

Violence Looms If S.C. Is Unsupported Aberhart Warns Home-Town People

(Special and C. P. Dispatches)

SEAFORTH, Ont., Sept. 16.—"You can refuse if you like and see the blood run down the streets," William Aberhart, Alberta's new premier, told 1,000 of his home town folks, who packed First Presbyterian church here Sunday night to hear the Social Credit exponent make an impassioned plea for their prayers and support in establishing the system which he hopes will abolish poverty in the prairie province. The premier, speaking with the fervor that has built up his \$65,000 Prophetic Bible Institute in Calgary and drawn a Sun-

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day radio audience of 5,000 in the foothill province, quite frankly told the congregation in an hour-long sermon that Social Credit was linked with religion.

Wear Gunny Sacks

Appealing for whole-hearted

support "down to the last man and woman in Ontario," Mr. Aberhart said: "You can't talk religion to a man who has had nothing to eat for three days and can get nothing for his wife and children at home. He won't listen to you. There are people starving in Alberta. There are women in Alberta who have worn nothing but gunny sacks for the past three years, dresses made from the bags in which the binder twine was wrapped.

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in the last three years, although they live on farms. Their fathers have to sell all the milk the cows produce to live.

"I can find no answer to this but the philosophy of Social Credit. Social Credit is applied religion; that is my theory.

"What would you say if a man got up here and said some of you are going to starve in the next five years? I say let's get together and see that no one starves. That's Social Credit.

Then Will Buy Goods

"Children are crying for food out in Alberta tonight. The boys and girls are hungry and they are your neighbors. Will Ontario listen? We are not asking for your money. We are asking for your support. We are asking you to pray for us and give us a chance to balance our budgets and don't listen to those who are attempting to destroy our credit before we get started. Give us your co-operation and we will buy your goods.

"The church has its chance today and if it fails you are disgraced. That's why I will stand in the pulpits up and down Alberta and say, time and time again, church people arise! And if they do, there will be a revival in Alberta.

"If you allow us to fail, remember hungry hearts and wild-eyed men and women may turn to violence. We are fighting to save the people from revolution," he declared.

Illustrating his point from the parable of the good Samaritan, the premier went on with uplifted arm: "Do you believe the word of God? Something must be done. Shall we go on or shall we say there is too much danger? Is there anything in heaven which could frighten you if your child were hungry and you had the means to help him? Ontario should be right on her toes backing us up in anything we are trying to do.

"With God's guidance and power it can be done; without His aid nothing can be done. Bless the governments and may God give them vision and give the people vision in making the decision which they must make in a short time in the face of this crisis to choose trusted and able men to save them from the terrors that may come upon them. Don't you think it would be a better world if Christian men and women took more interest in the government?

"If we don't do something in the near future the heavens will be as brass to you.

To Catch Waste

"Give us your hand," we say to the financiers. 'Where are you going to get the money,' they ask. 'We are not going to feed the people money, we are going to feed them goods' we tell them. We're going to catch the food that is being thrown down the sewers.

"I have no use for the cold storage type of religion. When I started to preach Social Credit they came out strong and said I had no business preaching politics on Sunday. I said I have no use for politics. I am preaching economics, a new deal for the common man.

"I have had a lot of experience with young people in the largest collegiate in Alberta. I have been there 20 years, and when I saw young people of exceptional ability come to me and say with tears running down their cheeks, 'I would like to go on, but Dad can't get work,' I became distressed. And when it continued I became 'pink' and by that I mean tinging close to 'red'. When bright boys who had managed to struggle through came to me and told me 'I can't get a job' I couldn't only tell them I didn't know. Some of them are probably riding the rods tonight. Others are in relief camps. Abominable camps I call them. I knew something had to be done."

Premier Aberhart came home for the week-end and the entire population of this town, 35 miles northwest of Stratford, turned out to greet the Alberta Social Credit league leader. He arrived by automobile from Detroit to visit his mother, Mrs. William Aberhart, 84, at the home of his brother, Charles, a druggist.

Mayor Sutherland and the town council met him on his arrival. At a civic reception the mayor officially welcomed him as "one of Seaforth's sons who has returned with honor and distinction."

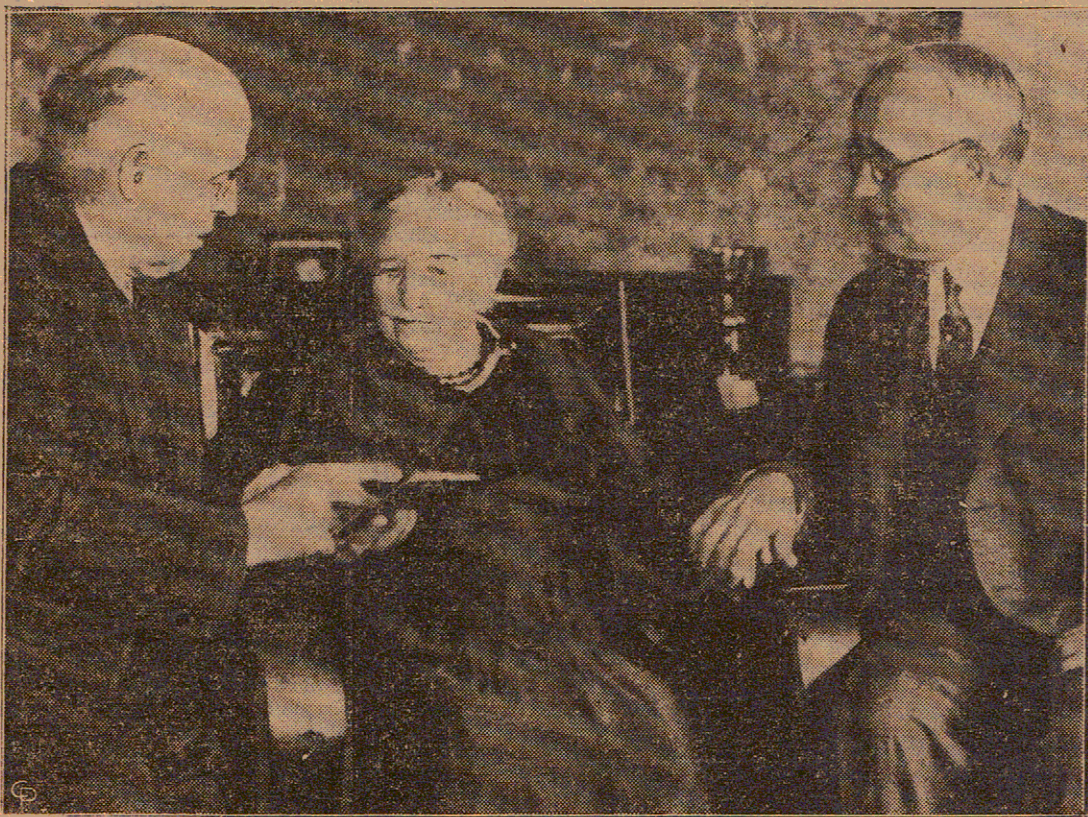
"I am mighty glad to be back and hear these kind words," replied Premier Aberhart. "It takes me back to the old days, when I used to go up from Egmondville to school in Seaforth and play football with Seaforth Hurons. It is a mighty fine thing to be back here and tell you how we have been fighting for the cause of the common people.

"One is impressed in looking around to see the large number of cars and every indication of prosperity. In Alberta they cannot buy cars or gasoline. Conditions in that province almost made me a Communist, although I have no use for Communism. Instead, I turned to Social Credit.

"Alberta is the second richest province in the dominion per capita, although we have not as large a population as Ontario, and still we have distress and poverty in the midst of plenty. We have an abundance of wheat, coal and natural gas, and yet people are starving because we cannot sell it. Let us put purchasing power into the hands of the consumer," he said.

Premier On Visit To His Aged Mother

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Following a trip to Ottawa to secure federal financial support for his government and a visit to Detroit, where the well-known radio priest, Rev. Father Coughlin, approved his policies, Premier William Aberhart visited his aged mother, Mrs. Louisa Aberhart, in Seaforth, Ontario. The for-

mer High school principal, who has led the new movement to its electoral triumph, was born in Seaforth, and several brothers still reside there. Mr. Aberhart is seen (left) in conversation with his mother, now 84 years of age, and a brother, Charles (right), in the latter's Seaforth home.