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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.

Many a 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 unilateral morality 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 even a question its in itself 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 these 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 indigination by those sufferings, and has been printed 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 placards of financial ingenuity, such as the alleged Stock Exchange depression.

They are trying to suppress reality (unnecessary human suffering) and enthrones 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 well known 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's 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 uncomplainingly 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.

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His Majesty The King
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
v. THE COMMITTEE MIND

Major Douglas States The Issue

I NEEDED 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 obtain 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 acts, part from argued reactions of the British public.

It is for the King, The American press has been quick to recognize, 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 stated that the Cabinet has decided at all costs to assist itself as the supreme power, brooking no contradiction and subject to no effective control in the British Empire.

It will not, of course, have escaped attention that the pronouncements 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 reason, therefore, is that the attitude taken up by the Cabinet is an unshamed claim that all major policy of this country—and if a question involving the possible abolition of a popular Sovereign is not a question of major policy I do not know what is—is to 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 carrying on artificial policies.

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. Lyon, and the other officials of Dominion Governments, have no mandate whatever to deal with the individual.

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 have 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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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 criticizes the King for his insistence that “Something must be done” for the Divorce Areas.

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

Nov. 27. Cabinet meeting to discuss the King’s project of marriage. The Times suggests on December 7 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 letter criticizing the King. News Chronicle has extract from provincial dailies on the same day.

Dec. 2. General public bases of Mrs. Simpson for the first time. Great play made on the divorce question. “Crise.”

Dec. 3. “No constitutional difficulty yet.”—Daily Mail.

Dec. 4. Baldwin’s statement implies that the King contemplates matrimonial marriage. Strong support for the King evident everywhere. G. A. Wedgwood opposes state of unqualified loyalty to the King. Mrs. Simpson leaves for Canarvon.

Dec. 7. Baldwin states question of matrimonial 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!”

Have You Seen It?

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Page 6: Freedom for the Free State.

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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.

But many years have passed and it will be recognized 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 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 as a tactical reverse, containing the germ of final victory; for the Calamity a defeat in its major object; while Edward VIII has saved his soul above.

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 observed the real, has many times been made by thousands of nameless individuals in the story of the World. 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.

In the end, Mr. Aberhart has done nothing.

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

MARRIAGE PROPOSAL DID NOT FORCE CRISIS

The following extracts from the leading article in "The Catholic Times" of December 11 are worth the while of any one who wishes to see what has become of that Amendment without reserve in the statement made by H.H. Prince Edward in his broadcast speech on December 6.

SOMETHING is being attempted in this country which calls for the pen of a Cobett to lay it bare. 1689 is here again. The same forces are in antagonism, the King and the Photocopy. The same victim is marked down for being killed, 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.

The Catholic Standpoint

No man can marry Mrs. Spencer (later the Queen) without the consent of the Catholic Party.

For the King to place the seal of the sanctity of the King's marriage on modern divorce by sanctioning himself with Mrs. Spencer would be a trial of spiritual and national disaster, and a scandal on 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 he cannot be absolved from our allegiances if, contrary to all Roman Catholic teaching, he persist in uniting himself to Mrs. Spencer in a union with the civil effects of marriage. He would be wrong, as David was when he took Uriah's wife, but he would be no less wrong in the eyes of our King.

We shall not now allege allegiances, reverence for our King, and for his religious conscience.

A King and His People

Let nobody delude himself, as the "screw-top" inclined members of the Cabinet are deluding themselves, that the King can refuse to marry these people. They will back him to the extremity of enforcing his abdication, if he persists in it.

But the King is still fairly and squarely put before the people we prophecy that they will be more adament against forcing him to abdicate than they are against forcing him to marry Mrs. Spencer.

The shock will come when the King has to go to South Wales to bring home the human condition of the suffering people to the root of the world, the ethics and economics of "big business." In his genuine sorrow, His Royal Highness can command the heart of poor Edward VIII, has the true kingly spirit. The people achieve the right to see him do some of such work as he did in South Wales.

The Shock of Scandal

We know that the very Government which is today machinery to force an unacknowledged dilemma upon the King is considering easier divorce for the King's subjects. The King does not legal wrong, moral injury is not allowed to be the lowest of his subjects, by marrying a divorced woman, but can the Church whose ministers marry the "innocent" party after a divorce proceed to the same hardship?

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

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