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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: 'In the long run, men are moved more by fantasy than by tractarian polemics,' declared the great American conservative scholar, Dr Russell Kirk, in his monumental study of the battle between truth and ideology, *Enemies of the Permanent Things* (Arlington House, USA, 1969).

Kirk devoted a whole chapter of his book ('*Rediscovering Norms through Fantasy*' , pp 109-124) to stressing the important contribution that fantasy can make to the safe-guarding of a nation.

THE MIRROR OF MIDDLE-EARTH Tolkien's '*The Lord of the Rings*' and the Politics of our Times NIGEL JACKSON:

Further reading: <http://alor.org/Library/Jackson-N-The-Mirror-of-Middle-Earth.html>

WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE PAST TO CONTROL THE FUTURE

Australia Day 2017 saw a number of communities congregating together in protest saying that Australia Day was, for them, Invasion Day.

That the British arrived here on January 26, 1788 and settled on the shores of what is now called Sydney, is true. That the white settlers thereafter colonised the entire country, is also true.

However, had the British not come to Australia, then the land would most certainly have been colonised by the French. Once discovered it would never have remained as it was.

Therefore, to claim that settlement did not happen is incorrect. That there was a wholesale dispossession of land is undoubted, just as the English were dispossessed of their lands by the Norman French 700 years before. However, it is fair to say that in 1788 the British did not understand the Aboriginal claim to lands because there was minimal cultivation or habitation.

Changing the day is not going to change the past nor will it alleviate the anger that has become a characteristic of modern times. Even should the date of Australia Day be changed, we will see the same demonstrations and continue to face the same rage.

Rather than decrying the arrival of the British, all in this land should rather celebrate the civilisation that they brought to this country. Everything we have today is due to the very moment Governor Arthur Phillip raised the British flag on Australian soil.

The lifestyle that Australians enjoy today - even those who are not wealthy - is due to the raising of that flag. The fact that we are one nation and one continent and not a myriad of separate countries is due to the raising of that flag.

That is why we celebrate Australia Day on 26 January as a time for all in this country to join together as one people to face the future.

Whilst it is always important to learn from the past, we must never allow the past to control the future.

Philip Benwell, National Chair, The Australian Monarchist League

Also read: <http://www.smh.com.au/act-news/nt-aboriginal-leader-defends-january-26-australia-day-20170126-gtzd74.html> ***

AUSTRALIA: A MULTICULTURAL TOTALITARIAN COUNTRY by Ian Wilson LL.B.

Donald J. Trump uses the metaphor of a swamp, a politically-disease ridden cesspool, to describe Washington DC. Australia, though, is in many respects worse, and the appropriate metaphor for us is a desert, waterless, lacking in the life of freedom.

Of course there is section 18 C, the very latest farce being that Australia's Grand Mufti, Ibrahim Abu Mohammed (Grand Mufti since 2011), wants Muslims to be given the same protection as other ethnic groups under section 18 C of the Racial Discrimination Act: <http://www.news.com.au/national/politics/grand-mufti-warns-against-watering-down-hate-speech-laws/news-story/c7125f5beeeae8a48922692568f68e04>. But they are! Well, what he wants is an amendment to the Act to create what our Liberal senator has called a "national blasphemy law" to prohibit "religious vilification" of Muslims and all religions. (*The Australian*, January 19, 2017, p. 5) Radical Islamists in the West have also been pushing for global blasphemy laws to suppress criticism of Islam. (*The Australian*, January 20, 2017, p. 13)

What does the grand Mufti believe? Is he a true supporter of cultural diversity and tolerance? To make up your mind, consider the following comments from an entry about him at Wiki:

"Mohamed was described as "a political moderate, [but] religiously orthodox" in a 2011 article in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

In 2011 Mohammed said that Sharia laws which call for "freedom, justice and right of speech" correspond with Australian laws.

In response to concerns over the radicalisation of young Muslim men in Australia, Mohamed has stated that he believes that the cause is the spread of "backyard prayer halls," run by self-styled imams preaching extremist ideologies. The solution to radicalisation, according to Mohamed, is for the Muslim community to build more traditional Islamic centres; his long-term vision, along with the ANIC, was to facilitate the building of mosques large enough to accommodate gyms, lecture halls and facilities for women and children. According to Mohamed, the Muslim community's building applications for new mosques are frequently met with rejection from local councils; he argues that existing mosques cannot keep pace with the community's growing needs, leading to increased feelings of isolation, rejection and anger among Muslims.

In his 1993 book *An Invitation To Contemplate* he said that non-Muslims wanted their women to walk around, "exposed as a piece of sweet pastry ... devoured by the eyes of men" and in 1995 he wrote, "the West does not bring to us any good, all they bring are their diseases".

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Mohamed has defended Islam's "longstanding" position on homosexuality which "no person can ever change". He said that any attempt to call out its teachings could lead to radicalisation."

Back on July 6, 2016, Andrew Bolt wrote an article entitled "Grand Mufti of Australia Proves We are Right to be Alarmed": <http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/opinion/opinion-grand-mufti-of-australia-proves-we-are-right-to-be-alarmed/news-story/a2f052404d910f2f4740df6d22507d96>, where he had this to say:

"The Grand Mufti of Australia has just proved that Pauline Hanson is right to feel threatened by Islam in this country.

Ibrahim Abu Mohammad has written an astonishing letter warning that to criticise even a gay-hating imam is to risk inciting terrorist attacks against us.

His inflammatory letter perfectly demonstrates why Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was a fool to hold an Iftar dinner for the Mufti and other troubling Muslim leaders during the election campaign.

And Turnbull's dinner – shown on all TV news bulletins – may explain why Hanson's vote was so high, helping her to win four Senate seats on a strident agenda that includes a call for a royal commission into Islam."

As we have seen from section 18 C, this would mean that any, repeat, any, criticism of any aspects of Islam, in particular, would become unlawful. Atheism would become, overnight, illegal. That's totalitarianism of a multicult variety.

All this though is the tip of a very dirty iceberg, as Senator David Leyonhjelm points out ("I'll Tell You a Secret – These Speech Laws Insult Us," *The Australian*, January 19, 2017, p. 10). "You can go to jail for berating a public servant or outing a corrupt cop." In fact, section 18 C starts to look insignificant compared to the gaol time one can get "insulting" various government officials – even if you "insult" someone officiating over your entitlement as a veteran! If you mentioned to your mum that her house had been searched by the police while she was out, you could be goaled for two years.

As Leyonhjelm says: **"All restrictions on free speech in Australian law need to be challenged, wherever they occur. In a wide-ranging battle of ideas, the truth invariably comes out on top."**

He does not say how, but I feel we need a Constitutional change giving us a free speech clause as found in the US Constitution's First Amendment – and also the Second Amendment right to bear arms. We need this, not a referendum on Aboriginal recognition. If we don't have free speech, there is nothing in this country worth recognising.

THE GLOBALIST WAR AGAINST CASH, THE INTERNET AND FREEDOM

by Richard Miller: In India millions of people are in revolt against new anti-cash laws which has led to hundreds of millions of poor people being unable to access their savings: <http://yournewswire.com/india-millions-protest-new-world-order-ban-cash/> The global financial elites want to eliminate cash as this will give them even more control over the ordinary people, and India is being used as a test-run for what is planned across the world. Without cash the New World Order overlords can readily control what one buys and what one does. The Australian government, following calls from multinational finance companies, is examining abolishing the Australian hundred-dollar note, done under the guise of reducing the “black market economy”: <http://catallaxyfiles.com/2016/12117/cross-post-john-adams-we-must-resist-the-war-on-cash/>

DAVOS ELITES: SCARED OF POPULISM. SO THEY SHOULD BE by James Reed

As Donald J. Trump was preparing for his inauguration as President of the United States, the globalist elite were meeting at the Swiss ski resort of Davos at the World Economic Forum.

There, according to <http://uk.businessinsider.com/ray-dalio-populism-scares-me-2017-1?r=Us&IR=T>, Ray Dalio, Founder of Bridgewater Associates, said that populism scared him, because it usually devolves into extremism, with the Left becoming more Left, and the Right becoming more Right. The world is looking like it did in the 1930s. Guess who is responsible for that.

But, he is right. The wealth gap is just like it was in the 1930s and growing. The economic squeeze being put on the middle classes is naturally driving them to populism. But what the globalist elite don't acknowledge, I believe, is that it is their programme which is extremist, destroying the fabric of traditional society, for profit and/or racial genocide purposes. The real terrorists are those who destroy nations more effectively than any jihadist. ***

THE OPEN BORDERS OF AUSTRALIA by James Reed

“Porous Borders a Boon for Cartels” (*The Australian*, January 19, 2017, p. 3) tells us what we have all long suspected, that organised-crime syndicates such as the mafia and Asian organised crime, are smuggling cocaine and methamphetamines (and guns) into the country by sea. Six men were recently arrested for attempting to smuggle into the country over \$60 million of cocaine in an ex-Japanese whaling vessel. These men were part of a well-organised crime group and it took considerable resources just to stop them.

Probably ships with drugs like this, or even more, are landing on shore on some remote part of the coastline as you read. Someone, after all, must be getting the cocaine to the middle class and the other junk to the lower class. And illegal guns are needed to keep the population in fear of legal guns. The circus goes on. ***

THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA: THE ONES WHO TELL THE MOST “PORK PIES”

by Chris Knight: The chattering and scribbling class need to have a constant stream of horse manure circulating to keep the gardens of illusion of the capitalism class growing strongly, and the plants of deception alive.

Gerard Baker, editor-in-chief of the *The Wall Street Journal* (“Trump, Lies and the Challenge for Honest Traditional Journalism,” *The Australian*, January 6, 2017, p. 8), says that “Trump certainly has a penchant for saying things whose truthfulness is, shall we say for now, challengeable.”

Baker feels superior to other establishment journalists because he doesn't call Trump a liar in his high class rag. The issue is that the mainstream press filters the facts through its own political lenses. Baker claims that Trump is telling a “whopper” about, say, the amount of illegal voting. Yet in covering the US election with my American friend Charles Taylor for the League, I read numerous articles documenting just this type of electoral fraud. *Occidental Observer* ran an historical piece showing that election fraud has a long history: <http://www.theoccidentalobserver.net/2016/11/americas-inglorious-tradition-of-election-fraud-any-cure-in-sight-part-1/>. That sort of awareness or discussion doesn't get into Baker's rag, or the mainstream press.

The activities of George Soros who once described himself as a “kind of god” (“The Billionaire Who Built on Chaos – George Soros,” *The Independent*, June 3, 1993: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/the-billionaire-who-built-on-chaos-gail-counsell-charts-the-rise-of-a-speculator-who-considers-1489380.html>), and who compared himself to the God of the Old Testament in his book *Underwriting Democracy* (1991), gets only passing mention by the mainstream press, because they support his form of communistic globalism. Soros' political activism has been to undermine national sovereignty and support pro-immigration, Left wing “progressive” causes, all to produce his New World Order. All that and more doesn't get discussed in Baker's honest traditional journalism publications.

Truth has been found by people who search, primarily through the internet. Hence it is imperative to fight for continuous freedom of the internet, or the shadow will continue to move over the land. ***

TARGET FOR THE WEEK

The article in last week's On Target by James Reed about the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) needs attention. I recommend readers refresh by checking it again.

It is important to write a brief letter to your Federal MP urging him/her to oppose Australian involvement in the TPP which some MP's are attempting to revive, since President Trump has cancelled US involvement.

The Trump withdrawal may mean the end of the agreement but those with a centralist philosophy will still try to involve Australia.

BASIC FUND

Dear League Supporters

With the holidays behind us, all eyes are focussed on the year ahead and it looks very interesting.

Overseas there has been the installation of Donald Trump as President of the US and he will face a massive task as he attempts to "Make America Great Again".

League readers will be aware of the difficulties he will face when dealing with those forces holding the 'aces' when it comes to finance. The positive is that if Trump is unable to deliver because of the financial power people, they will be clearly exposed as the villains.

In the UK, Prime Minister May is still reporting on the fine points of how and when the Brexit proposals will be implemented, which to many is seen as further time wasting.

At home we have the travel rorts, a disease which seems to have afflicted most MP's. PM, Malcolm Turnbull and a few of his colleagues are desperately trying to revive the Trans Pacific Partnership, even if the US withdraws because it would harm their country, (what about ours?)

The Republic debate is moving into a higher gear.

Minor parties like One Nation and the Xenophon team are recruiting plenty of candidates to contest State elections.

Arnis Luks, one of our key members in Adelaide, has transferred edited versions of the October 2016 Seminar to DVD's, available for \$25 posted from Doug Holmes 08 8289 0049. His task now is to recompile all the website pages to the html5/CSS3 standard. A task that will take most of his spare time for this year. The Melbourne office is again open where dedicated staff provide loyal service.

So there we have it - the tasks ahead are clear; key personnel are in place and all we need is some action from our supporters and of course some 'oil' to keep the machine going. Please consider contributing to our Basic Fund to continue the programme established by Eric Butler, Jeremy Lee and others. *Ken Grundy, Nat Dir*

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President Trump says the TPP will be harmful to the US. Why would it not be harmful to Australia too? Any benefit has been claimed to be no more than 1% improvement to our GDP. The TPP is so complex that it goes way beyond basic trade matters and threatens our sovereignty.

Apart from your local MP, concentrate on the Senators because their vote will be crucial. Give encouragement to the Labor Party, the Xenophon Team and One Nation as well as any other independent or minor group senators, to protect Australia's interest. *Nat Dir*

VALE SHIRLEY HOWARD

Some of you may be aware of Shirley Howard's passing. We have been informed she passed away on New Year's Day, just 3 days short of her 88th birthday.

It is fitting and proper to acknowledge her devotion to much prayer, pro-life, the anti-fluoride campaign and other important League work.

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