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Dear Mr and Mrs ~~XXXXXX~~ Rhodes;

Dear me but I made a mess of typing out your name there, So sorry,--now if it were a stencil ~~paper~~ paper I were cutting all these errors could be corrected with the ether mixed correction fluid, wonderful stuff. Here however one can only cross out errors or start over again.

I guess you must have gotten the Christmas card I think I sent out to those on my list,-- the ones to whom I feel the urge to tell whatever it is I tell in my writing. That's the way it is with me, everytime a bit of duplicated writing is ready for mailing I think, "---now so and so, (such as the "Rhodes" in your case) would like to see this, or I would like them to see this,---", and into an envelope it would go and be addressed ready to go when ever I'd get time to write the personal note which I considered necessary.

So following Christmas I spent a week or two or more, cutting a stencil for duplication, of the "overseas" letter enclosed.

But duplication of even the personal news I have in common for my pen pals doesn't completely substitute for individual communication. I hope you will take time to read through the S Cr Bulletins and Report enclosed because they are a sort of history of what has been concerning me most last year and now. Although I have been replaced as "Director of the District" here, my successor and I will get on very well, in fact I shall make it a point to get on well with him even though he may be doing what I don't entirely agree with,--in theory that is,-----because---- impractice, the Movement can be successful in only one way, by making it more widely known, and having more supporters etc. Of course he is being paid to do what is is doing, but already he has lined up "action committees" in three of the 30 or 40 ridings which out of the 85 ridings in Ontario he may consider his territory. (There is one other paid organizer from the S Cr groups in our western provinces here at work now also) One of those ridings is my own here in Norfolk County, and (human like, I suppose) I was a little disappointed that I wasn't asked to be on it. However he is responsible to others (humans also) that are the sort of heirarchy here, and on whose 'pet corns' I tread rather heavily as you will agree when you read the "Report" and the "Bulletin" just previous in date, which are enclosed. One can only be an optimist, by deliberately choosing that course, so I reflect that while others may have to be 'asked' to act, 'they' must know that, and indeed may be afraid that, I will continue to 'act' regardless.

I had a good number of complimentary letters in response to that "report" which I circulated quite widely, but too many of them were couched in a spirit of revenge, "we must get rid of them at the top spirit---" etc., and apparently those writers seem to hope that I would or could champion that attitude. But revenge is no spirit in which this reform movement can be reformed in turn, anymore than this Reform Movement of Social Credit, can reform society, or be accepted by society as a means of revenge against those "money monopolists" who are ruling with economic dictatorship now. Social Credit has never been accepted on its own merits anywhere as yet. Even in Alberta, it got its start, by something which I call "Aberhattism". Aberhart had a great following as a Bible Prophecy preacher, people who in those days of depression and drought on the Canadian prairies, dwelt with fanatical loyalty on the words of Bible Prophecy from the great orator and leader that Aberhart undoubtedly was. So when he gradually combined Social Credit with Bible Prophecy, he was believed because of the previous loyalty, that anything he said was right because he was the "prophet". Premier Manning has taken the mantle from Aberhart and continued as Bible Prophecy preacher even till now, where he is heard every week over a Canada wide "Back to the Bible Hour". But here in Ontario no one thinks that rich, complacent, proud and sophisticated, Ontariotes will ever be swayed by such presentation of a Bible Prophecy preacher as the brains behind the scientifically precise, as well as morally right Social Credit philosophy. But they do seem to think that S Cr can be propagated by "default as it were, following the failure, (in our eyes easy to understand) of present administrations. Of course Premier Bennett acted on expediency in that way, following up the slim lead he had at first, by calling a second vote in only a year's time, to gain a smashing victory, even as our present National Prime Minister did a year after Diefenbaker first led the Conservatives here to victory. But Bennett has gone on to success after success in Provincial Government, while the Conservatives tied to the Orthodox ball and chain of "Debt Finance" are in a greater mess than ever, as great as if the Liberal Gov't had never been replaced. We must be therefore as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves, and follow up every inch of ground lost by "orthodoxy" with the true seed of S Cr philosophy.---The page is gone, and so must I until next time. So--

So long & cheery from yours truly, Wesley W. Leonard