



Feedback

The Aid Business

Dear Resurgence, I enclose a donation of £5 as we feel the journal is so worthwhile. I know that several more subscribers would be of more value than this money and I will see what I can do in this way in the coming months.

This brings me to your interesting piece 'The Aid Business' [Vol.4 No.5]. Much of what you say is, I think, already agreed and appreciated by charities working in the Third World. There is a real understanding of the harm done by 'preaching a highly technological society'. I know of at least two organisations whose principal work in the Third World is to do with the construction of wells and the finding of water supplies, the improvement of farming conditions and stock and the general aim of helping people to stand on their own feet. But if a man is starving or dying of thirst should he not be given sustenance immediately and not expected to die waiting for the well to be dug or the economic revolution to take place?

Yours, Marguerite Tresidder, 39 Forest View,
London E4 7AU. 13.12.73

Social Credit

Dear Editor, I was very much attracted by two articles in the November-December issue, namely yours and that of Mr. Omo-Fadaka. I wish Mr. Omo-Fadaka had, in this context, said something more about the usurious financial system which gets all countries, industrial and non-industrial alike, into unrepayable debt, and the complete folly of relying on international finance, instead of instituting an independent and local banking system of a non-usurious character.

I suggest moreover that your demand that the people of the West should radically change their own life-style would be better put this way: that if we had a Social Credit system, we would no longer make a fetish of full employment for its own sake, or of economic production for its own sake; for there is much unnecessary production simply to keep people employed, and if this were eliminated, much needless pollution would also be eliminated, as would also much needless advertisement and sales technique.

So my plea to citizens of newly-independent countries is: Don't be deceived by slogans. Learn to think on really original lines. The fact that so many people are obsessed by doctrinaire socialism and that so few are aware of the need for a localized non-usurious financial system is attributable to the conspiracy, in which the publicity media take part, to tell us only what the media want us to know and to keep us in a state of ignorance. If by some miracle this distortion of the news were to cease, and people were to be told the truth, including the truth about Social Credit, the causes of so much needless poverty, violence and strife might be eliminated.

Yours sincerely, C.R. Yuille-Smith,
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West Wales Resurgence

Dear Resurgence, My wife and I recently wrote cancelling our subscription after three years or more. We now feel that this was a wrong action

together with a subscription form. [Thank you: Ed.]

We, together with a Welsh-speaking friend, plan to start a local weekly in the new year. It will support the Welsh language and home rule movement, but more particularly in our context, things Small, technology intermediate and generally the life unconsuoming.

Do you think the idea of expanding Resurgence regionally worth considering? e.g. the West Wales Resurgence would carry Resurgence writing plus regional applications and additions.

Best wishes, Ted Woodrow, Iet-y-Banadl,
Glandwr, Whitland, Carmarthenshire. 9.12.73

Radial Eco-House

Dear Sir, I was very excited by the article on the Radial House [Vol.4 No.5]. I have long considered the idea of a *farm* (that was in my old unregenerate days when I thought in terms of large commercial farms — I don't any more) consisting of adjoining circles, with the interstices between the circles planted with trees or orchard. The advantage of this would be, in terms of mechanized farming, that all cultivating and harvesting operations could be carried on from the outside of the field to the inside in ever diminishing circles, thus avoiding the time-wasting manoeuvring at corners which, with rectangular fields, is considerable. Some ploughing could be the other way.

Ecologically the idea of the circular field is excellent, in that it intermixes arable, grass, and woodland in a very good way. Grass fields, or folded-fodder fields, would be wonderfully sheltered, habitats for wild things would be spread right through the farm, etc.

But your concept for a community, is obviously excellent, and this could well be the pattern of landscape of the future. I have lived in 'rondavels' in Africa and it is a very pleasant feeling. The rondavel, a simple thatched round hut with mud walls, is very good for hot climates because one can add to the first one indefinitely by building new ones, and connecting them to the existing one by short corridors. In cold climates the disadvantage would be heat-loss, and here the radial house sounds perfect. I don't know quite how you're going to get enough light into the big central living room? Perhaps the large glass greenhouse would do it.

I would very much like to see one of these houses, and would love to see a community of them: in fact would be very tempted to try to join such a community. I can envisage two possible ways of managing the agricultural (horticultural if you like) side of it. One would be for each circle to be farmed independently, with a proper rotation of crops practiced internally. The other would be for say a group of four or six of them to practice a four or six course rotation by devoting each of the four or six circles to one crop each year and rotating the crops. The latter idea would be good in that it would enormously simplify cultivation, and in that it would enforce cooperation.

I have spent eighteen years re-discovering how one family can be self-sufficient in food, and that after a lifetime mostly connected with old-style commercial farming. I recently published a book about what I have learnt: *Self Sufficiency* published by Faber and Faber. One family, living on its own, surrounded by commercial rat-racers, can be self-sufficient, but at the cost of very great sacrifices. I only know of

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