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METRIC CONTEST RESULTS

- TRAMPLING OUR HERITAGE
- THE GREATEST BOOK IN THE WORLD
- PRINTING HERITAGE

The Australian Heritage Society

Brief History

The Australian Heritage Society was launched in Melbourne on September 18th 1971 at an Australian League of Rights Seminar. It was clear that Australia's heritage is under increasing attack from all sides; spiritual, cultural, political and constitutional. A permanent body was required to ensure that young Australians were not cut off from their true heritage and the Heritage Society assumed that role in a number of ways.

The Society has promoted a wide range of educational activities including lectures to schools. Over one million copies of three brochures have been distributed. They are "Keep Our Flag Flying" in support of retaining Australia's present flag; "Crown or Republic", the case against an Australian republic; "The Federal Constitution and Individual Freedom" discussing the essential basic freedoms enjoyed under our Constitution.

When Her Majesty the Queen visited Australia in 1973, The Heritage Society inserted a full-page loyal welcome in the Canberra and Sydney press. This move resulted in a flood of new support which paved way for further activities.

In order to provide Australians with an opportunity to have a direct say concerning their heritage, the Society inserted "voting" forms in the press throughout Australia. Over 35,000 forms were returned with 90% voting to retain the Monarchy, the present flag and National Anthem.

When the Australian political crisis developed late in 1975, the Heritage Society gave another lead by inserting press advertisements inviting Australians to use their constitutional right to petition the Queen's representative, Sir John Kerr, for a double-dissolution of the Commonwealth Parliament so that people could vote to resolve the crisis. This campaign had just started to gather momentum when the Governor-General made his historical decision on November 11th 1975.

The Heritage Society immediately lead a nation-wide campaign in defence of Sir John Kerr. Once again, press advertisements brought instant response from people of all political persuasions resulting in the distribution of well over one million "Defend Sir John Kerr" brochures.

It was about this time that the Heritage Society, due to expanding activity embarked upon a major publishing venture. The quarterly Journal "Heritage" was first published in June 1976. In its short life this journal has been increased in size and content on two occasions. Subscriptions continue to increase with each issue. Distinguished Australians contribute material on important heritage issues as well as historical features. This journal continues to be a vital link between the Heritage Society and its supporters.

The Queen's Australian visit early in 1977 saw even greater activity by the Heritage Society. Firstly, a special jubilee edition of "Heritage" was printed and it contained many avenues for Australians to express their loyalty, including car stickers and flags. Three editions of this popular issue had to be printed to meet the demand.

The most successful idea was the printing and distribution of thousands of "Loyalty Pledges" which loyal Australians were asked to sign. This idea was so popular that over 50,000 signatures poured into Heritage Society offices over a short period. The signed pledges were then despatched to the Governor-General for submission to the Queen.

Late in 1977 another publishing venture took place. A complete record of the Queen's Christmas messages and silver jubilee speech was produced in book form by the Heritage Society. Titled "A Queen Speaks to Her People" this publication was so well received throughout Australia that a second edition was required within less than three months. A permanent demand is expected for this historical publication.

The Australian Heritage Society welcomes people of all ages to join in its programme for the regeneration of the spirit of Australia. To value the great spiritual realities that we have come to know and respect through our heritage, the virtues of patriotism, of integrity and love of truth, the pursuit of goodness and beauty, an unselfish concern for other people – to maintain a love and loyalty for those values.

Young Australians have a very real challenge before them. The Australian Heritage Society, with your support can give them the necessary lead in building a better Australia.

"Our heritage today is the fragments gleaned from past ages; the heritage of tomorrow – good or bad – will be determined by our actions today."

SIR RAPHAEL CILENTO
First Patron of The Australian Heritage Society

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New Projects Off Ice

Thanks to the success of the Heritage Society's fund appeal last year, a number of interesting new projects can now be taken "off ice" and proceeded with over the coming year.

This is assuming we can maintain our current subscription level and continue with good book sales. Nevertheless, as production costs escalate we must continue to rely on the generosity of those readers who have already sponsored several Heritage Society projects.

BULLETIN

The first project is a bi-monthly bulletin, prepared by our Secretary, Mr. Ray White. Number one issue has been posted and response is such that the bulletin looks like being a permanent Heritage Society publication.

BROCHURES

We are also hoping to print a series of brochures on various Australian topics. These brochures will be incorporated in an issue of "Heritage" and then reprinted for special distribution. The first topic deals with the Australian Wool Industry - its past, present and future and is written by woolgrower, Mrs. Barbara Treloar of Queensland.

BRITISH AUTHOR

We are fortunate to have made contact with a British journalist who regularly contributes to The Illustrated London News. Our organiser in Queensland, Miss Nancy Lee reports that this writer has agreed to contribute special articles to "Heritage". Of course, being a professional author, a small payment is required. It is hoped that some readers may wish to sponsor these special articles from Britain or make a regular contribution toward them. Please direct correspondence on this matter to the editor.

NEW BOOK

Lastly, we are looking ahead to publishing a new book, the subject of which is yet to be determined. Readers are invited to suggest a suitable topic for the book, which will have, of course, a heritage theme.

The 1979 Heritage Fund has allowed us to take these bold new steps. Once these new initiatives are underway, it is imperative that the 1980 Fund is equally successful to ensure our programme pushes ahead. Details of the Fund will be announced later in the year.

HERITAGE BULLETIN

A further expansion of Heritage Society activity has taken the form of a bi-monthly newsletter. Associate Members and readers have responded very favourably to this new initiative.

It is hoped members will support the Heritage Bulletin by sending suitable news and material to share with others. Secretary, Mr. Ray White hopes that the Bulletin will eventually be used by supporters to take some type of action in defence of our heritage.

Its success will depend on YOUR support.

PLEASE NOTE THESE POSTAL ADDRESSES

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THE EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE. AUSTRALIANS REJECT METRICS. OPEN ANY DAILY NEWSPAPER AND SEE IMPERIAL MEASURES ARE STILL USED. FROM ADVERTISING TO POLICE REPORTS, FROM FOOTBALL TO WEATHER REPORTS. CAR ADVERTISERS ARE FORCED TO DESCRIBE FUEL CONSUMPTION IN MPG, BECAUSE THE BUYING PUBLIC UNDERSTAND IT READILY. IT IS CERTAIN THAT METRICS ARE NOT A FACT OF LIFE IN AUSTRALIA.

“METRICRATICS” WON’T ACCEPT NO!

The metric controversy is far from over in Australia. “Metricrats” of the Metric Conversion Board still have a tough battle on their hands and if our correspondence is any indication, the Australian public have taken heart from the British example as new waves of support emerge in favour of our traditional units of measurement.

In December 1979 “Heritage” carried a suggested letter which could be sent to Prime Minister Fraser after the British Consumer Affairs Minister announced an end to further compulsory metrication in the U.K. The letter idea literally “took off” immediately and copies of readers’ letters soon began filling our post box.

Letters to the Prime Minister were systematically passed on to the Department of Science and the Environment. The department appears to have constructed a standard reply and fed it to one of their computerised word processing machines which just printed off the identical letters when and as required. We don’t intend reproducing the letter but make the comment that it contains several statements which require further explanation and we understand that several readers have already asked for clarification from the Department of Science.

The Australian Heritage Society’s pro-Imperial stand is not without its critics among our readers. Comments such as “bigots” — “horse and buggy advocates” — “colonialists” and many more have been directed at our metric articles. The leading criticism has come from a South Australian reader who, last year, described feet and inches as “archaic” and viewed a return to these traditional measurements as being a retrograde step.

The same reader recently wrote further criticism of The Heritage Society. Referring to the standard reply on metrication from the Department of Science our correspondent wrote :—

“This (the letter) indicates a considerable diversion from the facts that you set out and would seem to me that the conversion in Great Britain is now a fact of life in that country and in my opinion it is to be re-

gretted that you have been a party to the spreading of such doubtful information.”

Whilst respecting our reader’s opinion the Heritage Society cannot accept the charge of spreading doubtful information. Recent news from Britain confirms our previous story that compulsory metrication in Britain is at an end. That is not to say that metrication will not continue but with the compulsion removed the British public will continue to use the measurements of their choice and that choice is overwhelmingly “Imperial”.

CONSUMER RESISTANCE IS ALL POWERFUL

The Metrication Board in Britain has been snuffed out by consumer resistance after 11 years. Very few bureaucracies are dismantled unless the government feels intense public pressure against it. Something basic in the British character has rebelled against the metric attack on their heritage.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Max Wood and his nine-member committee could not persuade their fellow countrymen to abandon their traditional weights and measures in favour of metrics. Subsequently the compulsion arm of the metric monster has been severed.

The Heritage Society will look to Britain with intense interest to see what develops in the subtle war to force a country to change to a system that it doesn’t want.

The Australian situation will be just as interesting.

NOTE: Once again we received quick response from Anti-Metric Association Secretary, BOB BOASE, who sends a special article on the metric question.

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Contest Results

Since we extended our contest for another quarter a further 29 entries boosted the total received to 52 entries. Judging was made extremely difficult because so many entries were excellent. However, we have chosen the slogan submitted by:

Mr. A. D. ALLEN
Balwyn, Victoria.

Mr. Allen's entry, in our opinion, expressed two important points.

- 1) "Use your voice" is one of the most basic principles of a democracy. A letter to your member of parliament is a most effective way of letting them know YOUR views.
- 2) "For measurements of YOUR choice" is an open invitation to put the question of metrication to the Australian people. Clearly, our government is only interested in the "numbers game" when it applies to their re-election, not on an important issue such as our system of weights and measures.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Allen and will forward his prize very soon. He will receive — \$10 cash, 1 year's free subscription to "Heritage", a copy of Arthur Chresby's new book "Your Will Be Done" and a supply of 20 contest stickers.

COMPLIMENTARY STICKERS TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS

We thank all readers who contributed to our contest and hope they will put to good use the car sticker they receive with this issue of "Heritage".

Readers wishing to purchase stickers may do so at the following prices:—

1 STICKER \$1 posted
10 STICKERS \$5 posted
50 STICKERS \$12 posted

from:

**The Australian Heritage Society,
Box 16,
INGLEWOOD. W.A. 6052**

YOUR LETTERS WILL KEEP THE FORCED-METRICS ISSUE ALIVE.

The Australian public have not accepted metrics as it was hoped they would. Many voices of protest have been raised. Among these are several members of parliament and we name them in the hope that readers will write them a letter of support and encouragement.

MR. KEN ALDRED, Member for Henty (Vic)
43 Chester St., Oakleigh, Vic. 3166
MR. DON CAMERON, Fadden (Queensland)
Box 301, Sunnybank, Qld. 4109
SENATOR PETER RAE (Tasmania)
Box 404, Launceston, Tas. 7250

May we also suggest letters to the Prime Minister and also:

**THE DEPT. OF SCIENCE AND THE
ENVIRONMENT,
Box 449, WODEN,
A.C.T. 2606**

Readers wishing to correspond with the Australian Anti-Metric Association can contact:

**MR. BOB BOASE, Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN ANTI-METRIC ASSOCIATION,
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THANKS FOR SUPPORT

The publishers wish to thank all readers who took the trouble to inform us of their support and objection to metrics. It is impossible to reply to all letters individually and we sincerely trust this form of thanks is acceptable.

A REST FOR METRICS

The Australian Heritage Society has played its part in alerting the Australian public to the dangers of compulsory metrication. Our last 3 issues of "Heritage" have dealt at great length with the subject.

Therefore, we intend for the time being, to refrain from printing further articles unless any important developments occur.

However, we sincerely trust that our readers and supporters will continue to voice their opinions and to use the material published in "Heritage" to the best advantage.

EDITOR

WITHOUT COMPULSION METRICS WOULD DIE

B. Boase, Secretary, Aust. Anti-Metric Association

“Heritage”, in December–February, suggested that readers write to the Prime Minister drawing attention to the abandonment of metric in the United Kingdom, and asking a number of questions, including, “Will Australia follow?”

Readers’ letters were passed by the Prime Minister’s Department to the Department of Science and the Environment, which replied individually, but in standard form.

In the United Kingdom, the Minister responsible for weights and measures is Mrs. Sally Oppenheim. Her statement of her Government’s intentions included these words: “the Government have no plans for further compulsory orders”.

The Department of Science asks us to believe that these words “cannot be interpreted to mean that Britain is ending the compulsory use of metric units”.

It is true that Mrs. Oppenheim was guarded, because of the need not to offend those who had already spent time, money, and effort on this senseless exercise. But there is no escaping the plain meaning of her words: compulsion is at an end in Britain. And without compulsion, metric withers and dies.

How much conversion, we may ask, would there have been in Australia, had the operation been voluntary?

The answer of course is, none. The traditional weights and measures were and are entirely satisfactory, and there is no rational reason to change.

“In Australia”, says the Department, “the large majority of conversion programmes were, in fact, achieved entirely by the voluntary action by those concerned”.

What in fact happened was that the Metric Conversion Board set up a number of committees to direct conversion in particular areas. The Board held out these committees as representing various sections of the community. If a committee agreed with a proposal of the Board, that meant that that section of the community accepted it.

In this way it was possible for the Board to argue that we voluntarily adopted the various odious measures that have been imposed upon us.

Each committee was chaired by a member of the

Board, who saw to it that it thought the right thoughts and reached the right conclusions. There is no evidence that the committees ever consulted the persons they were supposed to represent.

Which of us accepts the Department’s proposition that metric has been adopted voluntarily in Australia?

“There has never been freedom of choice”, says the Department, and this again is to distort the facts. It is true that there has been weights and measures legislation for a long time. But this legislation was to regulate the use of weights and measures within the accepted system — the imperial system. It was not used, as it is being used now, to enforce an unwanted and unnecessary change of system.

A Senate Select Committee, says the Department, was appointed to examine the proposed change. The public expressed its views to the Committee.

The Department does not say that the Committee was — as it was — a committee of persons already committed to the idea of metric. It sat in judgment on itself and found itself right.

The Department does not say that the Committee proceeded on the basis that the decision to convert HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE: its function, it said, was merely to decide whether the change should be made now or later, and to work out the detail.

The Committee recommended that Australia convert to the sole use of metric at an early date. The Department does not mention that the Committee reached this conclusion not because of, but in spite of, the views expressed before it by the public.

In a word, we have been manipulated as the German people were manipulated in the 1930s. The weights and measures are important, but the underlying issue is even more important: are we to be ruled by our elected representatives, or by the bureaucracy?

The Department’s reply simply will not do, and among its more conspicuous omissions are references to the collapse of compulsory conversion in the United States, and the aggressive anti-metric campaigns which have arisen in Canada, and the restoration of traditional units in Japan.

Metric is a failure. Some measure of use of metric can be achieved by force. Of its own merit it is capable of achieving none.

"Easy Options" was specially written for "Heritage" by this most distinguished and proud Australian. A thought provoking message is directed to all Australians. In this time of world uncertainty the virtues of good old fashioned patriotism are badly needed if we are to survive as a nation.

We are indebted to the author for providing us with such a bold and forthright view of what faces Australia. We only hope that readers will pass this message to those Australians in whom the spirit of patriotism still dwells.

by AIR MARSHAL, SIR VALSTON HANCOCK (RAAF Ret.)
Chairman, Australian Defence Association (W.A.)



EASY OPTIONS

Throughout 1979 we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of our State's foundation. In doing so we invariably paid tribute to the pioneering spirit, the determination, the initiative and hard work of our forefathers. Were it not for this spirit, the heritage which is now ours would have been abandoned in the face of incredible hardships and bleak prospects. As it turns out we now inherit a land rich with the promise of mineral and other resources. Even more importantly, we enjoy a way of life and freedom which has never been seriously challenged by an external aggressor.

It is well that we recognise this and pay tribute to those who had the fortitude to develop such a priceless heritage: but the real value of our reflections on the past is to seek inspiration to guide us in the future. Hopefully then we will remain true to that tradition and never let our nation down.

This spirit is very much alive in many members of the community. We see it in the challenges posed to the young in the Duke of Edinburgh's awards and their successes in that field. We have seen it in spectacular form in the events of the Parmelia Yacht race when the challenge to live daringly, yes and even dangerously, was accepted by young and old alike. Who can forget for instance the performance of "Dad's Army", the veteran crew who won the open division of the Parmelia Race?

But these and similar achievements are not open to all of us to attempt. How does the rest of the community then set itself challenges in keeping with the tradition of the early pioneers, for it is vitally important that the moral fibre of a nation should be tough and resilient if we are to survive?

TOO MUCH RELIANCE ON THE STATE

Have you noticed how prone we are to call upon the State to do more and more for us every year? How we run to the State when we get into difficulties? There are of course areas of activities where only the State has the authority and resource to provide assistance necessary for the common good, but there are certainly areas in which we can and should be more self reliant. Indeed it is only by facing such challenges can each of us acquire the self-discipline without which there can be no cohesion or will to survive in a nation. I call this tendency to evade difficult or onerous issues the cult of "easy options". Let me be more specific. True citizenship begins in the home if our children are to acquire an initial sense of social values and of discriminating between right and wrong. This requires of the parents' patience, understanding and self-denial, so that adequate time may be spent with the children. Do you get the impression that in the pursuit of easy options, we are trying to unload more of this responsibility on to the State?

This is but one of many instances in which we are evading a personal challenge. 1979 was the Year of the Child but that is no reason why we should now relegate that issue to the past and at the peril of our future.

THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM

What I am saying is that a nation does not survive nor does it prosper by indulging in the soft life. We are not living in an orderly world where international justice always prevails nor in one where the liberty of small nations is assured. We have never really felt the hot breath of an invader in Australia yet we take it for granted that these balmy days will be never ending. On the contrary we are more concerned with increasing our capacity for enjoyment than insuring the future through austere but character building sacrifices — another easy option we have exercised.

Our strength and economic progress is dependent upon our own ability to match or surpass the efficiency of other nations. We cannot all be heroes in the mould of the early explorers of Australia and of our pioneering forefathers but we can all play an important part in our future by being more self reliant and deeply concerned about our survival as a free, tough and determined nation. There is an old fashioned name for this spirit. It is called patriotism.

THE GRIM WORLD SITUATION

We have been complacent long enough about the future of our country. We have watched with indifference the relative ease with which Russia has secured footholds on the west and eastern coast of Africa to flank the vital oil route from the Strait of Hormuz to western Europe and to place in jeopardy the supply of mineral resources essential to the Western World. We have watched with somewhat less indifference Russia's cynical invasion of Afghanistan where she will be poised, after consolidation, to threaten the supply of oil from the Middle East to the Free World, to pressurise Pakistan or to secure warm water ports in the Arabian Sea.

Nearer home, Russia has a treaty with Vietnam designed to secure hegemony for herself over Indo China and South East Asia.

How much more evidence do we need to convince us that time has run out for Australia? The days of "easy options" are gone. Believe it or not the battle for survival is on. Whatever time may be left had better be spent in freeing more resources for Defence, both external and internal and, most importantly, in acquiring self discipline and resolution by eschewing easy options.

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JUDGEMENT SUPPORTS IMPERIAL LAW

SYDNEY: The High Court of Australia has emphasised the continuing value of imperial legislation that is still valid law in Australia by virtue of its former colonial ties with Great Britain.

In a judgment handed down in November 1979, the High Court, in a four to one decision, supported the validity of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894-1900 (UK) in answer to a stated case referred from the Supreme Court of S.A.

The case arose when the S.A. Minister of Marine sued the owner, agent and master of a Chinese ship, the Wuzhou, for damage it caused when it collided with a jetty at Wallaroo in October 1977.

The defendants, the China Ocean Shipping Company and others, started an action in the Supreme Court to limit their liability for damages by relying on a section in the Merchant Shipping Act.

The matter was referred to the High Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr Justice Gibbs, Mr Justice Stephen, Mr Justice Murphy and Mr Justice Aickin.

An argument proposed by the Solicitor-General for the State of S.A. that the British Parliament ceased to have any power to pass laws effective in Australia from January 1, 1901, was rejected by the Chief Justice.

"I must say that when I heard this proposition put by the Solicitor-General, it seemed to me to represent a very quaint aberration not only un-supported by any authority but contradicted by decisions of this court," Sir Garfield said.

"Moreover, it seemed to me to betray a lack of appreciation of the constitutional history of this country.

"I would emphasise the value to Australia of continuing imperial legislation after the inauguration of the Commonwealth."



CROSSWORD ANYONE?

We have often received enquiries about running a regular crossword puzzle in "Heritage". The suggested theme of the crossword is Australian heritage and history. Others suggested a speciality crossword in each issue, e.g. sport, explorers, etc.

Firstly, we would like to hear from readers about this idea. Then we require a reader to accept the job of devising the crosswords.

Final question, should the crossword be for pure enjoyment or should a small financial reward (say \$10) for the first correct entry, be offered?

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THE EXPERTS

Can the Free World survive WITH them?

Contributed by T.W.S. Dutton, N.S.W.



The writer read with great interest Mrs. Francis Allen's excellent article, "Those deep dark days of the depression", in the 15th issue of "Heritage". He has vivid personal memories of its drastic effects on himself and his contemporaries. He had just started a small manufacturing business and received his first big cheque which was immediately used to open a new account at the Rural Bank, which was closed two days later before he could draw one penny of it.

Being young and unaware of the true causes of this catastrophe, he believed what the media had to say and blamed poor old Jack Lang, then Premier of N.S.W.

After many tribulations and large amount of research and study, he now knows better and places the blame where it rightly belongs, i.e., on the band of "faceless", international money manipulators, their "Yes men", the "Economic Experts" and the politicians.

Mrs. Allen poses the question — "and why was money for worthwhile ventures so scarce?"

Finding the RIGHT answer to this vital question is THE most important thing that the countries of what we loosely term the "Free World", have to do and, much as I admire "Heritage" and all that it stands for, I am surprised and disappointed that it does not supply more information so that more people will become aware of the true facts.

It is impossible in a short article to do justice to this complex subject, but here's hoping that I can arouse enough interest to cause more people to want to investigate it.

CONSULTING THE EXPERTS

The opinion of Sir Randle Home, past President of the British Law Society, on Economic Experts is so obviously true that I must quote it —

"In the days of the Roman Empire, when the state was in danger, and the senate did not know what to do, it was the custom to consult the augurers, and they in turn examined the entrails of a new killed fowl. We have abandoned these barbarous practices and nowadays, instead of examining the entrails of a fowl, we consult economic experts. But alas; all history and experience go to prove that after all, the Roman system was the better. For if at any time during the past 20 years, instead of consulting the economic experts, our politicians had examined the entrails of a fowl, there would have been at least a 50-50 chance that common sense would have prevailed."

It would be unfair to place the entire blame for the dangerous state that the economic and financial systems of the world is in today on these "experts", a portion must be borne by those mostly impractical idealists, the Socialists, and other starry eyed would-be "do gooders", the politicians for their failure to control the deadly activities of the gang of money manipulators by using the power placed in their keeping by our Constitution and, the people

who elect them must also accept a large share of the blame for their ignorance and apathy.

Ignorance of the truth about the issue and control of money and credit can be cured by studying the facts. Apathy apparently can only be cured by suffering. This was proved during the great depression of the early 30's, when many people (including the writer) began to want answers to a lot of awkward questions but, alas, as the depression lifted, most people quickly forgot the lesson, the apathy returned and is with us still.

What a pity we cannot condemn those professors, politicians and union bosses that have their minds impregnated with the soul destroying dogmas of Socialism, to 2 years' WORK in that "workers paradise" the Soviet Socialist Republic, where this misnamed "philosophy" of Marx has had over 60 years to prove what it can achieve.

THE FAILURE OF OTHER SYSTEMS

Having recently travelled over 20,000 kilometers through Russia and another 6,000 or so through Yugoslavia and Hungary, my wife

and I observed at first hand, just how abject is the failure of this much over-rated, over-quoted and, little understood system. Unlike the politicians and union bosses that visit Russia and get the V.I.P. treatment, we met the ordinary people, the rural, industrial and clerical workers and, observed the REAL conditions under which they live.

We observed the shoddy materials and workmanship in their homes, hotels, public buildings, clothes and other goods. We ate their poor quality, roughly prepared and ungraciously served food. Our friendly advances were invariably re-buffed by rude and arrogant bureaucrats, the sullenness of most of the people and, the obvious envy and suspicion of others.

We saw a young soldier who stopped to reply to an enquiry by a tourist, promptly grabbed by the belt by an officer and marched off, to what? and so on.

However, to return to our "economic experts", I have never been able to get a straight forward answer from even the most prominent of them to what is surely a straight forward question, which is as follows. "You, the economists, have been insisting for many generations that as long as governments continue to finance the economy and the development of the nation by BORROWING astronomical sums of money, (on which we, the taxpayers, have to pay a rapidly growing and accelerating interest bill) it won't cause inflation BUT, if the Government, using the power endowed upon it by our Constitution, were to create this money and credit free of debt or interest, INFLATION would be inevitable and catastrophic. In heaven's name — how else can you describe our present financial crisis which is, a direct result of following your "expert" advice for 70 or so years? Inflation has now reached such alarming proportions that the monetary system of the whole of "the free world", is in imminent danger of complete collapse."

It is incredible that the people of this and other nations continue to swallow this obvious bilge, and allow this wonderful country with its incredible riches and its almost unlimited potential, TO BE LITERALLY PLACED IN PAWN. It is HOCKED TO THE HILT to the international

pawnbrokers. That faceless gang of money manipulators that makes damned sure its members remain incognito. They control the media, manipulate public opinion to ensure their inviolability and, usurpe the power of governments with impunity and, WE, let them get away with it.

WE CAN'T BORROW OURSELVES OUT OF DEBT

Their annual rake-off consumes much more of YOUR taxes than any other single item. This percentage increases every year because, the debt increases every year while the amount of debt paid off decreases and, IF ANY DEBT IS PAID OFF IT IS OFTEN WITH BORROWED MONEY. Would you be silly enough to borrow yourself out of debt? Just imagine what a colossal mess your home or your business would quickly find itself in if you attempted to run it in this incredibly stupid way.

WE ARE NOW TRYING TO OPERATE A HIGHLY-SOPHISTICATED, SCIENTIFICALLY ORIENTED, SPACE-AGE SOCIETY, WITH A MEDIEVAL AND MALICIOUS MONETARY SYSTEM. HAVE WE LISTENED FOR TOO LONG TO "EXPERTS".

Now, while it is obvious from items published in "Heritage" that some people recognise that we have an economic and monetary problem, I have never once seen any attempt to analyse the cause or, an attempt to supply a possible solution or to force our governments to use their constitutional power to remove this, THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE SECURITY AND WELFARE of this nation.

This writer therefore, at the risk of being advised to buy a larger hat, offers for the consideration of your readers a solution which he has arrived at after many years of study of the economic facts of life, and presents here in as few words as possible. Should your readers not agree with it he will be most happy to engage in discussion with them,

and to do anything within his power to dispel the present deadly apathy. So, here goes.

Desperate diseases often need desperate remedies. I hereby state categorically that, while the already astronomical and rapidly accelerating interest bill is not the only cause of inflation, IT IS WITHOUT DOUBT THE MAIN ONE. And that this tremendous inflationary pressure IS THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO LOSE BY DEFYING "THE EXPERTS", providing the CORRECT amount of money is made available at all times.

In other words, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND CREDIT AVAILABLE MUST EQUATE WITH THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. In these days of highly sophisticated computers, it should be well within the capacity of a National Survey and Planning Authority to obtain a sufficiently accurate estimate of the nation's needs, one year, two years, five years and even ten years ahead to enable a National Credit authority to ensure that the amount of money and credit made available at all times is kept at the correct level to ensure that under consumption of goods, with consequent deflation of the currency is avoided and inflation due to an excess of money and credit.

This would bring stability to the currency and the economy and, STOP the highly disruptive fluctuations in the people's purchasing power. It would also remove the necessity for Unions to be ever pressing for ever higher wages, which is of course another ingredient for inflation.

BUT THE SUCCESS OF THIS PLAN WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF WE KEPT THE "DEAD HAND" OF THE BUREAUCRATS OFF THE CONTROLS.

To ensure this, the Planning Authority and the Credit Authority would have to be jointly owned by the government and private enterprise. All sections of the primary and secondary industries would be represented, but to prevent the creation of monopolies and to ensure that no section of the community or any industry received preferential treatment, there would be representatives of the democratically elected governments included in these two

authorities. BUT ALL THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT FREE OF BUREAUCRATIC BUMBLING. This, I submit, is the only way that "private enterprise" can continue to function in our modern society. There must be self-discipline with a reasonable amount of freedom if it is to operate at maximum efficiency without threatening the rights and freedom of the people, whose prosperity and economic stability would thereby be ensured.

MONETARY SYSTEM MEDIEVAL

We are now trying to operate a highly sophisticated, scientifically oriented, space-age society, with a medieval, and malicious monetary system. It has to be replaced, AND QUICKLY, with a logical, ethical and equitable one if the complete collapse of ordered society is to be avoided.

However important and necessary as is the implementation of this scheme, it too would fail as long as we allow almost all money and credit to be injected into the economy as a

national debt by an international gang of profit makers and power seekers. This power must be taken from them and returned to where it legally belongs, i.e. the government elected by the people. The plain fact is **OUR CONSTITUTION STATES CATEGORICALLY THAT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND CONTROL OUR CURRENCY.**

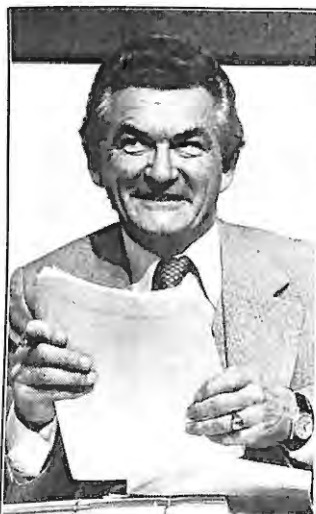
Don't you think the time is long overdue for YOU to demand to know why this power has been abrogated to persons not elected by the people (in fact most of them are not even citizens of this country) whose sole purpose in life is to increase their profits and their power?

If we still believe the myth that the Reserve Bank protects us from their machinations, then we deserve to remain in slavery instead of being, as we should be, the masters of money.

By making adjustments to our monetary and economic system first most of the evils threatening our soc-

ety, anarchy, violence, bribery and corruption, unemployment etc., will almost solve themselves, for the root cause of most of them is money, or the lack of it.

Why not "give it a go"? What have we got to lose except a fearful burden of debt, fear and insecurity that is making life intolerable. The "experts" have had their chance and failed abjectly. Drastic financial and economic reforms are necessary NOW to restore stability, sanity, justice and any hope of freedom and a reasonable amount of happiness for our children, to a world rapidly approaching complete chaos, but don't imagine that any political party in existence is going to miraculously do it for us. **THESE CHANGES WILL HAVE TO START AT THE "GRASS ROOTS". THEY WILL ONLY BE OBTAINED BY THE INSTANT DEMANDS OF AN INFORMED AND DETERMINED POPULACE.**



Mr Hawke and those Boyer Lectures

Dear Sir,

Bob Hawke, a stickler for self-advertisement—perhaps fortuitously, undertook to deliver a series of 5 Boyer lectures at the invitation of the A.B.C., itself a stickler for promoting any shade of opinions (other than Sir Henry Blands').

In his first lecture delivered on the 11th (report, Examiner 12-11-79) Hawke categorically stated as factual, his theory that this great island continent of Australia was "mapped out" by "meandering English explorers".

Some came after, not before. Aback there!

Many were not English. Of Burke and Wills, Burke, Irish and ex-policeman of the Bendigo and Ballarat gold rush, of a surety did not classify himself as English — in

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Gallic or any other language. And those of other nations, also did not claim to be Englishman!

Fated to perish in an already established state, Burke and Wills commissioned by the Royal Society of Victoria, left Melbourne's Royal Park on August 20, 1860. In general, boundaries were in diametrically opposite directions to the paths trodden by people Hawke has lumped together, and "with an axe to grind" dubbed the meanderers of History.

Our Australian States were geographically determined by the national formation of differing features uniquely Australian, the Kimberleys, mountainous rain forrests, the Murray river, etc. etc.

As for the state of Tasmania any quibble regarding boundaries simply will not hold water. Really, Hawke should "take a little more water with it" for his authentic edification.

He has expressed himself as currently discontented with long established borders of Australian States on the score it was determined long ago — and so, too traditional.

Actually Australia — as she is, mate! — is the bedrock of tradition.

In my book, any potential "Johnny Come Lately" should be rebuffed on the score of anything that could constitute a Constitution tamper, deterred from any "Second Fiddle" ploy, designed to ambitiously affix His Own signature to the Keyboard. Ring down the curtain on any "politically attuned maestro" vamping the Constitution!

D.A. AIREY, Tasmania.



PARENTS' ROLE UNDERMINED

We had thought that this was a good idea to draw attention to the conditions and needs of children in many lands and to stir people up to face these conditions and meet these needs. But the following snippet from London's Daily Telegraph (Jan 23), from the column by "Peter Simple", and headed "A Year of Eyewash", gives another side to the story, as it explains the origin of "the International Year of the Child".

It runs: "We are now living in "The International Year of the Child", one of a series of "years" promulgated by the U.N., which, though they may sound insubstantial and rather ridiculous, must be taken seriously as a positive threat to whatever category of living being – in this case children – they concern. Under the apparent benevolence there are contained identifiable objectives. A little more information may help to show what those objectives are.

"The idea of the International year of the Child, like International Womens' Year, apparently originated with a body called the Womens' International Democratic Federation, meeting in conference – approximately – in East Berlin and Prague during the last few years. According to U.N.I.C.E.F., one of the Year's purposes is to promote "new legislation" on children; new "rights" which seem designed to remove children from their parents' charge and influence, weaken the institution of the family, and help to raise new generations which will owe allegiance only to hoped-for "One World" of the future, that is to say, a totalitarian world in which dissent by nations, groups, families, or individuals will no longer be possible.

"A publication of U.N.E.S.C.O., "Towards World Understanding" – states – ..."as long as the child breathes the poisoned air of nationalism, education, in world-mindedness (sic) can produce only precarious results...it is frequently the family which infects the child with extreme nationalism." It is indeed the family which "infects" the child with all kinds of attitudes which the promoters of "One World" wish to destroy. These attitudes may be summed up as that acceptance by children of parents' guidance and authority which has existed in all human societies up to now. The "liberation" of children from their parents is what the International Year of the Child is all about. That "liberation", apart from its intrinsic and unnatural evil is one of the ways by which a universal servitude can be established – and then called Freedom.



Great Britain's Royal Mint is to strike a special coin to mark the 80th birthday of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

The coin, a crown, is to be issued on the Queen Mother's birthday on August 4 of this year.

An open competition is being held to choose the design for the reverse of the new crown. The obverse will bear the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II that has been used on all UK coinage since 1968.

Commemorative coins are relatively rare in Britain. In the past 30 years only five special crowns have been issued, commemorating such events as the Queen's coronation in 1953 and the death of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965.

The first crown, a gold coin, was struck in 1526 and a silver one followed in 1551, but crowns are no longer in common circulation.

MIRACLE AT DUNKIRK



When England's only army was pushed out of Europe by the advancing Germans in 1940, it found itself marooned on a beach at a Channel port named Dunkirk. With the mighty German army on its heels, the only chance of survival was across that deserted Channel. It was a grim prospect for those soldiers waiting for 'something to turn up', even grimmer for England if they failed to get home, and grimmer again for the 'free' world, still at play.

Then, when all seemed lost, across the Channel from England came those thousands of boats and ships, and, two by two or hundred by hundreds, every survivor of that army was whisked home to England, to fight and win on another day.

To older Australians the epic is familiar, as the incident was immortalised in that graphic British film - "Mrs. Miniver". Around the world it was hailed as a miracle, and at that time a miracle it was.

MIRACLES

A miracle can be defined as "A happening which at the time is inexplicable". The miracle of Moses tapping the rock and water flowing forth can easily be explained today in the very vicinity where he allegedly performed this miracle. Where the water

oozes from the rock cracks it calcified as it meets the air, so forming a crust over the crack and sealing it. Tap the thin calcification seal and the water flows again. Country people are familiar with this effect on their water tanks.

When we look back at Dunkirk from this distance in time with the advantage of the knowledge of events that preceded Dunkirk, it is no longer a miracle, but rather the culmination of the work of two geniuses.

SURROUNDED

As that great historian, Sir Arthur Bryant, put it - "Thus the miracle of the Navy's evacuation of Dunkirk, was preceded by an equal miracle, that of the army's reaching the coast at all".

The forgotten story of Alanbrooke, the architect of Dunkirk

by John Brett



Tunisia; Dempsey, later to command the Second army in Normandy; Ritchie, future commander of the Eighth army, and Stopford, to become commander-in-chief in Burma. But it contained two of the most important and famous men in British military history; Alexander, and Montgomery, the victor of Alamein and who led the re-entry to Europe and received the German surrender on Luneburg Heath.

THE MAN

The outstanding man of all was a fifty-two year old genius in charge of the doomed army, who finally delivered that army and, in the course of time, England herself. Almost forgotten today, that man was Alan Brooke, later to become Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke. From the "fighting Brookes" of Brookeborough in northern Ireland, he had won a D.S.O. and Bar, a Croix-de-Guerre and had six mentions in despatches in World War 1. Most importantly, until he was eighteen he had been brought up and educated in France, and could speak the language like a native. This almost irrelevant fact was crucial to his ability to save that army.

In spite of his brilliant career in the army — between the wars he had occupied nearly every important post in the army — the decisive knowledge that enabled him to get that army to Dunkirk was his knowledge of France — the French language, and his personal conviction that the moral root of the French ran deep enough to prevent them from helping themselves, much less his army. To get this army from the Dyle to Dunkirk required something that was not written in the military manuals, and Brooke alone had that 'local knowledge'.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Nearly trapped and far from the sea on which their future life depended, Brooke not only had to manoeuvre his own Corps, but was constantly moving from one Corps to another to keep that army — "the whole root and core and brain of the British army" — together.

The roads were choked with panic stricken refugees, the Luftwaffe never ceased to harry them or cut their line of retreat from the air, and the Panzers disrupted and ruptured his lines of communication. Each path of retreat had to be constantly changed. Lord Gort was struggling to throw up defences in the marshes around Dunkirk where most of the time he knew not where his army was. Down unmapped roads across now bridgeless rivers, Brooke guided his precious army — always knowing where he could put a natural barrier between them and the enemy. Never for a moment trusting to French communica-

For eight months the British expeditionary force in France had been in deadly danger. On its southern flank the German armour had reached the coast at Abbeville, then turned north to seize the Channel ports. To the north the Belgian army had collapsed leaving a thirty mile gap, through which the Germans were poised to move to the coast and so surround the British army.

This army of nearly a quarter of a million of England's only troops, was the core of the British regular army, and out of it was to emerge some of the most famous names in military history, not to mention the survival, for the time being, of the West.

The officers of this army about to perish were men like Anderson who was to command the First army in

tions or official advice or assistance, nor believing for one second that they would fight - except amongst themselves. Just one order trusted to French communications could mean disaster.

The speed of the German advance and lack of French resistance had left the Germans in some confusion, particularly as to where they should go next. Brooke knew this from his constant questioning of the local French population, who were the only certain French help he got.

FIRST OBSTACLES

So it was that the weaponless army reached the temporary haven of Dunkirk, a feat which neither England nor Germany imagined possible. In the words of Sir James Grigg, "By almost universal testimony, it was due largely to Brooke's skill and resolution that, not only his own Corps, but the whole B.E.F. escaped destruction on the retreat", to be followed by Churchill's announcement to England - "He acquitted himself with singular firmness and dexterity in circumstances of unimaginable difficulty and confusion".

The Chiefs of Staff in England were now faced with the unthoughtful task of getting that hitherto doomed army across the Channel, and they possibly only had a day to do it.

PLANNERS

Today, after much argument and political interference, the Navy would be asked to draw up a 'Plan' to evacuate that army, and in the course of some months report back, 'that owing to lack of fuel and money, the army would have to stay where it was for the time being'! There was no inflation then, so they couldn't blame their priority attack on inflation. No doubt at that time somebody embarked on a 'Plan', instead of the Channel, but somewhere in that Navy lurked another genius, unknown to posterity.

Amongst the utter confusion he said that all that was necessary was for fuel to be delivered to every

English Channel port and every boat owner that could carry more than four people be asked to proceed to Dunkirk and embark whatever number of troops he could safely carry. All that was required of the Navy was the fuel and the course for them to steer. And so, by the grace of God, those thousands of boats and ships set out from England immediately, and the army - and England - was delivered from the jaws of death.

Some day we may learn the name of the man who devised that devastatingly simple plan, for obviously whatever else he had, he had faith in his own people. "Give them the fuel and a course to steer" - as somebody might give us this direction today.

OBLIVION

Alan Brooke's motto might well have been "Know your enemy", as only he did, but on this occasion he "knew his friends" also. Brooke succeeded Dill as Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and from that position of everyday contact with his Generals and Churchill, became the man, more than any other, to steer us to certain victory.

The honours bestowed on Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke were the greatest since Marlborough - Wellington - and Roberts; the Garter, the Order of Merit, a Peerage, the Grand Cross of the Bath and Victorian Orders, Lord High Constable of England, Constable of the Tower, and Master Gunner.

After such outstanding service, what tragedy when this man retired into poverty, having to sell his house and live in the gardener's cottage, and is now unknown to the world he delivered. As though somebody was taking vengeance on him.

His magnificent effort, made it possible for the politicians of today to vote themselves the most extravagant salaries in history and insulated from their own destructive inflationary policies, retire into luxury that no millionaire ever dreamed of.

What miracle - or man - will deliver us from this decadence?



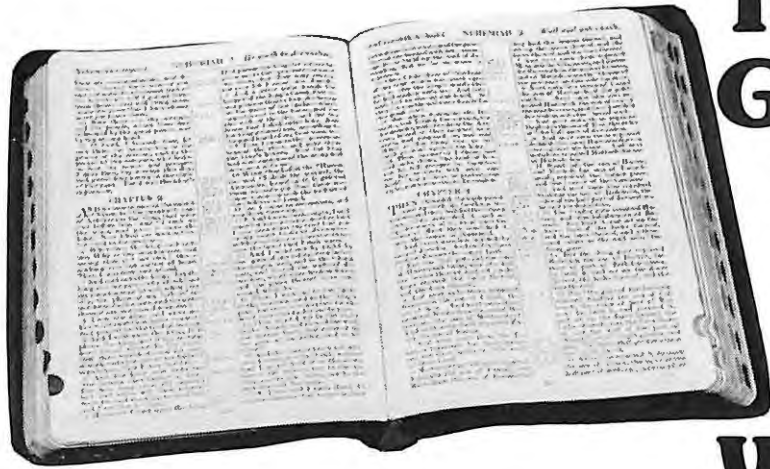
\$210,000 BOOST FOR PATRIOTISM

The Department of Administrative Services will spend \$210,000 this financial year boosting Australians' patriotic feelings.

A Senate estimates committee was told recently that the cost would include free issue of flags, national anthem and national tune recordings, royal portraits and prints of the coat of arms to approved organisations.

We hope our readers will take advantage of the Government's generosity.

We are also pleased to see a distinction made between Australia's National anthem (God Save the Queen) and our national tune (Advance Australia Fair).



THE GREATEST BOOK IN THE WORLD

It has pleased Almighty God, the Creator of “the heaven and the earth”, the Maker of “all things” (John 1:3) to provide and make available to mankind a book of infinite value, viz. “the Word of God”, generally referred to as the Canonical Scriptures or Holy Bible.

Without the truth conveyed by means of this mighty book Christian civilization could never have developed and man would still be groping in thick darkness, ignorant of his divine origin and divinely-appointed destiny.

Like the sun which daily illuminates the physical earth, the Word of God has brought light into the darkness and gloom of a fallen and corrupted human race, going forth into nearly every nation and into the homes of countless millions of people. “Verily, their sound went into all the earth” Romans 10:18.

AUTHORS AND TRANSLATORS

How the great book came gradually into being is necessarily a long story. The oldest portion, the Book of Job, was written during the 16th Century B.C., then followed the five Books of Moses, and latest of all came the Book of Revelation about 100 A.D.

Moving on through history we come to the publication of the Authorized or King James version of the Bible, an event of the high-

est importance for Britain and indeed for the coming generations of all mankind. Between 1604 and 1611, 54 qualified men, organized into six companies, carried out the work of translating into English the ancient Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the sacred Scriptures. This renowned version, though not the first, is by far the greatest, most accurate, and widely-used of all the translations in English, and its benign and ennobling influence has certainly affected the character and therefore the history of the Anglo-Saxon people. “The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it”. Psalm 68:11.

The Bible has stood the test of time and triumphed over all opposition. Every attempt to disprove or cast doubt upon its truthfulness and reliability has completely failed.

leaving it more firmly established than ever. The Bible is truly the Word of an Almighty and Holy God, a perfect instrument of divine communication, and wheresoever a faithful translation of the Bible is found, in that place can be heard the awe-inspiring voice of the living God.

DIVINE MESSAGE

Emphatically and constantly the Bible claims to be the inspired, infallible Word of the Eternal Creator of the Universe. Christ Jesus the Lord, the Second Person in the Holy Trinity, set His seal upon the Old Testament, and upon the New Testament also divine authorship is indelibly stamped. eg. 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21.

The Bible covers a vast field of truth and information. It commences as might be expected, with a concise

account of the Creation. Much space is devoted to the origin, history and destiny of Israel and Judah. Divine messages are addressed to specified nations, to the Church of Christ, and to each and every member of the human race. The Divine Law, both ceremonial and civic, is prominently set forth and elaborated. What is known today as the "gospel of salvation" is clearly presented, and the "gospel of the kingdom" (Matthew 3:23) or "good news" of a kingdom ON EARTH "which shall never be destroyed" is consistently proclaimed from Genesis to Revelation.

The Holy Bible is indeed a treasure, and when presented to the British Monarch in the Coronation Service at Westminster, it is solemnly declared to be "the most valuable thing this world affords". The unmistakable message coming from the Bible is loud and clear — the Author is an All-Powerful, Perfectly-Righteous God whose love for mankind cannot be disputed.

THE COMMON LAW

Looking back to the first century of the Christian Era, it is interesting to note that the inhabitants of the Britannic Isles were the first in the world to accept and embrace Christianity as their national Faith. Immediately after the Ascension of Christ, apostles and missionaries from the Holy Land arrived in England, others coming from Ireland. Within a few generations, Christianity was firmly established in Britain, never to be uprooted. In the 9th Century A.D., one of the greatest kings and statesmen of all time, King Alfred the Great, codified the existing laws of Britain, placing at the beginning of his famous Code the Ten Commandments, taken from Exodus chapter 20. Through God's good grace, the Common Law, firmly based on the Divine Law, had become the law of the "Anglo-Saxon-Celtic race.

Since 1066, in their island home, the Anglo-Saxons have remained free from foreign invasion, eventually becoming a mighty Christian Empire conveying the gospel to all nations.

Since 1830, various missionary agencies, including the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Trinitarian Bible Society have rendered magnificent service to God and humanity in extending around the world the circulation and distribution of the sacred Word.

THE WAY AND THE TRUTH

No one can estimate the benefit to mankind of the Holy Bible. The Saviour and Lord, Christ Jesus, Who is "the light of the world" and "the truth", upheld and exalted the Scriptures. When praying to the heavenly Father, He declared — "Thy Word is truth". The revealed written Word of God plainly indicates to mankind the means and the way to life, health, peace, prosperity, and eternal well-being.

WHY READ THE BIBLE

Numerous books have been written with the commendable purpose of explaining, interpreting, or expounding the Scriptures. While many of them are helpful, they do not render unnecessary the reading and studying of the great book itself. The Bible is entirely relevant to all

moral issues. It is the perfect guide for everyday life, being "a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105.

The greater portion, in fact over three-quarters, of the voluminous Bible is written in plain and forthright language not so difficult to understand, although it is only reasonable to expect that the finite mind of the reader will encounter difficulty in arriving at the meaning of some passages. World events are continually unfolding, and with time and patience, further light will come. From beginning to end, the incomparable, holy book should be approached in a spirit of humility and deep reverence, remembering that man at all times and in all circumstances is utterly dependent on a Higher Power, always needing, among other things, the guidance, counsel and direction of an All-Wise, All-Powerful Creator. "Then for the style, majestic and divine, It speaks no less than God in every line; Commanding words; whose force is still the same As the first fiat that produced our frame".

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY STAMP PLEASING

On 21st April, 1980 Australia Post issued a 22 cent commemorative postage stamp to mark the birthday of the Queen.

The general manager of marketing services, Mr. Jim Holt, said that Australia Post proposed to issue a stamp each year to commemorate the Queen's birthday.

This year's stamp, designed by Bruce Weatherhead of Melbourne, featured a portrait of the Queen wearing the Sovereign's insignia of the Order of Australia.

The stamp was available at all post offices for about two weeks and will remain on sale at philatelic sales centres until April 21 next year.

Our thanks go to Australia Post for producing such a beautiful tribute to Her Majesty on the occasion of her birthday.

40TH JUBILEE OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN - MAY 1980



THE BATTLE THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN

Each year what is known as the 'Battle of Britain' is celebrated around the Commonwealth. The occasion celebrates the R.A.F.'s repulsion of the German Luftwaffe's attempt to smash the R.A.F. over British soil, so paving the way for a German invasion.

The Luftwaffe's failure is beyond dispute, as is the credit of victory, resting with the fighter pilots of the R.A.F. in their Hurricanes and Spitfire aircraft. In the words of Churchill — "... Never have so many, owed so much, to so few". The Spitfire became immortal, but the Hurricane is now hardly remembered, except by those who flew them.

The fact that a handful of British and Empire pilots won that battle in these two aircraft is not in dispute, but had logic and consensus of knowledge prevailed ten years earlier, there need not have been a Battle of Britain, won only in the last hour.

The victory hinged almost entirely on the Spitfire, not only because of its superior performance, but also for its psychological effect on the enemy. Its very name was a formidable part of its armament.

FOUR ALONE

The Spitfire's very existence, was in spite of those responsible for arming the R.A.F., not because of them. Four men alone can claim they made it come into existence. These same men are no longer remembered and almost lost to history.

Described as, "one of the finest aircraft designers in history", R.J. Mitchell, the designer of the Spitfire, was the real genius. Every aircraft designer in the world watched very closely what he was about, for it was his design of the Supermarine 56B float plane that had won the Schneider Trophy outright for Britain in 1931, after two previous wins in 1929 and 1927.

The other men were M. Jacques Schneider, a French armaments manufacturer, who originated the international speed competition for float planes; Sir Robert McLean, chairman of the Vickers company of which Supermarine was a subsidiary and A.F. Sidgraves the then chairman of Rolls Royce, which made the PV12 engine, later to become world famous as the Merlin engine.

Had it not been for the foresight and initiative of these men, there would have been no Spitfire, and no battle — only a debacle.

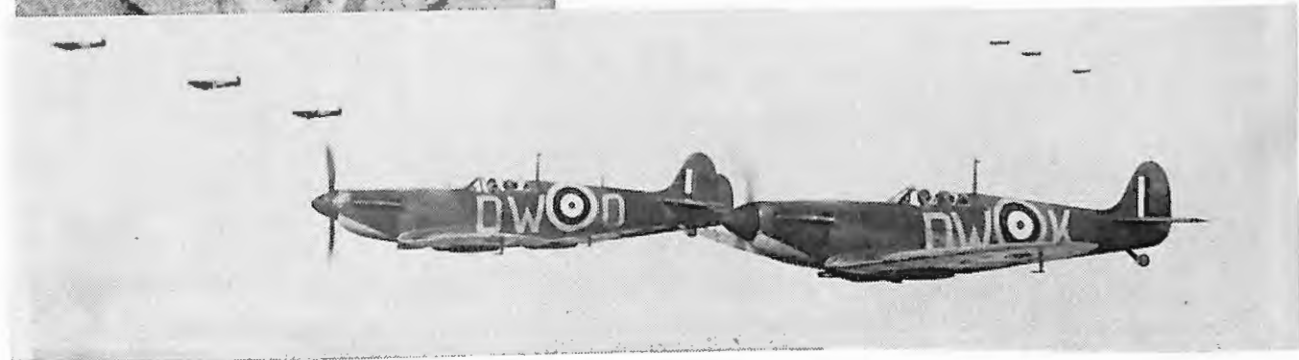
SPECIFICATION

Only their achievement brought into existence the Spitfire, as the victorious machine, a machine armed eventually to only one seventh of its capability. Had that machine been armed as was possible, no Luftwaffe aircraft would have seen Britain, much less come within 24 hours of crippling her.

In 1929 the Air Staff, whose responsibility it was to lay down specifications for military aircraft design into the future, wrote the now famous F7/30 specification, which called for a fighter with a top speed of 255 M.P.H., with not more than four machine



R. J. Mitchell described as one of the finest aircraft designers in history. Designer of the "Spitfire".



guns. Ten years earlier this would have been a sensible specification, but with Britain in possession of a float plane that had that year attained a top speed of 330 M.P.H., to win the Schneider Trophy, the aircraft builders were nonplussed.

The Air Staff refused to listen to the builders and finally in the year that Britain took the Schneider Trophy for keeps, with Mitchell's S6B which had flown at 400 M.P.H. on the straight, the Air Staff selected the Gloster Gauntlet Biplane with two machine guns and a top speed of 255 M.P.H. As it would be Britain's fighter for the next five years, McLean and Sidgraves knew Britain was on a disaster course. The only prospect of deliverance from this course, was the fact that over at Hawker Aircraft, Sydney Camm had started design on the Hurricane.

INITIATIVE

Both McLean and Sidgraves knew their respective companies had in their hands the finest aircraft design, and the best engine the world had ever seen. They also knew what the Germans were about, with obvious intent.

Just as Mitchell's morale dropped dangerously, (the stress finally killed him), McLean and Sidgraves stepped into the ring over the heads of the Air Staff. Sir Robert McLean, in his usual robust manner informed the Air Staff, — "My design team would do much better by devoting their qualities not to the official experimental fighter but to a real killer fighter . . . after useless discussion with the Air Ministry my opposite number in Rolls Royce and I have decided that the two companies together should finance the building of such an aircraft".

ACTION

The Air Ministry was informed and told "that under no circumstances would any technical member of the Air Staff be consulted or allowed to interfere with the designer".

So, in the last days of the designer's life the Spitfire was born, his story to be immortalised in the film, "The First Of The Few".

Vickers Supermarine works and Rolls Royce wasted no time in getting on with the job, for such a highly engineered aircraft, it was going to lag behind the Hurricane. Meanwhile the Germans had selected their fighter aircraft designs, on the same grounds as had McLean and Sidgraves. And so the die was cast.

ARMAMENT

Immediately design commenced the question of armament arose. The standard machine guns in use at that time were the Lewis and Vickers, both subject to jamming with poor destructive ability. The Air Staff faced with the reality of the appearance of an ultra modern fighter, at last moved itself and tested the products of the leading gun manufacturers. Colt, Madsen, Kiraleji, Darne and Hispano guns were tried and finally the Colt .30 was selected and arrangements were made for its manufacture in Britain by B.S.A. in a .303 bore, to be known as the Browning. Eight of these .303 Brownings were to be the Spitfires armament until it was fitted with 20 mm cannon after the Battle of Britain. In the meantime during the critical hour of history it was to remain at one seventh of its destructive capability.

Staring the Air Staff in the face all this time was

an armament system that would have wiped the Luftwaffe off the face of the earth, as it was to do so much later.

FATAL ERRORS

During the first World War Colt started development of the .5 inch machine gun, which came into production in 1933 as the M2. Its rate of fire was 700 R.P.M., it had a bullet weight of 710 grains, and twice the range of the Browning .303 yet to be built. The energy advantage of four Colt .5's over eight Browning .303's, was no less than 24,269,344 foot pounds, or 10,835 ft/tons. Peter Townsend put 220 .303 bullet holes into a German bomber which limped to a neutral airfield. Testimony enough to Townsend's markmanship as it was testimony to the inadequacy of the .303. Ten rounds of .5 system in one minutes firing, over the Browning .303 system, is sufficient to lift 100 tons 100 feet in the air, at twice the range. Without allowance for different warheads, that is seven times more damaging with half the number of guns.

DECIMATED

The U.S. eighth Army Air Force decimated the Luftwaffe on its arrival in Europe, cleansing metropolitan Germany of her Air Force, with the basic armament of 6 X .5 Colt machine guns.

How or why the Air Staff overlooked this tremendously destructive and economical armament system, has never been explained. Not until the next staggering achievement in air power designed by Britons, the destruction of the TSR 10 (even the drawings, jigs and moulds were ordered to be destroyed by the Air Ministry) was such a massive blunder to be repeated. All the trails of inquiry stop at the door of the Treasury, behind which no further inquiry is permitted.

The plausible explanation is that somebody made sure the Air Staff never saw this .5 system in 1933, though it was in the literature of the day. They certainly ensured the death of many young men, as well as the Battle of Britain. As always the British won through. On this occasion to the Battle that should never have been.

IS THE RIGHT OF INHERITANCE SAFE?

A South Australian reader has informed us that the State Parliament has power to alter the Will of a deceased person.

The reader relates a case in point in which he was intimately involved, where, in spite of the evidence, clearly indicating the wishes of the deceased, the matter was taken to the South Australian parliament and the Will was altered. This enabled the Local Government to handle the matter. According to our reader, half of the property was altered from the original intention.

The passing on of property from one generation to the next is most certainly an important feature of British and Australian heritage. Any attempts by government to prevent lawful inheritance is a serious matter which requires immediate attention.

Readers who can provide further information on this subject are asked to contact the editor.

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FULL MARKS FOR PATRIOTISM

Flying the flag isn't as common as it used to be. However, we were pleased to see the above sight at a building display near Perth recently.

Not just one flag but four. When we approached the builder and offered our commendation he promptly thanked us and took out a subscription to "Heritage".

We will be glad to receive any other examples of patriotism from observant readers.

A facsimile of the front page of the first-ever issue of War Cry, reprinted for its jubilee in 1929



War Cry, as it appears today.

PRINTING HERITAGE

From an article in GRAPHIX Newspaper by Michael Vaughan, July 1979



War Cry, Christmas 1914

Most of us, at one time or another, have purchased a copy of War Cry — the official organ of the Salvation Army.

Probably though, very few of us ever read it or considered what its origins are. 1979 was the paper's centenary year.

December 27, 1879 saw the first issue — a four page broadsheet. From its humble beginnings in London on that day, it has climbed to a weekly circulation in the UK of over 250,000 copies.

The Australian version followed in 1883 and has been published continuously each week. At present the circulation is in excess of 68,000 copies.

It is written and compiled each week by Major Malcolm Bale (here on exchange duty from England) and four other editorial staff with the help of one typist.

Make up and printing is done at the Army's Citadel Press in East Melbourne. Citadel began operations in 1901.

All copies of War Cry are printed in Melbourne and distributed by branches in each state. The only time this sequence has been broken was when an Eastern Australia edition was printed in Sydney between 1921–26.

Melbourne printed copies were at one time distributed in Indonesia and New Zealand. Although it is still set in hot metal, the purchase of a Goss Community press 15 years ago saw the advent of offset, which signalled the end of an era which, particularly in the early years, saw superb etchings with detailed line work, the likes of which we're not likely to see again.

Special Christmas issues contained hundreds of hours of work by the illustrators of the days. It was all done without the aid of dry transfer products so readily used by modern artists.

The four colour work — considering the facilities available to the printers — attained admirable quality. With an illustrious history to date, War Cry may soon begin another era.

The old Goss, which has faithfully "delivered the goods" for the past 15 years, is coming to the end of its working life.

This, in turn, means that the Army is considering updating the old Citadel Press plant or perhaps contracting out War Cry and the three other Army publications (Rally — monthly, The Young Soldier — weekly and The Musician — fortnightly).

Whichever happens, it can only mean a bigger and better publication.

The stigma of the eight-page limit of the Community at Citadel, for so long the bane of the editors, will no longer apply.

Indeed, they will be able to take steps to produce and maintain a bigger newspaper as good by today's standards as their early efforts were by yesterday's standards.

Next time you're in a pub having a quiet beer after a torrid day and a Salvo offers you a copy of War Cry, take one and you'll help to maintain a part of the Australian printing industry heritage.

ROYAL VISIT

As we go to press Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Phillip are only a week away from visiting Australia to open the new High Court Building.

Unfortunately the visit is far too short for the Royal couple to see each State, but a busy timetable prevents a more comprehensive tour.

INFORMATION WANTED

The editor is anxious to receive newspaper and magazine accounts of this royal visit. The clippings will be used where possible and then filed for future reference.

Please send any information to:

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FRIENDS WANTED



I am writing to you in my capacity as a Life Member of The Friend's of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in the hope that any loyal Australians who would like to become a Friend of this beautiful Chapel and help with continuing restoration work (for a subscription as low as \$A10.00) may contact me so that I can forward them an Application Form.

The main purpose of the Friend's is to raise money through ordinary and Life Subscriptions, Bequests, etc., for the repair and improvement to the fabric of this most gracious and ancient Chapel within the walls of Windsor Castle.

Members who at some time visit England, gain free admission to the Chapel by wearing their Society Badge; receive annually, a beautifully produced booklet setting out various work which is being done by the Society, and have the opportunity to witness the Knights of the Garter Ceremony which takes place each year at Windsor Castle.

Preservation of such an important "Royal" building has a close and continuing link with Australia's history through the Monarchal system of our Constitution. Even with this important point aside the building is a memorial to building and architecture, spanning a thousand years, which we will NEVER see again.

My address is A. Howe, P.O. Box 155, Pennant Hills, New South Wales. 2120.

ALAN HOWE

SUGGESTION FOR NEW BOOK

Mr. Howe has also made a suggestion for the next publishing venture of the Heritage Society. Following the success of "A Queen Speaks to Her People" Mr. Howe envisages a printed record of Australia Day speeches made by Australia's Governor-Generals.

We submit this proposal to our readers and would be very glad of your comments and help. The editor would also like to hear from readers concerning similar publication work.

Malcolm Barnes has been both a loyal subscriber and contributor to "Heritage" since its birth. On several occasions Mr. Barnes has appeared on ABC television as a spokesman for the Heritage Society. He is now retired and lives in Melrose, the oldest town in the Flinders Ranges.



ENGLAND

by Malcolm Barnes

England shall never die, Her Flag, unfurled,
Flies as God's symbol to a broken world,
To crush a tyrant's power and tyranny,
And raise a Throne of righteous liberty.

England shall never die. The ocean deep
Bears on it's bosom, those brave men who keep
Her shores, lashed by the ocean's ceaseless spray,
For those brave, fearless, men we humbly pray.

England shall never die. Each restless wave
Which guards her coast, would rise in wrath to save
Her life, and hurl the spoiler back to Hell,
That dark and deep abyss where Satan fell.

England shall never die. All Empire veins
Are centred in her Mother breast — great skeins
Of love, stronger than bands of steel, have grown,
To bind the Empire to the British Throne.

England shall never die. Though traitors link
Themselves with Hell, Britain will never shrink
From her God given mission to fulfil
Upon this troubled world, His righteous Will.

England shall never die. Though seeds are sewn
By traitors hands, one burning flame alone,
Is ours, The flame of righteous liberty,
Despite our colours, creeds, diversities.

England shall never die. There shall arise
A stronger race, bound with those mystic ties,
The Fatherhood of God, to bind and seal.
The Brotherhood of Man — God's own ideal.

England shall never die. God holds her reins
And in her fields, or peaceful country lanes,
With autumn leaves over the green swardland
God's soft voice speaks, as in Cathedral shade.

England shall never die. Above her Throne,
There is a greater Throne — not hers alone,
Superimposed, to guard and fend our shores,
He holds the Nation's scales — the Lord of Hosts.

England shall never die. By God's decree,
The Union Jack, God's flag of liberty,
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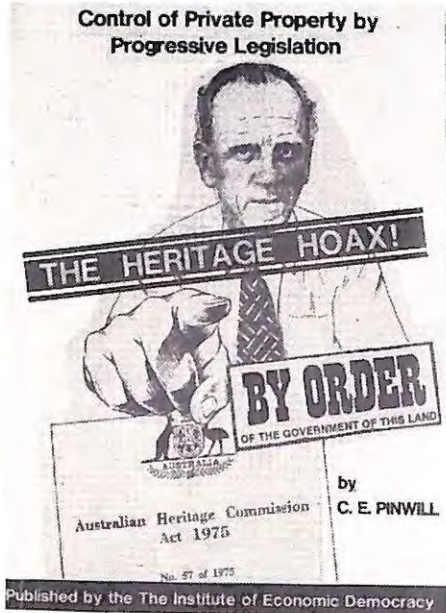
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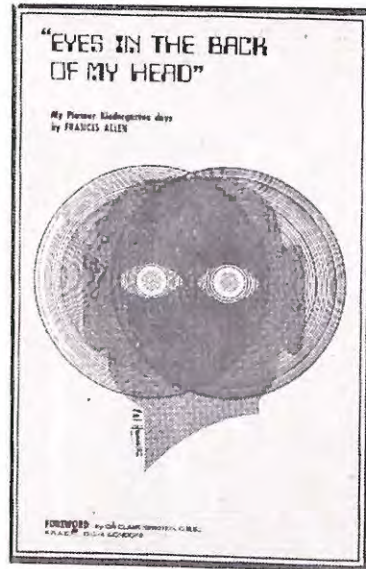


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by CHARLES PINWILL

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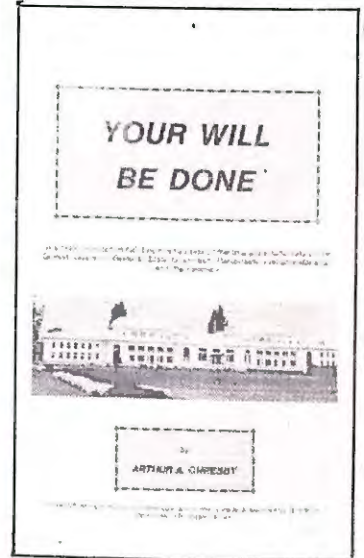


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