

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

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"LIBERTY is really a simple thing, although difficult to come by. It consists in freedom to choose one thing at a time" . . . How far can you do what you want; spend time on desired pursuits, refuse distasteful work? People are free to the extent of their *choice* and it needs *no argument* to show that everyone wants this practical and personal liberty.

The DEGREE of freedom available depends upon production. No one can choose from many alternatives until the first necessities—food, clothing and shelter—have been obtained. The application of science to industry has resulted in the position that *everyone* could have enough of these; and then have freedom to choose many other things beyond them.

The USE to which the individual may put his freedom is his own affair. Otherwise the "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." has no meaning.

ACCESS to this practical freedom is by means of money. People are able to do this or that if they have money to foot the bill; but not unless.

INDIVIDUALS can only obtain money from other individuals; they cannot *make it*, except by forgery.

WAGES, SALARIES and DIVIDENDS are the only channels by which individuals can get money.

WAGES and SALARIES are only received in return for work.

PAID EMPLOYMENT is being replaced by machines, which require no wages.

SCIENCE and INVENTION which have produced machines are a common inheritance which should bring a dividend of increasing liberty to everyone.

THE DISTRIBUTION of increasing leisure and freedom entails the distribution of money (the "wages of the machine") to individuals.

MONEY IS MADE by writing entries in books. (The coins and notes in use are only the "small change" of finance.)

THE COST *cost of making money is practically nothing.*

BANKS create money by this "book entry". *They create it as DEBT* ("loans" to the Government and Local Authorities) *which must be repaid by the public.*

TAXES are the repayment of this DEBT.

This money NEED NOT be issued as debt provided the *amounts issued* are related to the *goods produced* and suitable measures are taken to avoid "inflation." This is a simple adjustment.

THE NATIONAL DEBT in 1914 was £650 millions.
By 1919 it had risen to nearly £7,000 millions.
From 1919 to 1939 we "repaid" £5,500 millions.

But in Aug., 1939, we still owed more than £8,000 millions, and we are adding to this at so many million's a day. The Local Government Debt is £1,500 millions, nearly three times as much as in 1914. Income Tax is now 7/6 in the £ and Rates are something else. Whitakers Almanack allots fourteen pages to enumerate actions which the individuals may not perform without money payment or license.

This, is "SOUND FINANCE." It is also DEBT and TAXES. And it is the CONTROL OF THE INDIVIDUAL, by the money system.

MONEY is the MEANS OF ACCESS to Freedom.

Banks, (ultimately international finance) have the monopoly of the issue of money;

which means *a monopoly of the control of this Liberty.*

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM, by issuing money as debt, and by refusing to issue it except in return for work (production) sets up a conflict between individuals to OBTAIN MONEY (from a constricted supply in the hands of other individuals) and to OBTAIN WORK (from a diminishing supply and in competition with other individuals).

THIS CONFLICT spreads from individuals to nations, taking the form of insatiable demands for raw materials and exports. This is the cause of modern war.

THE CENTRAL KNOT in this tangle can be untied by the issue of money as CREDIT and in a form increasingly detached from WORK.

THE IMMEDIATE APPLICATION of these principles is in the finance of WAR, as embodied in proposals published by Major Douglas. These make possible the maximum national effort; while reducing taxation, and avoiding debt and inflation.

THE PERMANENT APPLICATION is the finance of PEACE. PEACE will be secured by the provision of substantial security to each individual; and that means personal access to goods and services in a form which is detached from work; that is a National Dividend, a vehicle of *personal liberty.*

PERMANENT PEACE is the *result* of such freedom.

PHILOSOPHIC and POLITICAL SYSTEMS either retard or bring nearer the common objective of Real Freedom.

COMMUNISM, SOCIALISM and TOTALITARIANISM all *result* in the subservience of individuals to institutions. These are diametrically opposed to the use of social credit, which springs from the freedom of the individual.

NATIONALISATION and STATE CAPITALISM can be added to this list. They lead inevitably to "the exaltation of the functionary at the expense of the human being—governmentalism, the increasing, deadening grip of institutions."

CHRISTIANITY (The NEW Testament) "I came that you might have *life*, and have it more abundantly" . . . "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" . . . "The Kingdom of God is *within* you." These sayings are sign-posts towards freedom.

JUDAISM (The OLD Testament). "The Lord thy God is a jealous God." . . . "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Judaism stands for blind obedience to

THE LAW; the law being imposed upon the individual by external authority; whereas any limitation of freedom should be determined by Democracy.

PURITANISM is focussed on the OLD Testament. Its teachings emphasise "Thou shalt NOT . . ." which is precisely the effect of the restriction of money by the Money Power.

INSTITUTIONS and ORGANISATIONS are secondary to individuals. They are only useful insofar as they produce results which People want.

BUREAUCRACY did not spring from the choice of the electorate; its result is the subjugation of the individual to the Institution.

THE BANKING SYSTEM produces debt, a form of slavery; not Credit, a means to freedom.

THE POLITICAL PARTIES exemplify "divide and rule." They are permeated by interests which are ultimately financial, and have reduced democracy to a meaningless facade.

INDUSTRIAL and TRADING COMBINES are the product of *financial* dictation. Increasing ability of the public to choose goods; and of employees to refuse work will

profoundly modify such organisations.

"P.E.P." propounds a host of schemes to rule and regulate the trade and affairs of individuals. Whence and to what end? They have one common *result*; and that is Centralised Control directed by Bureaucracy.

PLANNERS are more interested in PLANS than RESULTS. A genuine Democracy can procure the right *planners* by insisting on *results*.

DECENTRALISATION of POLICY. The aim or objective to come from the people, as an instruction to their organisations.

CENTRAL DIRECTION *in action to secure the objective*. The Purpose of Institutions and Organisations is to bring the free initiative of individuals into line with a common objective.

RESPONSIBILITY is a consequence of Freedom. The individual who makes free choice assumes responsibility for the results of that choice. Increase the ability of the individual TO CHOOSE, and organisations will arise to fulfil the choice. Increase the ability TO REFUSE, and those organisations which remain anti-social will cease to exist.

NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS are governed by considerations of money, which means *debt; repayment; taxes*. This is automatic and in the present system inevitable.

STUPENDOUS POWER is in the hands of those who control the issue of money, for by that means they control National Policies.

THIS CONTROL is exercised by International Finance, now centred in Wall Street, U.S.A. As shown in its effects, this power is used to enforce the Jewish policy of DOMINATION by the Few; SUBMISSION of the many.

THESE FINANCIERS (the central core is Jewish) are implacably opposed to the surrender of control, and to its restoration to Democracy, to whom it belongs.

ALBERTA is contesting this. In 1935 she decided to assume the control of her own credit. Since then every Parliamentary Bill designed to implement Alberta's own social credit has been blocked and annulled at the instance of Finance, by the Federal Parliament. Social Credit, like Christianity and Real Democracy, has not yet been tried.

THE FINAL ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD CONTROL is the objective of International Finance. "Sound finance" demands "Sound security."

SOUND SECURITY for these financiers, means that the borrower of their "loans" (from costless money) is so placed that he must "repay" them or suffer penalty; with bankruptcy, starvation, imprisonment, etc., as the alternative.

THE LAW of all countries contains such provisions, but nations themselves can still "default" and get away with it.

FEDERAL UNION is designed to prevent this. It is a plan for European Nations to surrender their Sovereignty in favour of this UNION which is to have Military Power to *enforce* its decisions. The overriding control of the Union must inevitably fall to the Money Power—which will finance it, for 'he who pays the piper calls the tune.'

EUROPE IN PAWN TO WALL STREET is the underlying objective. *To this end the Money Monopolists* (by means of the universally accepted but radically defective "sound finance") *move nations as pawns*.

TO THIS END, this POWER extends support to ANY organisation or plan which involves centralised control of the individual—knowing that *control of the organisation* will lie with it.

"LEADERS" political and otherwise, whose real objective is the expansion of their own desire for domination, invariably fall for this support, which confers influence, power and wealth to its exponents.

BANKERS and POLITICIANS of the rank and file, whether Jew or Gentile, do not necessarily understand the consequences of their action, but that action must be adjudged by its effects.

THE PRESENT WAR. It has been forced upon us; and it is vital that we preserve our national independence; both from destruction by war, and by *internal subversive planning such as Federal Union*.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN has preserved a steadiness of vision, a determination in action, and a persistence in keeping open the possibility of a return to sanity which stands high in the national assets.

GREAT BRITAIN—the whole World—is facing issues which cannot be evaded. The present war is one phase only of events which must lead to the emergence of a new order—"either a pyramidal organisation, having at its apex supreme power, and at its base complete subjection . . . or else a more complete decentralisation of initiative than this civilisation has ever known."

ACTION OF SOCIAL CREDITERS is directed towards "an expanding world in which human personality is attaining ever new reaches of freedom and fulfilment."

IN IDEALS—the realisation that such conditions are possible; that man is the master of his own destiny.

IN TECHNIQUE—the recasting of the financial system towards that end.

IN ACTION—personal initiative: the mastery by individuals of their own institutions to the effect that *Liberty* (as defined) *with Peace and Plenty* becomes the overriding aim of the Government; and of the Financial, Industrial, Legal and other Systems. For this is the Will of Democracy.

THE PURPOSE OF DEMOCRACY is to carry out this Will. Not the democracy of Parties and Debates, but of a People united and determined to secure the *Substance of Freedom*.

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