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Dear Mr Leonard,

Firstly I must say how welcome it was to receive a letter from you in answer to mine. I agree with all you say in your letter and your articles which you tell me you run off every so often. It is so like my own efforts along with others in 1927 to 1933 or 1934, when the "Hungry thirties" were ceasing to become so for then Britain was starting the machine of war preparation, and the country was becoming "prosperous" with much work

We ~~printed~~ printed our own messages each locality of Social creditors all over the country. We were not strong in numbers and all that work went for nothing. We could not convince people of the philosophy of Social Credit, for it is as you say more than an economic analysis. I and others had meetings in the open village greens at Colliery Villages, for some of our mines were near small villages, others of course so near large towns. We visited steel works, at lunch times... thinking it would be helpful to get the working people interested in a new approach to production, but always there was the unbelief that machine production would be to the benefit of the workers. As indeed it is NOT unless it is geared to the new and improved financial method of income... They could not see that wages would have to be replaced by other methods. Wages and Dividends... They could only see the Dividends as something the shareholders were taking before they had their wages paid to them..

I am now 64 this year and retired from business 7 years now, from choice, not like so many men at my age who HAVE to retire and consequently on a low income compared to what they earned. I must say the knowledge I obtained from the study of Social Credit helped me or I should say decided me to make myself financially independent of working, at as early an age as I could. Some people I talk to now, when speaking of Social Credit do not understand this, but I know it to be true for I used the knowledge of finance to build up my business

My experience in the 1914 war was sufficient to convince me of the uncertainty of life and to plan my life myself and not let circumstances rule me. I have had the bulletins from Alberta sent me for years now, and I have one or two contacts in Edmonton but have never been able to travel there owing to exchange restrictions, but as these are now being lifted it is most likely I shall be making a trip to Canada in the future. I have not any confidence that there will be a change in the money system in the world. We shall stagger on with worse conditions to come for I think as the late Duke of Bedford (Who was one of the few Social Creditors in high places in this country) A set of letters he used was ASTOP "The ~~appalling~~ appalling stupidity of the ordinary person"

In all the 33 years I have been conversant with the analysis of Douglas I cannot count beyond 20 or so people who have been sufficiently convinced of the sanity of it that they were prepared themselves to try and spread their knowledge.

You will find the same yourself. I think. I should certainly like to meet you and if ever I set out on a tour of Canada and the USA I will include your home in it. In fact I have it in my mind to set out from England with a van designed for camping so that I should be free to travel where I wouldst !

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A plan such as that would have to be carefully thought over, for now I understand we would only be allowed £100 English pounds which would not go far to buy petrol and food in Canadian dollars, but the future may allow unlimited exchange since there has been some new arrangement about convertibility.

You certainly have travelled extensively. I have not been able to do more than a 3 week cruise here and there but have had many lone holidays. Cycling in Holland, canoeing down the Danube as far as Buda Pesth from Regensburg in Germany in 1938. My wife and I went up the Gulf of Finland two years ago and now are trying to fix a visit to N.Z. and Australia. There have been attempts in NZ as you know to get representation in the Parliament, and one or two men succeeded. I think in Australia in the past.

As you MAY know, the Institute of Bankers in England allotted FIVE million pounds to secure that NO mention was made of Social Credit analysis and to keep out of the papers all mention of DOUGLAS I wonder how much the Social Crediters of conviction in Alberta, or any other province in Canada or any people in N.Z. and Australia KNOW THIS ???

We are criticized in Canada and N.Z. and Australia for NOT doing anything to further publicity. Amongst other things they think of us in the "old Country" I believe they think we have lost our "guts" We read and hear on T.V. and Sound Radio the views of USA Citizens and that we are REACTIONARY old... finished... Canadians, Australians New Zealanders I do think have an idea that we are like that naturally, If they only knew that THIS country of ALL countries in the World is the one citidal which MUST be defended by the financial powers.. If once the grip on publicity was lost there are sufficient people here who would AT LONG LAST see how they have been gulled. It is pathetic how grown men, in high places, in law, business, the professions, Doctors and such take for granted the picture placed in front of them that banks lend out money which other ordinary people have "put in the bank".

For an ordinary man like me, though my life proves I have ability to make myself financially independent, to attempt to tell a solicitor that he is living in a state of adolescence in regard to our money system is tantamount to proving to him that I am not quite right in the head. You see as he sees it, the system works..... Any other views about booms, slumps, unemployment, employment, the lot... is all caused by something or other such as men will not give a fair days work for their wages etc etc.

We shall have to leave to the future what the Social Crediters of B.C. Alberta, and other provinces where there are people who would like to be in their provincial governments as social creditors do with their power.

I am of the opinion that it is impossible for a grown man, say of 35 or 40 years of age to believe that he himself, his father before him and all their contemporaries, his own and his fathers, have been "Gulled" Even the 1914 war and what was ALLOWED to be printed about it does not bring him to THINK for himself. When I enlisted in August 1914, it was common belief that the war COULD NOT LAST SIX MONTHS because there was not enough MONEY to pay for it longer than that.

On a T.V. programme for Children last week there was a talk on MONEY the purpose of a bank.... Now there the CHILD is told that a bank lends money out which others have "put in" All literature available, in schools, colleges, business training colleges for Secretaries, Chartered accountants degrees are all based on the orthodox explanation of finance.

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I have read your news sheet you send out.. I do not know what to say about it. You are not doing harm, of course, and you will know how you are progressing. We in this country are criticised by others, in our own country too, on how we do NOT fight an election, when in N.Z. every constituency was fought in the last election. You remember that in the previous election 11 per cent voted for S.C. and in the LAST one only 7 per cent. That is an indication... I will tell you of an incident in the paper our own TIMES when reporting the figures of the N.Z. election stated that S.C. had 1.1 per cent, instead of 11.1 per cent. This was challenged by S.C. in this country and in a small few line paragraph five days later it was corrected. You may in your country with a ~~few~~ more free press may have less opposition but I know fellow S.C.'s here just smile at our status, rather like a losing side in Cricket looks upon a game.

Personally I would like to active, refuse to pay my taxes, rates, etc., but again I have another person, my wife, to think of. It is tragic really that these times make us fearful of the weapons which would be used against us. I am a great admirer of such men as Cobbett, who went to prison, rode the country, raising a great cry against the horrible state of the farm workers, of that time. Welfare states are deliberately conceived to weaken the critical faculties of the people.

Our present state is shocking. that such a people are brought to a state of apathy. unable to reason for themselves how they are being continually robbed of their birthright. One cannot even get a person who is on an old age pension or civil service pension which is too low to live at decent standard to even write to his MP. to bring pressure on HIM to demand results.

If in the course of the months ahead you wish to write to me again I shall be pleased to hear from you

In the meantime I wish you every happiness for yourself and your parents.

Yours sincerely,



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