

CHAPTER I THE C.C.F. SOCIALISTIC BLUEPRINT

Part Two "MAKE THIS YOUR CANADA"

- Proposition 4. WHAT ARE THESE PLANS? SURELY IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A PLANNED UNIVERSE UNDER CCF RULE, AS PRUDENT MEN AND WOMEN, WE OUGHT TO EXAMINE WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER PLACES ON THIS PLANET WHEN THE PLANNERS WENT TO BAT.

William S. Gibson
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Were Voting For",
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(a) Russian Five-Year Plan

"In the memory of most of us, the first plan was the Russian one. They called it 'Five Year Plan'. It was extended to ten years. With many changes and lots of back tracking, one can say that for 25 years, Russia has operated more or less on planned economy.

Now, we have scant knowledge about Russia, as compared with the knowledge that we have of Canada and the U.S.A. It is well known, however, that the natural resources of Russia are stupendous. Also that its population is greater than the combined populations of the United States and Canada. Yet I venture the statement that in the years 1942 and 1943, our much despised system of relatively free enterprise, as compared with Russia, turned out more war materials than were turned out in Russia in the last 10 years. As civilians, compared with Russians, we are very well off."

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(b) The New Deal in U.S.

(i) "Let us talk about the New Deal planning that took place in the United States in the 30's. For 7 years, the United States was the second great nation to entrust its economic life to a system of planned economy. Also Roosevelt, the New Deal President, had as his advisers planning economists with a much greater reputation as planners and as economists than any authorities in the CCF. These planners sold Mr. Roosevelt on the idea that Government spending, - any kind of Government spending - would re-establish prosperity. They called it 'Pump Priming.' Their theory was that to re-establish prosperity, all that was necessary was Government priming of the United States industrial pump. Give her a good prime and she would go on pumping.

Fortunately, the most of my readers know something about pumps. They know that if you prime a pump continuously and it still doesn't pump, that there is something wrong. Well, they primed the industrial pump in the U.S. continuously for 7 years in an attempt to re-establish prosperity. By that they meant to end the depression. By that they meant to get more men back to work."