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AFTER 30 YEARS . . . The Issue Is Still Free Choice

The main punch flowing at the gala birthday party on Monday evening August 24th in Calgary's Jubilee Auditorium, had a thirty-year-old flavour with the savour of today's truth that 'the issue is still free choice'. To celebrate 30 years of Social Credit government in the Province of Alberta, Mrs. Ernest R. Manning provided cake to go with her punch when she challenged the gathering to find prosperity with a purpose and security "that can and must be found without control of lives... security without slavery."

She warned the people that today the individual's liberty is in serious danger as government grows and compulsion becomes accepted. "The government need not control every phase of our lives," she said, "... there is another way!"

Mrs. Manning spoke of the problems of Canada and the solutions which lay in reach of those in her audience. She said Canada needs "motivated men and women" with the energy required to take up the challenge of government.

She quoted from a letter sent to her when she was but 15 years, by William Aberhart. The difference between small men and great, Mr. Aberhart had said, was "energy, invincible determination, a purpose once found, and then death or victory."

"For Mr. Aberhart it was death" she said, "But what of us, — will ours be the victory?"

In words reminiscent of the man who led a battle of ideas that swept the province in the mid-thirties Mrs. Manning told her audience that the answer today is "in your hands... not your

leaders'... but yours. I throw you this challenge. Will you accept it?"

Premier Manning, in addressing the gathering, spoke of Social Credit's 1935 victory as a rise from obscurity to power which took only two years.

"I have a profound confidence", he said, "that in the proper time... there may well be done by the people of Canada what was done by the people of Alberta in 1935."

"Never let people tell you it's impossible on a national scale," he said. "It is not impossible... nothing is impossible when there are people ready to see this thing sweep Canada as it swept Alberta". The Premier said it would be "just a bigger arena".

"There is never anything more powerful than a constructive idea when the time is right," he said. Mr. Manning concluded "... the time came in Alberta — I think it will come to Canada".

Dr. W.W. Cross, who first won a legislative seat in the Social Credit sweep of 1935 and then served almost a quarter century as minister of health, told the celebrants that it once took 40 years to lead a nation out of the wilderness, and he added, "Social Credit will lead you out in the next ten years."

With Dr. Cross' assistance, Premier Manning cut a huge birthday cake commemorating the first thirty years of good government in Alberta. The Calgary Albertan editorialized two days later that "at this point there seems little to prevent Social Credit continuing in Alberta for another 30 years."

Telegrams of congratulations

GOD GIVE US MEN

God give us men ! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith,
and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honour; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.

Josiah Gilbert Holland

The Campaign Is On

The campaign is on, and National Leader Robert N. Thompson, who sparked a nation-wide appeal to the Prime Minister to use commonsense and statesmanship in his election decision, has been nonetheless quick to respond to the campaign challenge forced by Mr. Pearson's party

machine, equating of party interest with national interest.

Mr. Thompson was meeting with National President Martin Kelln in Regina when word came of the P.M.'s impending announcement. A national radio and television appearance that night was followed by other press and

radio interviews and a meeting of his own constituency executive (in his newly-built barn) at Red Deer.

He was in Vancouver Friday afternoon for a press conference before speaking to the Fraser Valley Constituency Association (Continued on page 8)



THE LITTLEST SOCRED

The youngest star of the Social Credit birthday party at the Jubilee auditorium was 4-year-old Bonnie Fleck, who won a hug from Mrs. Ernest Manning after presenting the premier's wife with a bouquet of red roses.

— Colin Fletcher Photo

from Social Crediters, including one from Mrs. William Aberhart, were read to the meeting. About 25 MLA's, several provincial cabinet ministers, M.P.'s National Social Credit Leader Robert N. Thompson and many other party veterans, attended the meeting. The entire affair was arranged by the Calgary Area Social Credit Council, under the leadership of President Ian F. Smith, who co-chaired the meeting along with Orvis Kennedy, President of the Alberta Social Credit League.

In a front-page story the following day, the Calgary Albertan's Joe Clark swung into a description of the celebrations by saying that, "If a birthday party is supposed to re-create the past — and fall just short — then the Social Credit show at the auditorium last night was an A-1 birthday party."

The speakers, the style, even the meat of the message were the same as those of 30 years ago," he continued.

"But the setting was different — it's a long way from the basement of a Bible Institute to the colored lights and comfort of a modern auditorium."

"And it was a different crowd — older, more settled, looking as

though prosperity was their lot, not poverty, not despair.

"The Social Credit movement in Alberta began more than 30 years ago, when people shocked and nearly beaten by Depression gathered to discuss a way to end 'poverty in the midst of plenty.' Their program began as 'education,' but became political, and rode to power on the strength of the strongest political machine in Alberta history."

"Sunday was the 30th anniversary of that election. And yesterday the 30th anniversary of the day the election results appeared."

"Like most of the Social Credit meetings of the '30s, and many of the party's meetings through the years, this was a family affair."

"Mrs. Ernest Manning — who as Muriel Preston was one of William Aberhart's most enthusiastic followers — showed slides, and commented on them."

"Her husband, the premier, ran the projector."

"Her remarks were sometimes salted with the partisan remarks of old campaigns — she remembered that in 1935 Alberta had 30 miles of pavement 'in the Ponoka district represented by Mr. Brownlee' who had been pre-

mier of the UFA government Social Credit replaced — she quoted the present Alberta education budget: 'that is an answer to those who say this government is against education.'"

"But mostly they referred to progress in the province — the opening of public buildings, the ceremony of public events — and there was more than a hint that the progress was due to Social Credit."

"And, of course, she referred often to two men — William Aberhart, her tutor, and her husband Ernest Manning."

The Calgary Albertan's editorial the next day (Aug. 25th) reviewed the success of "The 30-year reign of the Social Credit party in Alberta," proclaiming it as, "a unique political achievement in Canada; indeed it has no counterpart in the democratic world."

The editorial went on, "When the movement began in the Prophetic Bible Institute in Calgary probably its founders did not have, in the beginning, any plans or vision of it becoming a political party, much less one that would hold almost undisputed, and certainly unthreatened, power for 30 years."

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THE CAMPAIGN IS ON THE ISSUE IS FREE CHOICE GOD GIVE US MEN

The unnecessary trek to the polls on November 8th is being forced on an unwilling public by political opportunism in its most blatant form. Try as he may to persuade the people that he needs a new mandate and a majority in parliament, Mr. Pearson is obviously yielding to the pressure of his party strategists who see this as an opportune time to win a few more seats.

The election itself, however, may hold some surprises. Some of the Quebec seats the Liberals hope to win may go to the Creditists as the farmers express their protest against the provincial Liberal administration.

Public opinion may ride apathetically over a lot of skulduggery, but sooner or later it calls for an accounting. Mr. Pearson has placed himself in the ridiculous position of proving his ability to govern by the legislation he has passed through a minority government while at the same time telling the people he needs a majority in the house to govern effectively. It could be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Added to the past record of scandal, and the argument that more evil as yet unrevealed has made Mr. Pearson afraid to meet Parliament, it could turn public opinion away from both the old line parties.

The last ten years of political life in Canada have served to point out that a minority government can produce better legislation than a majority one; that the Liberal and Conservative parties are more interested in power than in providing sound administration and that the voter is more and more casting his ballot for the man who offers definite policies based on some understanding of the modern world and the unique needs of Canada in the 20th century.

The New Democratic Party offers straightforward statism; Mr. Pearson has shown himself unable to cope with the corrupt Liberal machine he inherited and Mr. Diefenbaker can only cry that he would have done better if an ungrateful public had not voted him out of office.

Into this vacuum of ideas, Social Credit puts forward the only creative, thought-out program of reform along with an expression of conservative thought based on experience and advocated by men of moral quality and honest ability.

Instead of indulging in political wrangling that has been a feature of the relations between the old parties, Social Credit promises truly responsible government based on high principles of integrity. People frustrated with the confusion in the country and seeking a new manifestation of national purpose will rally behind men who are prepared to stand up for freedom of choice, in a world where more and more responsibility is being forfeited in the name of taking care of people's needs.

People want insurance against calamitous situations that could jeopardize their families' future. They do not want a bureaucracy to make every decision for them. We dare not sacrifice freedom of choice or we undercut the very roots of democracy.

This country has a tremendous potential, but it also has deep needs. There are problems that need to be pondered and discussed until clear answers are found. It cannot be left to the political leaders entirely. There needs to be a grass roots movement to produce creative solutions.

- How do we protect people from the mistakes and the thoughtlessness of bureaucracy?
- How do we give people the services they require and still protect their rights?
- How do we provide for the needy without degrading them and without infringing on the freedom of choice of those who are not in need?
- How do we solve the problem of distribution so the goods get from the people who produce them to the necessary consumer wherever he may be?
- How do we restore to parliament the dignity and respect it needs if it is to give people pride and faith in their own country?
- How do we instill in people the faith that these things can be realized so they are prepared to fight for them?
- How do we unite the two founding races with each other and with the multitude of people of different cultures that make up this country?
- How do we project Canada into the world scene with a message of unity that carries conviction and creates understanding?

We must send people to Ottawa who can answer these questions. Our job in the next six weeks is to seek out these men and get them elected.

God give us men.

The campaign is on. The issue is free choice. God give us men.

JOE SOCRED PREPARES FOR ACTION



READING



THINKING



LISTENING



DISCUSSING

THE KEY MAN IS JOE SOCRED

There is a very important man in Canada right now, a man without whom the Social Credit National Convention in Edmonton this November will be a pointless flop. His name is Joe Socred, and he is the keystone of any future success the Canadian Social Credit party hope to build. He is the one man on whom the advance of Social Credit ideas depend, because he is the man who has committed himself to the living and spreading of Social Credit ideals.

It is said of the great reformer, John Wesley, he believed that "personal change was no change unless it issued in social change". The world is waiting today for Social Crediters, and others who claim to believe in principles similar to Social Credit, to make plain their beliefs in ways which today's world can understand and accept. The world will not refuse our challenge; not if it is contained in a quality of individual life that has discipline, purpose and passion.

Joe Socred knows that if he lives it, they'll get it; he'll be watched and listened to, and the idea he lives will be spread. He also knows one other sure test of whether he's being guided by the right Power, and that's to examine his daily life and see whether he cares for people in a practical way, whether he thinks deeply, listens quietly, speaks honestly, discusses plainly, and acts decisively. That kind of Joe Socred can turn a sociable convention into a history-making one, or a disastrous November election into a turning point in the affairs of a nation in crisis.

They that can give up liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.

— Benjamin Franklin.

QUARTERBACK RNT CALLS SIGNALS FOR CONVENTION

By ROBERT THOMPSON

30 - 4 - 60. These are the signals for Social Credit for the fall of 1965. It is not football — rather it is something with much bigger stakes than that. It is the 30th anniversary of the first Social Credit Government in the world. It was in 1935 that Alberta gave Mr. Aberhart the biggest landslide victory in the history of Canadian politics, and even more phenomenal is the fact that Alberta has given its overwhelming support in every one of the seven provincial elections since. It is also 4 years since our last national convention, when you elected me as your National Leader. The time has arrived for our regular quadrennial national convention. You now may well ask where 60 comes into the picture — well it is 60 years since Alberta became a province. This now brings me to my message — it is this!

All of these are being put together in Edmonton on November 25, 26 and 27 to make it the biggest anniversary and the most important convention Social Credit has ever had.

You will want to attend this gala event — and we want you there. For the anniversary we will make it the biggest political celebration Canada has had. For the national conference we want 5 delegates from every federal constituency and five alternates as well. Then there will be the delegates from every provincial League Executive, the Young Socreds and from the Women's Auxiliaries, not to mention every visitor we can pack in. Plan now to attend — we need you, and so does Social Credit. You need the inspiration and thrill of this historic event — and so does Social Credit, from Victoria, B.C., to St. John, Newfoundland.

With our hats off to the past and our coats off to the future, let's pull and move forward together!

Men Must Choose

They tell us, sir, that we are weak — unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed?...

Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot?...

Sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations... The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave... There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged!...

Gentlemen may cry, peace, peace! — but there is no peace. The war is actually begun!... Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death! — (Address to the House of Burgesses, Virginia, March, 1775,) by the American revolutionary, Patrick Henry.



HENRY F. HEALD

News Editor Joins Robert N. Thompson As Press Secretary

The appointment of Henry F. Heald as parliamentary press secretary to the leader of the Social Credit Party was announced recently by Robert N. Thompson.

Mr. Heald is an experienced newsman and came to Ottawa from Welland, Ontario where he had spent six years with the daily Evening Tribune, the last three as city editor.

He was born in Moose Jaw, Sask. but grew up and received his public and high school education in Fort William, Ont. He studied public relations and journalism in Los Angeles, California and spent ten years in public relations work with Moral Re-Armament travelling extensively in Canada, the United States and Europe.

While in Welland Mr. Heald undertook various freelance assignments and was correspondent for the Toronto Star, Daily Commercial News and Canada Month. He was an active member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter director of the Welland and District United Appeal and headed the publicity campaign that preceded the successful United Appeal campaign in 1964. He also assisted the industrial development of the Welland area by editing a monthly newsletter for the Welland Industrial Commission.

In 1960 he married the former Patricia Baker of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Heald are the parents of two daughters, Brenda and Carolyn.

Role of Social Credit MPs in Parliament

Untruths and distortions, once circulated, die hard. The public has come to accept two untruths about Social Credit:

- The Social Credit MPs kept the Liberal Government in power during the last session, and
- Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson in July threatened to force an election.

The record needs to be set straight.

The dignity of Parliament must be upheld. It is unrealistic to permit the existence of a situation where the Speaker's ruling can be upset every time the Opposition wants to raise a storm.

Parliament was elected to govern. The role accepted by the Social Credit Members of Parliament was to see that it governed to the best of its ability.

The role of the Progressive Conservative MPs was to try and defeat the government and force an election. Late in the session many PC members did not want to go to the country under Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership. So the Liberals were kept in power, not by the Social Credit members, but by the absence of Conservative members on crucial votes.

At his July press conference Socred Leader Robert Thompson stated specifically he was not talking about his party forcing an election. After explaining that the Social Credit group did not have the power to defeat the government as long as the Conservative absenteeism continued, he said he believed the public would demand an election if the Prime Minister did not adequately clean house after the Dorion report.

Mr. Thompson showed concern about the breakdown in trust between Parliament and the people and wished to restore the public trust in their elected representatives. The aim of a broader Dorion enquiry, as suggested by Mr. Thompson, would be to fully assess the inroads of crime into Canadian political life and to assure the Canadian people that immorality in high places will not be tolerated.

Saskatchewan Young Socred Group Planned

The University of Saskatchewan Campus Socreds at Saskatoon have decided to initiate the formation of a Sask. Young Socred organization. In order to evaluate the need for a movement of this nature they ask all Saskatchewan readers to submit the names and addresses (summer and winter) of those below the age of 30 who might be interested in becoming active members.

If the response is sufficient they will send out literature and membership applications and try to assist in the formation of local groups.

They hope to form a nucleus of critical young thinkers who can analyse and clarify the purpose of the Social Credit Party today. At this stage their formation is very tentative and they will act on the basis of response received. They also ask that Y.S.C. groups in other parts of Canada send them information on their activities.

Send addresses and information to:

David G. Anderson,
Secretary — U. of S. Campus Socreds, 326 Avenue V. North,
Saskatoon, Sask.

(Fewer) Facts About Money!

Editor's Note: At press time we had received no letters from reader's expressing support for the continuance of the "Facts About Money" series. If you've been reading it and want it continued, please let us know, otherwise the next issue of Focus will print only the directions on where copies of the complete booklet can be obtained.

Another Choice?

Election time is coming
The leaders are abroad
But would it not be fair to say
The populace is bored?

We see that one is fishing
The other's speaking French
But has the time not come when both
Might warm some other bench?

The followers of either
Would like a newer voice
And all those known as "you know who"
Would like a better choice.

by Stuart Richardson,
in the Montreal Gazette, August 30th.



ARTHUR HOLMES



EDWARD L. WEISGERBER

YOUR CANDIDATES

In Vancouver-Kingsway, Arthur Silas Holmes, an automotive mechanic, will try again to win the seat for Social Credit.

Mr. Holmes was born in Queensboro, Ont. in 1910 served four and a half years in the Canadian Army and is active in the Royal Canadian Legion.

He is on the executive of the Welfare Association of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association and a trustee of the International Association of Machinists, Automotive Lodge 1857. He is married and has three children.

Mr. Holmes' trade union activities will stand him in good stead as the seat is presently held by Arnold Webster of the New Democratic Party.

Edward L. Weisgerber, a lum-

ber dealer in Barrhead, Alberta and deputy mayor of the town, will contest the seat of Jasper-Edson.

The 55-year-old Mr. Weisgerber has been active in municipal affairs for many years, but is making his first bid for a role in higher levels of government. In addition to his work on the town council where he is on the sports committee and the community hall committee, he is active in the Retail Merchants Association, the Elks Club, the Knights of Columbus and for the past 11 years has been chairman of the civilian committee for the local Air Cadet squadron.

A native of Vibank, Saskatchewan, he has resided in the Jasper Edson constituency since 1931 and has been active in Social Credit since 1934. Mr. Weisgerber has historic links with Ottawa through his wife, the former Eleanor R. Sparks, a great-granddaughter of Nicholas Sparks whose old homestead is now the site of the Parliament Buildings. The Weisgerbers have three sons and four daughters.

The Jasper Edson seat is now held by the Conservatives' H. M. Horner.

"A magnificent future awaits Canada... upon the whole surface of the globe, there is no more spacious and splendid domain open to the activity and genius of free men." Sir Winston Churchill.

The Pearson Plan for Medicare

Prime Minister Pearson's outline proposal for Canadian Medicare has five main features:

It would be compulsory, and all the resident of a province would be covered on the same conditions — for instance, all would have to pay the same premium, or there would be no premium. Each province could decide the conditions for itself.

It would have to cover doctor services as a minimum.

It would have to be administered by a provincial government department or agency.

Each province's benefits would have to be transferable if a citizen moved to another province.

Estimating the cost at \$28 a year per person, Ottawa would pay \$14 a year by turning back to the provinces more of the federal government's tax revenues.



B. C. BOOM TRAIN DRAWS CROWDS AT EXHIBITION

Art Charpentier, president of the British Columbia Young Socreds, acts as barker at the "B.C. Boom Train" that attracted large crowds at the recent Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver. The train built and operated by the

B.C. Young Socreds, gave visitors a simulated 15 minute tour of the province stressing the great economic development under the Social Credit government.



from the HEART

by MIKE GUTWILLIG

From the Montreal Newspaper, En Ville, August, 1965

In recent weeks, I've heard important businessmen talking of switching their support from the Liberals to the Tories. They've had enough of corruption and socialism. But the fact remains this: We'll only go from bad to worse unless we learn to back the sound men instead of blindly supporting a party. That's the only way Canada might finally get the programme it needs.

It's a curious fact that, to the man on the street, the political leaders who ring most sincere are the NDP's Tommy Douglas and Social Credit's Bob Thompson. True, they equate Douglas with Socialism and Thompson with some sort of "funny money" scheme.

Yet it's a sure thing that Canadians will buy neither of these men on the basis of party. We have had enough of Socialism, Liberal-style, so we can live without the NDP version. And the Social Credit name has become so badly tainted that, despite its solid record in Alberta, it could never win the country.

But what would happen if either Douglas or Thompson came forward and said: "I've had it up to here with party politics, including those of my own party. I want to join with sound men everywhere to develop a programme for the country. This

programme has room for sincere men of all parties."

* * *

Which Canadian politician will be big enough to take that next needed step?

If you are despairing for the country — and are about to take the pipe — I strongly recommend you pick up a copy of a new book (from McClelland & Stewart) entitled "Commonsense for Canadians" by Robert N. Thompson, M.P. It is truly a fresh wind blowing in from the Prairies.

Here, at last, is not a book on party politics, but the first hint of a programme to which the wise and honest of every party — now in quandary — can repair.

Some capitalists will not care for some of the uncomfortable questions that Mr. Thompson poses. Such as: "... to find out by what paradox it is that when we prepare ourselves for the very wasteful destructiveness of war, we become rich instead of poor."

Some right-wingers will not like to be reminded that "unleashed individualism is as destructive as unleashed collectivism."

Some socialists will not like to hear that the great society cannot be built merely by a change in systems for "man would be little different and one must change man, not his society."

Some intellectuals may be upset to learn that his "aim is to fulfil the most ambitious policy ever put forward for mankind — "Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heaven".

But the man has some pippicking ideas.

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True, there are sections of Mr. Thompson's book that are devoted to defining Social Credit and the small-c "conservative." But it soon becomes evident that his picture of Canada's needs goes beyond these concepts.

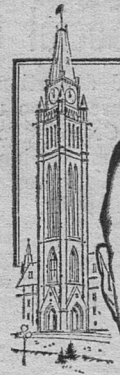
For many of us — and especially our youth — the term "conservative" is tough to swallow. We equate it with the old guard establishment, the status quo, with resistance to all change, and with the right wing. It is a philosophy that has tended to attract, as Goldwater did, the Birchers, racists and all sorts of other nuts who seek to ensure that one group will hold onto their bundle and to supremacy — and to hell with the rest.

This old label does not apply to Mr. Thompson's revolutionary philosophy. There is something here for the needy and the aged and for the man who will no longer tolerate second-class citizenship. But especially does it offer hope for the man who loves freedom in its truest sense — and who recognizes no real rewards are possible without sacrifice and hard work.

Canada's youth will respond to his suggestion that we "cannot survive for long as an isolated separatist or tag-along nation... We are the pioneer of the emerging former colonies that today are crowding on to the world stage." Our aim, he says, should be to "remake the world as a community of free men freely doing what is right."

This is a programme without holdback. The third force (those of us who are neither English nor French) must cheer Mr. Thompson's conviction that Canada needs "new people, new methods, yes, and a new sense of appreciation of moral standards and absolutes which are not new." Then we can make Canada a democracy of which others will say, "What Canada is, we want to be."

What does Mr. Thompson have to say about the pussy-footers,



CANDID COMMENTS

By ROBERT N. THOMPSON M.P.

A MEDICARE POLICY

The question of medicare has been pushed into the political arena with more fanfare than it deserves and has become a controversial issue far beyond its merits.

No one is against the proposition that the very best of health care should be made available to the people of Canada. Science has made great strides in all fields of health and the value of the new knowledge should not be denied anyone simply because their earnings do not permit them to pay the specialists' fees.

If the federal medicare scheme proposed by Prime Minister Pearson at the federal-provincial conference in July didn't meet with wholehearted support from the ten premiers it can be attributed in part to their rejection of its compulsory nature and in part to its poor timing. Most of the provincial leaders came to Ottawa with other things on their minds which they felt should take precedence over universal health schemes. Off-shore mineral rights, education, crime and regional development programs were among the matters of concern to the premiers. With the federal provincial taxation study committee not prepared to report until later this year, this was not the time to launch new cost sharing programs.

Alberta's Premier E. C. Manning rejected outright any medicare scheme that was compulsory. He fought an almost lone battle to make his point and was reported only sketchily in the papers in the east. Premier Duff Roblin of Manitoba, however, followed a similar tack and announced no compulsory scheme would be launched in his province. Premier John Robarts didn't say whether or not Ontario would go along, but back in Toronto he complained of the "shotgun" federal proposal that said the scheme must be compulsory or the 50 per cent of the cost promised by Ottawa would not be forthcoming.

Nothing less than the very best in medical care must be available to people according to their needs. If we can provide the hospitals and services then people must have access to them. To throw the whole responsibility for health care into the hands of the government is not the answer.

Three basic principle must apply: 1. The government must assist those who are unable to provide for themselves, keeping in mind the fundamental policy of helping Canadians to help themselves. 2. The plan must be voluntary for both patient and doctor. To eliminate freedom of choice is a major step in the loss of all freedom. 3. The government must stand in the position of a referee between private health care and people who are in need of public assistance to assure just treatment for all, but it must be on a co-operative basis where the responsibility for costs is shared between the individual and the public.

A government dominated scheme leads inevitably to the loss of personal freedom. It is costly and inefficient and could well be beyond the limits of the public purse to pay. If the public were fully aware of the ultimate cost in relation to benefits received they would not hesitate to reject such a plan.

History shows that no civilization has endured once the taxation level exceeds half the net public income. In Canada we are getting dangerously close.

the compromisers, the relativists and the non-involved?

He reminds them that "commitment is the alternative to neutrality, and that lukewarmness inspires treachery and hypocrisy." To support this, he calls upon thousands of years of history. He points out that Plato said, "The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

And to the Apostle James: "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

And to Edmund Burke: "All that is necessary for the triumph

of evil is that good men do nothing."

And to Abraham Lincoln, a hundred years ago: "To sin by silence, when they know they should protest, makes cowards of men."

The timid may not appreciate Robert Thompson's approach. The moral disarmers will react to such statements as "There can be no substitution for moral standards."

But this book is a start — and the first ray of hope for every Canadian weary of our reactionary old political ways. I urge you to read it.

Freedom always faces dangers. A free people remains free only through daily acts of courage. A nation's bravery in war cannot atone for timidity in time of peace. We deny our freedoms if we don't speak when there is something to be said.

— The Honourable Vincent Massey,
Former Governor-General of Canada.

"You may either win your peace or buy it; win it by resistance to evil; buy it by compromise with evil."

John Ruskin.



POCKETFUL OF 'COMMONSENSE' FOR JOE SOCRED. Joe Socred gets his ammunition to read, think, speak and act, as Mrs. Bette Alexanderson, at Social Credit National Headquarters, fills the pocket of a special mailing envelope with "Commonsense for Canadians", by National Leader Robert N. Thompson. Though Joe Socred is busy with Fall work, he's putting an hour a night towards preparation for democracy's great safeguard, the choice of government.

Campaign Is On

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meeting in Chilliwack, when Alex B. Patterson was nominated to stand again for that riding. B.C. League President George Dreidiger and other party and government leaders were in active attendance.

The following night Mr. Thompson addressed a Social Credit Rally in Abbotsford and visited in Vancouver Sunday before flying to Edmonton where, today (Sept. 12th) the financial committee of the National Association met to plan election strategy. Mr. Thompson will stop in Red Deer, Calgary and Toronto before returning to Ottawa for meetings of the national platform committee on Thursday.

Mr. Thompson will speak this Saturday afternoon (Sept. 18th) to a public rally of the Christian Labour Association, Ontario conference, in Toronto. His topic will be, "God Give Us Men". The CLA's national organ, "The Guide" says our National Leader was invited to speak because he "publicly supports the Christian labour movement and openly advocates the abolition of compulsory unionism."

On Saturday evening in Barrie, Ontario, Mr. Thompson speaks to a Social Credit Rally and nominating convention for the riding of Simcoe North. After a church meeting on Sunday evening in Toronto, Mr. Thompson goes to Montreal where he will address a dinner meeting of the Westmount-St. Lawrence Rotary Club.

The full campaign schedule of Mr. Thompson and other party leaders will be published in Focus when available.