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Dear Wesley,

Have just this moment finished reading your letter, which arrived this morning's post. You certainly do put in the details of your activities, I cannot hope to compete. It is extremely interesting to learn of your Caravan design and construction, your plot of land for your new home, your intention to build the house yourself. I am intrigued, and in a way wish I could come and stay with you for a long period and help you in your building, but my own ties here prevent such a step. I have in my life built many structures, the last being a sun-parlor or garden summer house complete with patio or paved court. There are so many "names" given to such additions to one's gardens. Our house is of red brick, with the upper floor walls tiled with red tile also, as is the roof, of course. It was built 36 years ago on the design of a Tudor Farm House, using hand made bricks and hand made tiles such as is not ever used today in these hurried days of re-housing. Our land is steadily being built on for more and more housing projects, not because our population is increasing at such a rate but because of the back-log of housing since probably 50 years or more. We plan to have a complete house for every family, and as this has not been possible in the past, "society" has decided at whatever cost, financially, this ideal must be attempted. Social Credit (being the term I use for the Financial system which it means, would hasten this programme, but I think in the near future and even the middle distance future there will be no change in the system under which humanity groans. Even this description is not true for humanity does not groan, Only in pain does a person groan, and humanity is not in pain, It only suffers something which it does not understand, hence the recent horror in the CONGO, as I sit here writing this there is news on sound radio of murder and rape in Elizabethville and our Government has decided that any sending in of Rhodesian troops is out of the question for the Belgian Government would consider this to be "aggression"

I, personally, now sit on a rather isolated small hillock, as an observer of events, I do not feel I can add to anything, so also make no attempt to confuse others. You in your more recent history of Social Credit and in a Dominion which has a Province "pledged" to a change in fiscal matters, namely Alberta, with your recent election in Saskatchewan and the "set-back" in Social Credit voting there will no doubt have it more in your mind, BUT in THIS country there is literally NO KNOWLEDGE in the mind or brain of the "Average man" about the cause of unrest, of insecurity, of "full-employment" or "unemployment" Rates and taxing. There is a complete blank, I found when talking to a Missouri farmer who was taking the winter months off in Mexico, last February (1959) and he was aware of the snag in his own country but did not know what solution to the problem, It was most interesting to talk with him, but at this stage and this distance I do not know how MANY are aware of the problem. I think the average man accepts quite simply that the financial system is as natural as the weather, but easily accepts that the tape measure "measurement" is never altered, and an inch is an inch for all time. He cannot visualise that money is a measurement in actuality, or what we would say in Social Credit, "What is physically possible and desirable can be made financially possible." He thinks that there is SO MUCH money and it has to be distributed in this way or that according to expediency or POLITICAL PARTY policy.

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We have a person in this country, who has a certain following of opinion on economics and he was given a T V interview to introduce HIS book, a recent one; on money and he brought in the charge that the Government was wrong in its method of raising the money it needed, and charged it with "printing more money" and thereby causing "inflation" again stating that it brought more ~~xxx~~ money into existence and not enough goods.

This, to a social creditor or any person who quietly thought things out for himself, and asked himself how the present production of goods (and services) could be bought/consumed without the HIRE PURCHASE system filling the gap of shortage of money

It is quite in line in this country that publicity in T V , Radio, newspaper or magazine ~~xxxx~~ should be allowed ^{say} to anything which CONFIRMS the present system as being above suspicion. No one person or organisation CAN obtain a hearing. I often wonder if in your country, T V Radio or Newspaper ever allow much criticism. We "old ones" of S.C. here cannot see why Alberta cannot move faster or in a way to attract the bordering provinces to look over their shoulders. I know B.C. has a ~~Sixth~~ Social Credit government in name but on my information this is what Douglas forecast, there would be politicians who would clamber on the Band-wagon in the name of S.Credit.

Social Credit in Britain is steadily dying out, for the "old ones" are in deed dying out, their progeny probably think of "IT" as something "DAD" suffered from. I know of no young man of 20 to 40 years who even considers he has anything to learn about HOW finance works. It is accepted.

I thank you for your snap. it is reminiscent of our own early days of camping. My wife and I camped before we married, spent our honeymoon on a sailing boat, canoed down the ~~XX~~ Thames, "Canadian canoe" my wife in the front with a history book on her lap, and we read history on the way down to the Tower of London, from Oxford, We have camped in almost every county in Britain, though for the last 20 years my wife has had to give it up. My recent trip to Ireland and Wales was solo, and whilst I fill my time satisfactory alone there is always the regret that experiences cannot be shared with another person, and I am quite interested in your brief note of the "Blue-eyed maiden" Tell me more !!! It may be that time will make your (and my) trip in 1962 a rather different one, if your urge is to "take a wife" and she is willing ?

I have just been down the road with my little dog for a run and to look at some new houses built near us. They are for sale, of course, two being as yet unseald, but the third is occupied and I have talked with the newowner. They cost about £5000, and no doubt with the raising of the bank rate and the naturally increased Building Society interest will delay purchases and these houses being occupied. Until the builder has sold these two he cannot build others on the land which is available. Our own land adjoining the house is now much more valuable, for the increasing building in the Sea-side town is the result of the move from London and other big cities, of their retired people brings our average age of the town to quite a high one. I believe there is only one other town in England which has a higher average age than ours. England, and I suppose this goes for the whole of Britain, is steadily and inevitably becoming an elderly population. I have not the figures before me but collected them a few months ago, but the position is that in about 20 years or even before that there will be 19.1 per cent who will be over 65 men and 60 years women in this country.

What most people see in this is there will not be enough of working population to produce sufficient for the whole population of old and children, when the facts are

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staring them in the face that the production of THINGS is ever more being taken over by THINGS (machinery and technical know-how) and not by PEOPLE.

The increasing population of the world is only an extension of this phase. Admittedly there are grave problems in some countries of under-production of FOOD, but there is enormous productivity potential elsewhere, not being brought into existence because of the price/fixing/collection basis. Food not produced because of lack of money to BUY it.

You and, each of us, have an angle and we so quickly get onto it as we write. I picture you as such a lone person, as you write your letters in the still of the night, and I find time so quick to pass. My wife has just gone off to Eastbourne 12 miles away to shop. It is now 4 p.m. and I have read a book between lunch and 3-45 pm. which has quite a bearing on the position today. I have also started THE WAIST HIGH SOCIETY by Thomas Griffiths editor of TIME the USA Magazine. I have also THE COMING OF THE NEW DEAL (The Age of Roosevelt) and pick a chapter to read of each side by side. It is extremely interesting. There has been a recent book published you may have heard of THE AFFLUENT SOCIETY by Galbraith. It is much on the same lines in that each point out what is wrong, and not what would put it right. Each book ignores any suggestion that "what is physically possible and desirable should be made financially possible"

I believe the clash between the powers that be in the USA Government and financial set-up and the USSR and that financial set-up is not a real clash but an organised (and very very secret) plan to so control the WORLD by finance. Finance is on both sides of the so-called iron curtain. The Russian people and the satellites, subject nations are kept to a rigid way of life through a police state, finance being used to control production as the Politbureau decide, that is Rockets instead of consumable goods and on the other side of the curtain USA Canada Australia NZ Great Britain, France Germany and the lot are controlled by finance through taxation to accept the so-called deterrent, Rockets, Atomic Subs, radar stations all round the world. Planes 24 hour watch always in the air.

What a laughing stock this generation will look like in the future (IF and when) unless there is a complete blow up. Time WILL bring the solution but not in the kindly slow process of financial reform and evolution. You see the CUBA state of affairs, whereby the latin countries have been for years and still are to all intents and purposes parts of a COLONIAL EMPIRE of the USA at the same time, we the British Commonwealth are charged with the very sin of Imperialism. Our record you will agree is not of the best but it IS the least bad of the run of them. France, Belgium (Congo) Portugal, USSR China and the USA.

At this distance and lack of NEWS easily put before us by our own newspapers we do not KNOW the thoughts of all (in sum) of the Canadian people. You in the east, may not think as you fellow citizens do the west, but at least you have in the middle Alberta which surely must be a "bone of contention" or at least a question mark to the other provinces.

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SUNDAY 17th July 1960

I have realised to-day how many people I meet in the course of our social visits. My wife and I yesterday went to a church fete where I talked with a farmer of 70 years of age who has farmed since 1921 BUT was a Banker (A Bank Official we might say) before retiring from the bank he started farming. So he has a wide knowledge of an industry and not merely as a bank official. He told me he was in the Yeomanry in 1907, which subject, horses brought us together that afternoon and amongst other things we talked of was MONEY????? (naturally) He told me of a certain man, whose name I think was (amusingly in a sense) Chez. Money. This man, Money, had quite a following in financial circles as an expert and at the beginning of the 1914 war he informed the "nation" that the war could not be continued for longer than SIX MONTHS because there would not be SUFFICIENT money to pay for the cost of the war etc etc. He, as we all know so well was utterly confounded, and my friend the farmer-banker told me there are people today who continue to think on the same lines to develop and rationalise the country's needs.

It was refreshing to talk with him, but the next meeting my wife and I went to was a "cocktail party" given by a friend of ours for her husband's birthday, and there I met a good slice of the so-called intelligent personalities of our town, The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, whose knowledge of our financial system is so meagre and several professional men, Doctors and Solicitors who at some time or other I have talked with, and again this morning we went to another friend's house and met a retired Engineer of the I.C.I. and he again has no knowledge of the function of money, but merely and casually states "There is plenty of money" and reminded me of a man who won £84,000 in one of our football sweeps and in seven months had got rid of the lot, almost except for the house he lives in and who is being sued for non-payment of rates !!!!

I can only decide that the 99.25 per cent of the people of this country, or any, are mentally sterile. It would be most interesting to be at your elbow when you meet your contacts in your social life and hear how you progress with Social Credit.

I think it quite likely in the course of the next few months there will be the beginnings of some employment in our Car Manufacturing trades for there is the advent of the "small " car in the USA which is affecting the export of the ~~many~~ similar sized model our manufacturers have been exporting. One firm yesterday allowed their agents (Vauxhall") to reduce their cars to a price they could sell their large stocks of cars and one agent reduced his price £139 which is a shattering reduction. There are labour troubles in Ford's Dagenham over the "time" rule when they took TWO men off an assembly line. How pathetic it is that no-one in anything like influence in the Labour or Management side of industry can see where the trouble lies in production, namely the costing process. I was heartened a little when talking with the late or I should say "Ex" mayoress at whose first meeting after becoming mayoress we had talked and she remembered at yesterday's meeting that I had talked of a subject which she had not quite understood and who would like a little more information about it. As she is now a J.P. she might find more knowledge useful ???

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19th August 1960

How time flies. Have been intending to add a little further to my letter, but this and that turned up. We had a visit from my Brother and his wife, returning from a trip abroad, and then friends and visits to garden parties, charity work, and my own activities in garden etc, that writing seemed forgotten. However, today I have a few minutes before being hauled off to another "chore"

Certainly the world's affairs get no simpler. We now have Congo and other parts of Africa for our breakfast tables. Like a volcano smouldering. I see that Canadian Soldiers have been under great provocation. It is truly bringing your country into the world tension field.

Your will be in the height of your summer now I suppose, all heat and dust. I am looking forward to a visit to Canada, even if our joint project does not materialise. My wife and I are off to Scotland in two weeks for three weeks or so. We have a rather famous (now) Festival in Edinburgh. Brings people from all over the world, so we are going ourselves but mainly we shall be touring the West.

With good wishes for your success in building - courting - and any other activity you undertake

Yours sincerely,

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