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Justice for Everybody Harms Nobody

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## FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE U. S. A.

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### UNLESS YOU KNOW THESE THINGS YOU ARE NOT EDUCATED

There are one hundred and thirty million people in the United States of America and it is about time they were given a program for themselves.

There are plenty of programs printed in this country but none of them are for the people—they are all for the financiers.

So it is high time that the people have a program of their own that is free from all financial taint and written in a way that they can understand and have faith in.

In order that the people can learn the true facts concerning what they would like to know they must be given a complete bill of particulars from beginning to end and not just stray bits of one.

Such a bill of particulars has been prepared for them in the LAWSON LITERATURE, of which this article sets forth certain basic principles. For full details the whole Literature should be studied carefully.

For many years I have been writing and lecturing that the people have been losing four-fifths of everything they earn through the interest collecting swindle. Now most everybody, except the financiers and their touts who get a rake-off, are saying, "Lawson is right."

No doubt, eighty per cent of the people of the United States of America will welcome this program of justice for everybody that harms nobody as fast as it is brought to their attention.

For a long time past I have been offering this information to the people but for obvious reasons those who control publicity have been trying to keep it away from them.

The people should know that Financiers control almost every avenue of publicity in America as well as in other countries and they do not want the people to know about the Lawson money system for fear that it will put a stop to their tribute collections. So it is never publicized except when it is mentioned by Direct Credits Officers or other missionaries of Truth who distribute the little newspaper known as the Benefactor.

But Truth cannot be buried even by International Financiers and so the LAWSON MONEY SYSTEM and DIRECT CREDITS FOR EVERYBODY is gradually becoming known everywhere and the people are beginning to demand it. Yes, and the people are

in desperate need of it, I can assure you.

It is, of course, the object of the financier to split the people into as many different organizations as possible; and besides putting their touts in the key positions, to give each organization a different program so that the people can all be kept arguing, quarreling, hating and fighting over trifling details, as long as they live without ever learning what it is all about.

So, the time has come for the people to consider a whole program from beginning to end that

So those who expect justice for themselves must be willing to give justice to everybody else.

There will be no sharp practices under Direct Credits rules whereby those who are strong and tricky will be allowed to victimize the weak just because they have an opportunity to do so. Therefore all slippery schemes in business transactions will be outlawed and those who practice them will be punished without exception. No cheats will be allowed to stay long in business under these rules.

By enforcing honest practices

that a general forward movement can be started.

The first step in this program is to throw away the crutches that the financial sharks gave to the people and walk squarely upon the good old legs that the Creator furnished us with.

The swindlers must be stopped from milking the people of four-fifths of everything they earn by forcing them to pay tribute for the use of money and credit.

Unless interest is abolished the people will not be able to take one step toward the establishment of an unselfish program. So, of

tween CAPITAL and FINANCE as there is between milk and a sponge.

CAPITAL is anything and everything made valuable by constructive effort while FINANCE is a suck-up sponge that absorbs the results of this effort.

Every country in the world is in the claws of FINANCIALISM under one form of government or another. But it is at its worst wherever the financiers have been able to put in their DICTATORS who completely enslave the people.

CAPITALISM at its worst is better than FINANCIALISM at its best.

The people can be taught to make CAPITALISM work at its best under DIRECT CREDITS principles.

Therefore:

PRINCIPLE 2 is — CAPITALISM WITHOUT FINANCIALISM.

The Constitution of the United States gives to Congress the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof. But private financiers have usurped that power and now they profess an inalienable right to print and curtail the use of money to suit themselves.

Therefore:

PRINCIPLE 3 is — CONGRESSIONAL CONTROL OF MONEY AND CREDIT.

Alfred Lawson has spent sixty years getting practical experience and genuine knowledge of ECONOMICS, both Natural and Artificial. He has passed through every avenue of social effort, such as laborer, mechanic, farmer, manufacturer, industry builder, inventor, author, editor and educator. Now, as he has a humane desire to serve all of those different branches of human endeavor impartially, he has created a perfect money system that can be utilized as a trade convenience by everybody without loss to anybody.

So Congress must be authorized to adopt this money system as copyrighted in his book, "KNOW BUSINESS."

Therefore:

PRINCIPLE 4 is — UTILIZATION OF THE LAWSON MONEY SYSTEM.

The eleven points of the Lawson Money System as referred to above are as follows:

"FIRST—this money system will be owned, controlled and operated by the people themselves, under the management of their trustee—the government.

SECOND—money will have no

## THE TEN BASIC PRINCIPLES

### To Insure Freedom For the People of the U.S.A.

- (1) **ABOLISH INTEREST**
- (2) **CAPITALISM WITHOUT FINANCIALISM**
- (3) **Congressional Control of Money and Credit**
- (4) **Utilization of the Lawson Money System**
- (5) **DIRECT CREDITS FOR EVERYBODY**
- (6) **THE AMERICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT**
- (7) **NO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE U. S. A.**
- (8) **FREEDOM OF SPIRITUAL WORSHIP**
- (9) **GENERAL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**
- (10) **COMPULSORY ARBITRATION**

sets forth clearly in plain language without subterfuges just what rules are necessary to give to everybody a purchasing power equal to their productive power. Surely no sane man will object to receiving the full buying power of his earnings.

Well, that is just what you will get under this plan. No more, no less. There will be nothing subtracted as tribute for anybody. No fees, no dues, no extras of any kind. Every cent's worth that you earn will be yours.

But the people must understand to begin with that justice does not exist unless it is for everybody

from the top to the bottom of the social scale, a spirit of unselfishness among the people can be developed that will raise everybody to a higher standard of intelligence, truthfulness, reliability and self respect.

HATE can be eradicated when the spirit of unselfishness prevails.

But as one step in human development precedes another, so, before these unselfish characteristics can be acquired and the eradication of hate can be realized the crippled understanding of everybody must be mended, so

course, nothing else will count for them until this first step is taken.

Therefore:

PRINCIPLE 1 is — ABOLISH INTEREST.

Now the object of FINANCIALISM is to eliminate CAPITALISM and crush LABOR.

This is being accomplished by financiers gaining control of all money and credit and forcing everybody to pay everlasting tribute on interest bearing indebtedness.

People must understand that there is as much difference be-

value at all but will merely act as a measure for the value of land, products or labor.

**THIRD**—the money will be loaned to the people by the government, acting as trustee, without any charges for its use whatsoever.

**FOURTH**—the government will have the power to recall the money instead of having to redeem it.

**FIFTH**—as money will have no value in this system the quantity of it issued will not effect its purchasing power.

**SIXTH**—as the quantity issued will not effect its purchasing power, money, according to the Lawson system, cannot be inflated or deflated. It cannot be stretched or shrunk in the measurement of value any more than a yard can be stretched or shrunk in the measurement of distance.

**SEVENTH**—money under this plan will be made to spend and not to hoard or sell.

**EIGHTH**—to prevent hoarding of money the government will recall it at specified times and exchange new money for it. The old money will then become worthless and have no purchasing power.

**NINTH**—a supply of ready money will be kept on hand at all times by the government in sufficient quantities to meet all trade requirements so that industry cannot be held up for the want of it under any circumstances.

**TENTH**—paper money will be used most extensively as the trade convenience, although copper, nickel and silver will be used for small coinage. Paper money is most convenient for handling purposes as well as being the least expensive and quickest to make.

**ELEVENTH**—as security for its money the people will pledge the entire wealth of their country, which will give it a backing equal to its utilization."

As soon as Direct Credits for Everybody becomes a law the government will issue new money in sufficient quantities to meet all trade requirements and loan it to the people without interest.

All old money will be traded in for the new money within a given period of time at its face rate.

The people must understand that it is the land, products and labor that contain value, not money. The dollar will be the unit of measurement only, through which the value of these things will be gauged.

The dollar, backed by all of the wealth of the United States, will remain constant and the fluctuations in values will be in the land, products or services and not in the money. These fluctuations will be caused by supply and demand.

Under Direct Credits Law every debt that has been lawfully contracted will be paid in full. Cheating will not be tolerated. Misrepresentations in trading will be extirpated entirely.

Therefore:

**PRINCIPLE 5 is—DIRECT CREDITS FOR EVERYBODY.**

The American form of government is the best method of operation ever devised for a free and intelligent people as it gives to them a voice in the management of their own affairs.

During the past the American people have made many mistakes trying to manage themselves, but mistakes are natural consequences for those who live and learn.

Practical experience is nature's great teacher.

The worst mistake the American people made was to permit a gang of international swindlers to get control of their money and credit systems and then tie them hand and foot by getting control of their different organizations and publicity machinery with

which they force the people to fight and whip themselves.

However, by abolishing interest and giving Capital and Labor a free hand to create wealth abundantly through the utilization of the Lawson Money System, made lawful and supervised by the people's trustees in Congress, will give the people another chance to demonstrate their ability to manage themselves under honest rules.

Therefore:

**PRINCIPLE 6 is—THE AMERICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.**

Now, as it has been amply proved heretofore, to the sorrow of the people, that a gang of alien financiers can steal a whole country and ruin it, such evidence should be sufficient for all lovers of freedom, who are in pursuit of life, liberty and happiness to bar from America all aliens whose intentions are to destroy the American form of Government and substitute a Dictatorship that will enslave the people.

Therefore:

**PRINCIPLE 7 is—NO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN U.S.A.**

Throughout the ages human beings have believed in the existence of a Creator and their methods of worship were many and varied.

As the general object of all religions appears to be the same, that is, to worship GOD, then the worshippers should be allowed to conduct their services in such manner as they think will be most appreciated by HIM.

There can be no sensible reason why any one person or set of persons should control the plans for worshipping GOD or why one person should be made to hate another because of their difference in methods of worship.

Therefore:

**PRINCIPLE 8 is — FREEDOM OF SPIRITUAL WORSHIP.**

The people have had a long uphill struggle to reach the stage where they may enjoy the right to express their views to one another without fear of bodily harm. The U.S.A. is one of the few countries in the world where this can be done.

The people are not allowed to express their views to each other in countries where the financiers have established Dictatorships and in some of them their lives are forfeited for doing it.

In such countries there is no freedom of the press, no freedom of the radio, no freedom of assembly or no freedom of speech, so there is no possible way for the people to learn anything except what the touts of the financial dictators teach them.

Of course, freedom of expression does not mean that one person should have the right to annoy others or tell lies about them; but it does mean that people should be allowed to express their views to those who are willing to listen, either individually or collectively, on condition that they are within sane and lawful boundaries.

Therefore:

**PRINCIPLE 9 is—GENERAL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.**

As there are two kinds of wealth producers, namely, Capitalist and Laborer; or, the one who plans and the one who executes; or, the one who pays and the one who receives pay; or, the one who depends upon profit and the one who depends upon wages; or, the one who hires and the one who is hired, there are always going to be misunderstandings between them.

But as Capital and Labor work together with the same object in view, namely, the production of wealth, then they should both enjoy equal rights of protest if the conditions under which they cooperate are unsatisfactory to either of them.

In that event their representatives should meet in good spirit and iron out their difficulties in such a way that neither will get

the worst of it.

But, in case an amicable agreement cannot be reached between them they should not make matters worse by stopping the production of wealth and thereby creating misery and suffering among innocent people who depend upon it for subsistence, but they should submit their grievances to a third party as arbiter for final settlement.

However, the one who officiates as arbiter should be entirely free from any connection whatsoever with the parties in dispute and should be able to prove that there is absolutely no chance for gain in it for him no matter what his final decision may be.

Therefore:

**PRINCIPLE 10 is — COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.**

The object of the Creator is to develop the people to a higher state of intelligence.

The object of the financier is to degrade the people to a lower state of intelligence.

As everything has an opposite, destructiveness is the opposite of constructiveness.

The Creator is constructive and the financier destructive.

The financiers have been in control of the people for a long time past. They first got control of the people's money system and then made laws to curtail the supply of money used as a trade convenience. Thus there was not enough cash in hand to be used by the people in trading their land, products and labor with one another.

With insufficient money in circulation for trading purposes the financiers made it lawful for those with money to charge tribute to those without money.

But not satisfied with collecting a tribute for the use of money these pig-devils added a credit system to it which they maneuvered so cleverly that they are now charging everybody interest on credit loans many times the amount of the actual supply of money in existence.

So today the financiers are collecting as tribute from the people of the U.S.A. Twenty Billions of Dollars yearly, notwithstanding that they have within their pockets as spending money no more than Four Billion Dollars.

Therefore by such methods the financiers are able to absorb four-fifths of all wealth earned by both Capital and Labor.

So by control of the money system the financiers were enabled to buy control of newspapers, magazines, radio, screen and every other avenue of publicity and teach the people therewith that their swindling methods were all right.

Of course swindlers are also liars and through their publicity agencies the financiers tell the people that there are Sixty Billions of Dollars on deposit in the banks of the U.S.A. and as there is no way for the people to learn differently they gulp it down and believe it.

As a matter of truth, there has never been Sixty Billions of Dollars in the U.S.A. since this country was first established.

Not counting the gold, which I have frequently stated is not money but merely bait used to hook the people and skin them, there is less than eight billion dollars in the U.S.A. today and about half of that is not in circulation at all but is laying dead in the vaults of the financiers.

The financiers, of course, are willing to loan what money they have in their vaults for tribute on condition that valuable property is put up as security.

But, right there is the hitch as the people have little or no security to put up as the financiers have already absorbed three-quarters of the American people's property because they could not pay the interest charges on previous loans and the people now have but very little property left to put up as security.

Lack of security is the reason

why half of the money in America lies dead in the vaults of the financiers while business stagnates for the want of it.

Inasmuch as the people of the U.S.A. are forced to pay Twenty Billions of Dollars annual interest upon loans of money and credit, it will not take much more time for the financiers to absorb the rest of the people's properties, in which case, they will have no more securities left to put up for loans of money to use as a trade convenience.

Under such swindling methods there is no way for anybody to retain control of their property because it is within the power of the financiers to take it from them either through interest collection or by forced payment of taxes at such high rates that they cannot be met, and as a result the properties are confiscated for non-payment thereof.

Through their various avenues of publicity the financiers have been teaching the people that taxes go to the politicians whereas a large percentage of the taxes go to pay back interest on loans from the financiers.

The reason that the people are misled to believe that politicians should be blamed for excessive taxes is because the financiers want to discredit them in the eyes of the people so that when the proper time arrives they will meet no resistance in throwing the politicians out and putting the financial dictator in their places.

Of course when that happens the people will then lose the American form of government and a voice in the management of their own affairs.

The financiers, through their touts, have control of practically every influential organization in America except the Direct Credits Society. So through the control of these different organizations, they are able to get the people to argue, quarrel and lambast one another over trifling matters that don't amount to anything. Thus, while they fight among themselves over trifles it is an easy matter for the financiers to declare martial law and deny the people the right to vote, or assemble, or talk, or print anything of any nature that is not permitted by the touts of the financiers who are the leaders of these different organizations.

You say that cannot be done in America?

Well, just who do you think is going to stop it if all of your organizations are controlled by the financiers and you do just what their touts tell you to do?

The U.S.A. would have been under the heel of a financial dictator long ago if the financiers could have agreed among themselves as to which one of their gangs should rule.

But financiers cannot trust one another and that is all that has kept the Dictator out of America up to this time.

It is true that either gang would rather accept the Lawson Program of Capitalism with improved finance than to be ruled by a competitor's bloodthirsty dictator who would eventually confiscate all of their properties.

If the Lawson Program were in operation today all financiers could become honest men instead of cheats. They could retain what property they now have in their possession, but, instead of charging tribute for the use of their money they would use it to build more industries and greater means of transportation. They would help to enlarge wealth production so that every human being could have a chance to work that wanted to work as well as to deny no one the necessities of life.

Instead of charging interest and getting something for nothing they would get a profit by giving something for something.

The Twenty Billions of interest that the financiers now cheat the people of America out of would go into the pockets of the working class, which added to the

highest purchasing power ever attainable by labor would give the people enough money to buy about everything that the capitalist would be able to produce.

Would that stop the profits of the capitalist? Of course not.

With the pockets of the working people full of money to buy everything needed, the factories would be kept running at full speed to supply them with it and the owners would enjoy such prosperity as they never dreamed of before. It is only those with ossified cerebriums that cannot understand that.

But as long as either of these gangs of financial maniacs thinks that they have a chance to put in a dictator and enslave the people they will probably continue to get control of the different organizations and pay traitorous touts to sell out the people and drive them into blind alleyways as they drive sheep and cattle into the different pens of the stockyards.

An easy way for anybody to learn if financiers control the organizations he is paying fees and dues to is to ask the leader to publicly announce that **INTEREST MUST BE ABOLISHED**. If he refuses then he must stand with the financiers who are milking the people out of Twenty Billions of Dollars annually through the interest collection swindle. He certainly must be against the people if he helps the financiers to rob them of four-fifths of their earnings.

So, to save themselves from this terrible scourge and retain the freedom which their forefathers guaranteed them in the Constitution of the United States of America, the people themselves must act to preserve that freedom or it will soon be lost forever.

Freedom, such as the Constitution promises cannot be retained if the people continue to take the advice of the financiers, who are cheating them out of their earnings.

As long as the people listen to the touts of the financiers and follow their instructions they cannot stop the installation of a dictator.

Because these gold worshipping touts have been listened to by the people during the past the world is now plagued by ten horrible results as follows: (1) CHEATS, (2) LIARS, (3) THIEVES, (4) BEGGARS, (5) HYPOCRITES, (6) DRUNKARDS, (7) DOPE-FIENDS, (8) DEGENERATES, (9) MURDERERS, (10) SUICIDES.

Which, then, will it be, a continuation of those ten horrors or the substitution of the ten God-given principles of the **LAWSON PROGRAM** that will insure freedom for the people of the U.S.A.? It must be one or the other.

Now, the ten basic principles of the Lawson Program cannot be altered any more than a perfect design of an airplane can be altered without effecting its balance and destroying its usefulness. So the people must not allow the touts of the financiers to mix their beastly stuff with it or it will be thrown out of balance and will not work at all.

If, for instance, the first principle, **ABOLISH INTEREST**, was eliminated then the rest of the program could not be had because the financiers would continue to absorb the people's property and retain their power to declare martial law and establish their dictatorship whenever they get ready to do so.

So unless the Lawson Program wins before they put in their Dictator the financiers will horsewhip the people. By upholding their gold worshipping skin game the people bring on their own degradation and punishment. It is now either horse sense by the people or horse-whip for the people.

So, for God's sake, study this program for the people of the U.S.A. and declare to your representatives in Congress and the leaders of your organizations that you will stand for no other.