!"

I NEED not stress the dramatic importance of the issue which has been raised by the notification by His Majesty the King of his intention to marry Mrs. Simpson, on the one hand, and, upon the other, the reply of the British Cabinet that they would do nothing to facilitate the accomplishment of this wish.

The matter is one upon which sufficient emphasis has been placed by the press of the world to obviate any possibility that its importance should be missed, and the reaction of the British public to the situation with which it has been confronted under such unparalleled circumstances is, like most instinctive as apart from argued reactions of the British public, sound.

It is for the King.

But it is in the nature of things that the extent and amount of the issues which are involved in this crisis cannot be familiar to the general public. They are difficult to put simply and I am conscious of my temerity in attempting the task.

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The more obvious issues are exhibitions of human frailty. The furious indignation of numbers of individuals in Court and other circles who feel that they have a better prescriptive right to the supposed advantages of the position from which an American lady will bar them, is one of the less vicious of these.

Although the press agents of the Cabinet, sensible that they must be "Democratic" at all costs, are careful to disclaim any question of rank or nationality as a basis for their objection, both of these as unexpressed causes of objection are equally present.

Circumstances, however, make it possible to raise a more subtle objection in the fact that His Majesty the King's choice has fallen upon a lady who, by the proper processes of law and without any suggestion of moral misconduct upon her part, has obtained two divorces.

That is to say, the claim is made that while divorce is legal, it is disreputable, and this disreputability is something which attaches to the institution and not to the circumstances that surround a particular case.

Now, to deal with this specific matter first before proceeding to much deeper issues which are involved it should be pointed out that it has hardly been suggested that the individual relationships of the King should be judged by a higher moral standard than those of the ordinary individual.

It is, perhaps, not too much to say that it is broadly hinted that no possible exception could be taken to the illicit relationship of the King with any individual so long as it was not recognised.

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The crisis, therefore, upon its superficial grounds can be reduced to a contest between honesty and decency on the part of the King, and hypocrisy on the part of the Cabinet. It is frankness against Whiggism, Christianity against Pharisaism.

It would be absurd to suppose that a contest between the powers, which are undoubted, of the Throne, and the powers, which are immense, of the Cabinet and the financiers who control it, would have been provoked upon an issue of this character, fundamental as undoubtedly it is.

It must leap to the eye that this

particular battleground has been chosen by an insolent and corrupt oligarchy which does not desire His Majesty King Edward VIII. to occupy the Throne of Great Britain, and that the real issues are much greater still. They are.

Perhaps the outstanding characteristics which impress one in regard to the individual whose succession to the Throne is a cause of such misgiving to the Cabinet are (1) his dislike of institutions, i.e., conventions, unless those have a realistic value, (2) his hardly concealed dissatisfaction with the management of the affairs of this country for the past twenty years, (3) the strong vein of combined humanity and mysticism evidenced in his public utterances.

The American press has been quick to recognise, though, perhaps, not in so many words, that a Consort free from the shackles of tradition would strengthen all of these attributes, and would tend to create in the office of the Sovereign a real, as apart from a merely conventional, Power, and it is openly stating that the Cabinet has decided at all costs to assert itself as the supreme power, brooking no contradiction and subject to no effective control in the British Empire.

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It will not, of course, have escaped attention that the pronouncements of Mr. Baldwin and his co-conspirators were not made after reference to the House of Commons. The alleged representatives of the citizens of Great Britain have been presented with a *fait accompli*, which they may discuss but cannot alter.

The position, therefore, is that the attitude taken up by the Cabinet is an unashamed claim that all major policy of this country—and if a question involving the possible abdication of a popular Sovereign is not a question of major policy I do not know what is—shall be decided by the Cabinet, because there is a very real sense in which the mere publication of a divergence between His Majesty and the Cabinet is itself a major decision of policy.

As I see it, therefore, the issues involved in this question are, firstly, the lead by His Majesty the King in favour of personal responsibility and against the committee mind, and, secondly, the legality of Cabinet rule.

It is a trial of strength in which the individual, in the person of the King, is ranged against the anonymous forces of the Group in its most dangerous exponents.

Mr. Baldwin's attitude is that he is not acting as Mr. Baldwin; he is acting for some abstraction called the Government of the Dominions and of Great Britain. He is doing no such thing.

The Governments of Great Britain and the Dominions are functions of the peoples with whom they are concerned, and in matters of this kind Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. Savage, Mr. Lyons, and the other officials of Dominion Governments, have no mandate whatever to deal with the question.

Their defeat upon it will be a tremendous and epoch-making victory for the individual and a crushing defeat for oppressive institutions.

It is a matter which goes to the fundamentals of the wider conception of Social Credit, and any influence that I may possess will be exerted to see that the issues are understood and that His Majesty the King is supported in a fight which concerns all of us.

C. H. Douglas

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The Victory of His Majesty King Edward VIII

THE soothsayers were right: in the days of King David shall these things be.

Before many years have passed it will be recognised that the Gentleman who still lives in our thoughts as His Majesty King Edward has struck a greater blow for freedom than any recorded in the history of these islands.

For the moment, as presented by the Press and other agencies of publicity in the country, it may seem that he, and we with him, have sustained a defeat, as it is unquestionable that we have been spectators and even partakers in a drama with many of the characteristics of a tragedy.

It could have been a tragedy. It would have been a tragedy had His Majesty remained on the Throne and renounced Mrs. Simpson, "the woman I love," who must, to appreciate this situation justly, be regarded as a symbolic figure, as well as an individual.

It would have been a crushing victory for institutions and a defeat of every human value by an inhuman social, political and economic system.

As it is, it is for us a tactical reverse, containing the germ of final victory; for the Cabinet a defeat in its major objective; while Edward VIII has saved his soul alive.



Perhaps there was only one living individual who could have presented this issue in so dramatic a form, and who shall say that there was any other living individual who would have pursued the matter to its fitting conclusion?

The renunciation of the unreal for the real, even if the symbol obscures the real, has many times been made by thousands of nameless individuals, but the victory, while a personal one, has been lacking in the tremendous object lessons provided on this occasion by what is traditionally the highest office to which any individual can be called.

Let us make no mistake in this matter. The Institution of Monarchy, in the form in which we know it, has been blown to atoms, not by King Edward, but by those who wished to use the shell of an authority, which has obviously passed from it, as a screen behind which they could govern for their own ends, without scruple and without responsibility.

This required a Puppet King and instead they found a Man. For this purpose it was essential that the Throne should be an embodiment of bloodless conventions to which no one conformed, as of Powers which it could not exercise, so that appeal might be made to those conventions to penalise, or, as in this case, to remove, any hindrance to universal tyranny.

There is going to be no King's Party in this country, because there is going to be no Party of any kind within a few years' time.

The sympathy of every decent-minded person must be extended to the new Titular Occupant of the Office whose terms of tenure have been so dramatically demonstrated.



In recording the break-up of the Institution of Monarchy in combination with the fact that no one but a monarch, and possibly no one except this Monarch could have demonstrated it as an anachronism in its present form, certain criticisms raised in the House of Commons to the effect that the hereditary principle has thereby been rendered obsolete are, perhaps, as ludicrously wide of the mark as any observations on the subject could be.

As the outcome of a special and hereditary environment King Edward has demonstrated the possession of virtues and an appreciation of values in a fashion which is unique.

So far from the hereditary principle being discredited it has been shown to be an indispensable feature which requires extension to all of us so that we may in time acquire those virtues and that estimate of values of which we have had so kingly an exhibition.

I have never yet known a "self-made" man who would willingly abandon a position of empty consequence, but a King can do it.

That organ of the huckster-mind, *The Times*, a twopenny newsheet printed in London, has not failed to round off its performance upon this matter by remarking in its leader of December 11 that "All men would have judged him worthy of the Throne if he had never ascended it," while failing to perceive that such a judgment falls with complete finality not upon the individual to whom it refers but upon the Institution as he finds it.

This is an instance of the principle of Freedom of Association, and it will be the Institution which will be reformed, not the Man.



What further part in the history of these momentous times remains to be played by His Majesty King Edward VIII only time can show. Beyond doubt it will not be that of a Party leader, and he would obviously be the last to desire it.

I find it difficult to believe, however, that his story is yet more than begun.

C. H. Douglas

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THE GREAT ABERHART MYSTERY

MR. ABERHART'S Alberta Government, having been elected to give people National Dividends, appears to be falling down on the job.

First it was suggested, by Government spokesmen, that payment might begin in October, then in November, then in December, and now the most recent reports suggest that they will not begin until 1937—if then.

Mr. Aberhart having originally stated that it would take 18 months, still has until March to carry out his pledge, but recent failures do not inspire confidence.

The question arises, even if Dividends of some sort are paid, will they be issued on the terms of the pledge on our back page—without increasing prices or taxes or depriving owners of their property or decreasing its relative value?

The answer must be in the negative, for already taxation in Alberta has been greatly increased.

To date, Mr. Aberhart has done nothing

to implement the Social Credit financial technique of Major Douglas.

But he has thoroughly debunked the existing financial system in the eyes of the majority, despite his increased taxes and the rising unemployment.

Naturally the financial interests don't like it; more particularly they dislike the forced cuts in loan interest and the failure to meet bonds at maturity.

As a result benefits have accrued to Saskatchewan, for it now appears that the cancellation of \$75 million of farm debts (reported in "News from Overseas," November 6) was the result of a fear that Saskatchewan would follow Alberta.



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Catholics Said: We Are For King Edward Against The Money Ramp

MARRIAGE PROPOSAL DID NOT FORCE CRISIS

The following extracts from the leading article in "The Catholic Times" of December 11 are reprinted by kind permission of its Editor, who wishes us to state that he accepts without reserve the statement made by H.R.H. Prince Edward in his broadcast speech. The article reveals the Catholic view of loyalty.

SOMETHING is being attempted in this country which calls for the pen of a Cobbett to lay it bare. 1689 is here again. The same forces are in antagonism, the King and the Plutocracy. The same victim is marked down for a holocaust, the working man, the ordinary citizen. The same leeches are anxious to drain the nation's life-blood and energy, the debt-merchants who have had us by the throat since 1689.

As usual in a crisis of this kind, the people do not know what it is all about, but they have a sure instinct for kingship and a traditional preference for the monarchy over the politicians, but they are shocked by the revelations which are now being poured out in the press.

The Catholic Standpoint

No man can marry Mrs. Spencer (later called Mrs. Simpson) whilst Mr. Spencer lives. That is the Catholic position, which, of course, presumes the validity of the Spencer marriage in the eyes of the Church.

For the King to place the seal of the sanctity of the kingship on modern disregard of marriage by uniting himself with Mrs. Spencer would be nothing less than a moral disaster, and a scandal to his subjects here and throughout the Empire. Many millions of devout non-Catholics would, like us, regard it as a disaster, an adulterous union.

On the other hand, we should not be absolved from our allegiance if, contrary to all that we long for and pray for, the King persisted in uniting himself to Mrs. Spencer in a union with the civil effects of matrimony. He would be wrong, as David was when he took Uriah's wife, but he would still be our King. We should still owe him allegiance, obedience, respect for his office and for his leadership in civil matters.

A King and His People

Let nobody delude himself, as the "respectability-minded" members of the Cabinet are deluding themselves, that the King's proposal is so "shocking" that the people will back them to the extremity of enforcing his abdication, if he persists in it.

If this issue is fairly and squarely put before the people we prophesy that they will be more adamant against forcing him to abdicate than they are against his proposed union with Mrs. Spencer.

The people will want to know why the King had to go to South Wales to bring home the human claims of the suffering people there to a Cabinet lost in the ethics and economics of "big business." In his genuine solicitude for the poor Edward VIII. has the true kingly spirit. The people admire him for it, and want to see him do more of such work as he did in South Wales.

The Shock of Scandal

We know that the very Government which is using the shock of scandal to force an unwarranted dilemma upon the King is considering easier divorce for the King's subjects.

The King does no legal wrong, nothing which is not allowed to the lowest of his subjects, by marrying a divorced woman, nor can the Church whose ministers remarry the "innocent" party after a divorce pretend to take much scandal.

Catholics alone are in a position to take the moral objection seriously, but we have explained where we stand. We are not com-

mitted to insisting upon the King's abdication unless the Constitution calls for it, and nobody has proved that the Constitution does call for such an extreme measure.

The King is being forced to abdicate through the weapon of shock, shock caused by the deluge of scandal which the politicians have let loose through the Press since they decided to oppose the proposed union.

Throughout the country, amongst ordinary citizens, there is a grave suspicion that shock and scandal are useful weapons in the hands of the Ministers, but that they are not the reasons, or not the chief reasons, for the crisis. The public suspects a plot and a political plot.

There must be something else behind it all, and for once it was the Communist Member of Parliament who spoke the truth. He said that the Constitutional crisis was only the symptom of a graver economic and financial crisis.

The politicians cannot absolve us from our loyalty to the Crown. Nor can they put loyalty to themselves on a par with loyalty to the Crown, much less before it.

We know that they do not concern themselves with morality except in so far as it is

good politics, and we are determined that they shall put their political cards face upwards on the table before they get our support.

What they hated was the return of prosperity, for you cannot lend money to a prosperous nation and people. That is why they have always been the enemies of prosperity. The Popes have scarified them in their encyclicals, but the people are only just beginning to know their real enemies, the debt-merchants.

Let nobody think that they would shrink from a fight with the Crown. They have beaten kings before this. Necker beat the King of France and gave France over to Revolution. His kind beat the Stuarts in England, and exiled James II. to bring in Orange Billy to rule over us. They know how to do it.

They loathe powerful and popular monarchs. Let us be sure, before we join the clamour against the King, that we are not working for these gentry.

The Opposition

The Labour Opposition is once more being pulled by the nose. The Labour Party obviously do not know what it is all about, and they throw bouquets at the Government and Baldwin in a way that makes them look ludicrous.

It has always been said that these gentry, these moneylenders, are the ones who contribute to the secret Party Funds of all Parties, and that they are the ones who oppose any auditing of the secret funds because their little game would be discovered.

Can that be the reason why there is never any opposition to schemes which affect the moneylenders, no matter who is in power?

There is certainly no effort being made by Labour at this critical juncture to repay the King for all that he has done for the labouring classes.

God send us an Opposition that will oppose. Labour are dancing to Money's tune whether they know it or not. They danced to that tune over Abyssinia, but seem

still unaware of it. They danced to it over Spain, and are dancing to it over the King. The fools!

Everything goes to show that the whole game has been fixed up as neatly as ever it was in the past.

The biggest money ramp since 1689 is in progress, a bigger one than that which gave us "National" government for the first time, and the representatives of the working classes have got such a "shock-and-scandal" complex that they are helping it on.

Is it not remarkable that this attack against the King comes so swift upon the heels of his visit to South Wales? One heard the ugly rumour on his accession that Money would not take to him because of his democratic instincts, that it would discredit him.

If the rumour was false the fact is here. England's King must not serve his people but Money. Unfortunately he has given his enemies the appearance of a grand case, but the degradation of royalty when it serves Money and oppression of the poor is much greater than when it serves passion and human frailty.

We want to know why this moment has been chosen publicly to reveal facts which have been the gossip of clubs for months, and which have been assiduously "fed" to the American Press for months through correspondents in this country.

We want to know why the coincidence of this attack with the King's visit to South Wales has not been explored in Parliament. We want to know why the financial newspapers are advising their readers to invest their money in the United States. Has England suddenly become unsafe? Why? Who has created the crisis? Whom do they fear? The King or the People?

We take our stand unhesitatingly by the King, by our King. We regret his choice of Mrs. Spencer, but it is not going to blind us to the fact that he is a democrat and lover of the poor.

We hope he will sacrifice his feelings to his duty, but that in return he will get a vast increase of power, so that he may turn round and rout the despicable financial and political gang that has made a crisis where one need not have been.

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