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**THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK:** “The capitalist imperialist state must be judged not only in comparison with unrealized utopias, but on past forms of the state; if it will not bear comparison with the feudal order; with the small city states both republican and despotic; either as to its ‘social justice’ or as to its permanent products, art, science, literature, the onus of proof goes against it.

**“The contemporary state will have to digest this concept; the state as convenience.**

“The antithesis is: the state as an infernal nuisance. . . . The artist, the maker is always too far ahead of any revolution, or re-action, or counter-revolution or counter-reaction for his vote to have any immediate result, and his party program never contains enough of his program to give him the least satisfaction. The party that follows him wins: and the speed, with which they set about it, is the measure of their practical capacity and intelligence. Blessed are they who pick the right artists and makers. . . .

“The American view as expressed by the leading American intelligentsia is that America is the most colossal monkey house and prize exhibit that the astonished world has yet seen; and that for this reason one should delight in the spectacle, and that as a spectacle it is unrivalled and diverting, not being a descendant of the Marquis de Sade, or a follower of the, I believe, Hungarian Massoch, I am unable to appreciate this form of pleasure.”

This editorial presents one of Ezra’s most revolutionary concepts, which sweeps all current “isms” into limbo. “*Res publica*, the state as convenience.” These words should be carved in stone above our halls, or seats, of government. All of the modern concepts of the state treat this institution arbitrarily as a force whose arrogance must be absorbed by the citizens, the degree of oppression being greater or slighter, according to which “ism” you prefer.

Pound’s suggestion is one that will strike fear into the heart of every bureaucrat and liberal. The bureaucrat sees the state as the god without whom he could not exist; the liberal sees the state as the only force that can implement his otherwise unpalatable desires. Even Trotsky pointed out, that “Liberal principles can only be enforced by the police power.” But Pound neutralizes these concepts with his axiom “The state as convenience.” The basis of Ezra’s struggle against bureaucracy-his “treason” if you will, is based on two fundamental concepts: “the state as convenience” and the tax system as “legalized robbery”. It is no wonder that his captors put him in a madhouse for thirteen years.” *Ezra Pound – This Difficult Individual* By Eustace Mullins, 1961.

### PARLIAMENT IN CANBERRA TO RESUME By Ken Grundy -ND

The dust from the election results has settled somewhat. We have seen reactions from MP’s; journalists and the community at large and those reactions have included bewilderment; joy and relief. Many voters withdrew support for minor parties and returned to the coalition to be absolutely certain the ALP did not form Government. Voters certainly voted against ALP policies such as the loss of franking credits and negative gearing. Franking credits would have impacted individuals and superannuation, meaning few would have not been affected. Now that negative gearing has not been lost, investors can continue building homes for people to rent. The theatre of Parliament is about to resume in Canberra where we can expect more debate about the election result.

The Coalition under PM Scott Morrison will have a majority on the floor of the House and so will not require support from others. The Senate will be much different where legislation will not pass without support from others. What will the Morrison agenda contain? Will it accept community endorsement and deliver much sought after policies?

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Younger readers may not recall, but in 1975, Mr Malcom Fraser won Government from Mr Gough Whitlam. The Whitlam Government was unable to pass a good deal of legislation due to opposition from the Senate. Included in the list were several proposals where Australia would commit to UN Conventions and these proposals were not widely welcomed in the community. The voting public disliked Whitlam's policies and Mr Fraser won the election. Fraser, with such endorsement, had the opportunity of a lifetime to deliver the community wishes. However he immediately passed the laws for which Whitlam was denounced! History such as this must not be repeated by a Morrison Government which enjoys similar endorsement.

### TARGET FOR ACTIONISTS:

Even though you may have contacted your Coalition MP with congratulations, it is imperative that you maintain pressure. Remember the MP's are there to represent you and you cannot expect them to be mind-readers. They need to hear from you and are more likely to act when aware of your support.

### COURAGE, TRUTH AND JUSTICE:

#### REMEMBERING DR DAVID MITCHELL By Ian Wilson LL.B

Older readers should well remember Dr David Mitchell, scholar, lawyer, minister and general Christian gentlemen. All of us need to refresh our minds about this truly great man, in the Eric Butler league, by obtaining a tremendous new book by Dallas Clarnette, *Courageous for Truth and Justice* (2019), which gives a fitting tribute to Dr Mitchell's life and works.

Such a book is necessary because Dr Mitchell was one of those quiet workers, who steadfastly keep working away defending traditional Christian Australia, especially institutions such as the constitutional monarchy, over many decades. He saw before many of us the civilizational threats that the 1960s revolution had rung in, most notably in law. Thus, Dr Mitchell engaged in numerous *pro bono* (non...paying cases) to defend those who were being abused by the politically correct legal system. I recall him saying to me, when I asked him, perhaps 15 years ago, about how he got on with judges, "Well Ian, they must just think, here comes Mitchell again!"

### Write, visit their office or phone them (MP's and Senators). All can be addressed simply to Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Explain that you expect them to take advantage of the community support and deliver the following:

1. A drastic cut to immigration. We have many unemployed people who should be encouraged to accept positions. We do not want migrants UNLESS they have a job waiting for them. We do not want migrants in cities or country towns UNLESS they are employed.
2. We need a huge reduction in electricity costs which affect production and domestic viability. This may require another decade of coal-powered electricity.
3. We need to be bold like the US and back away from the Paris Agreement on emissions. Carbon dioxide is a minute portion of the atmosphere which is vital all plant life. Water vapour is the major component of greenhouse gas.
4. Our Constitution recognises all Australian citizens. Notwithstanding race or creed, it embraces everyone so we certainly do not wish any Constitutional change which would create division. \*\*\*

I want people to buy this book in support of the author, so I am not one for spoilers. But I cannot resist reporting on an extraordinary case where a Christian group was facing what seems to be an early race-hate case.

Dr Mitchell defended the group by the most unusual move of denying that the church as such existed, so there was no defendant! He kept this line of argument up for over a year until the court awarded for him!

Dr Mitchell also helped in the famous Noah's Ark case, aiding the Creationist's case against an academic who was a critic of Christianity, but now is beloved by us because he is attacking global warming.

Overall a most worthy book for a truly good man. If only all men were made of the same moral fibre of Dr Mitchell, we would not be facing the problems we now do. But, alas. Hopefully, the hard times ahead will create other worthy champions of courage, truth and justice. \*\*\*

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Mr. Gary Allen (*The C.F.R., Conspiracy To Rule The World*, American Opinion, Belmont, Mass., 1969) asks, "Why would international bankers and financiers be interested in promoting a Socialist World Government? Clearly, socialism is only the bait to obtain the support of the political underworld and to create the structure necessary to maintain dictatorial control. What this small group of financiers and cartel-oriented businessmen are interested in is monopolistic control over the world's natural resources, trade, transportation and communications ... something that despite their great wealth they could not achieve otherwise. Therefore the super-capitalists become super-socialists, realising that only a World Government under their control can give them the power necessary to achieve their goal. Only this could explain why these extremely wealthy men would be willing to support movements which seem to be aimed at their own destruction."

— *The Grand Design of the 20th Century* by Douglas Reed published: 1977

## WHAT DO AUSTRALIANS OWE TO SIR JOHN QUICK? By Prof David Flint

*Quadrant* magazine of June 30th 2017 published speeches given at the *Quadrant's* own Constitutional Convention, rightly giving attention to the arguments 'For' as well as 'Against' the Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Peoples. It was in response to Prime Minister Turnbull's 12 regional and Uluru national conventions that were exclusively reserved for indigenous people. Prof David Flint was one of participants and he starts his presentation thus:

**'I have, I'm afraid, some disappointing news. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have a Welcome to Country. I think it has something to do with the global warming. But we do have a welcome to convention, which is central to this evening. It was also central to the decision of the Australian people in the nineteenth century, humbly relying on the blessings of Almighty God, to unite in the indissoluble federal Commonwealth under the Crown and under the Constitution.'**

"The problem was with the colonial politicians. In 1891 they appointed a convention. The convention produced a constitution but it failed. It failed partly because it was a nominated convention but also because when the draft constitution went back to the colonial parliaments, they tore it apart and could never agree on the terms. Each parliament had its own view and it was obvious there would be no solution.

"The solution appeared in 1893 at Corowa, New South Wales, in a private conference like tonight. During the course of that conference Sir John Quick—a man unknown to most school students today but who ought

to be on the currency, and ought to be commemorated because what he did ensured that we became a country - moved a motion that became known as "the Corowa plan". It proposed that, in future, instead of convention delegates being nominated by the politicians, they should be elected by the people. Moreover, when the convention came to a conclusion about a constitution, it should be then sent to the politicians for comment—not to tear apart or decide on, but just for comment—and then it should be sent to the Australian people to vote and make the decision.

It took another four years after Corowa for the politicians to act. In 1897, a convention was mainly elected. Over several sessions, a constitution was drafted and put out for comment by both politicians and people. This took the movement for federation out of the hands of the politicians. After the work of this convention and after two referendums, the constitution was taken to London, passed by the imperial parliament, given Royal Assent and, once the West Australian referendum came in, proclaimed by the Queen. This was all achieved in four years from 1897 to January 1, 1901—without jet planes, without the internet and without all of the technological advantages we have today. That is extraordinary—we can't build a dam in four years; we are going to take fifty years to have a fleet of submarines—four years, and all because of the convention. This is the importance of tonight—it was the convention that Sir John Quick conceived at Corowa without which we might today be several countries...'

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### INQUIRY INTO PRESS FREEDOM MUST INCLUDE FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

'An inquiry into press freedom must include laws which infringe on the freedom of speech of all Australians, such as Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act," said Gideon Rozner, Director of Policy at free-market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs. The Institute of Public Affairs today announced its support for an independent inquiry into press freedom, in response to the controversial raids of a reporter's home and at ABC headquarters recently in the course of tracking down possible illegal breaches of national security by public servants.

"The ability of people to scrutinise those in power is fundamental to a free society," said Mr Rozner.

"However, this right isn't limited to professional journalists. It is a freedom of all Australians."

"Freedom of the press is just a part of freedom of speech. Any inquiry into freedom of the press must logically consider freedom of speech."

"You cannot credibly describe freedom of speech for all Australians as a culture war issue, while describing freedom of speech for journalists as fundamental to our democracy. Both are equally as important."

"No one at the ABC batted an eyelid when Greens leader Richard Di Natale campaigned to use hate speech laws to regulate the media. Nor was there outrage at the ABC when the Gillard Government proposed oversight to make the media "balanced" and "accountable"."

"The inconsistent outrage of the journalist class should not distract the government from other serious threats to freedom of speech in Australia, such as section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act and Australia's harsh defamation laws," said Mr Rozner.'

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## ROBERT JAMES LEE HAWKE -THE FABIAN [extracts from his speech to the Fabian Society 1984]

“For any association or secular institution to reach its first century is noteworthy and, in our times, remarkable enough in itself. That alone would be sufficient reason for us to join together tonight in this celebration of the centenary of the Fabian Society, brought into formal existence in London a hundred years ago this month. And, incidentally, I trust it will be noted in the appropriate quarters that those of us here tonight associated with the Australian Labor Party and the Australian Labor Government have been so far able to overcome our notorious prejudices as to celebrate a British institution - indeed in many respects a quintessential British institution.

“For this was, and is, that most difficult things of all to maintain - a POLITICAL association. It was founded as, and remains, a purely voluntary association of like-minded men and women, bound by no dogma or creed or fixed body of doctrine. Unable to offer its members inducement or rewards, or to impose discipline or enforce rules; an association based entirely on moral and intellectual ground and, by the very essence of its nature and purpose, having only the loosest structure and formal organisation.

“Sydney Webb, one of the founders of the Fabian Society: “From 1887, the Fabians looked to the formation of a strong and independent Labour Party. We did all we could to foster and assist, in succession, the Independent Labour Party, then the Labour Representation Committee and then the Labour Party....but we also set ourselves to detach the concept of socialism from such extraneous ideas as suddenness and simultaneity of change, violence and compulsion, and atheism or anti-clericalism....nor did we confine our propaganda to the slowly emerging labour party, or to those who were prepared to call themselves socialists, or to the manual workers or to any particular class.”

“First, we cannot ignore the personal element - that extraordinary galaxy of political, intellectual and literary talent which made up the firmament of Fabianism the Webbs, Graham Wallan, George Bernard Shaw then later Tom Hann, who helped introduce Fabianism to Australia; then later on again people like Bertrand Russell, G. D. H. Cole, Harold Laski and R. H. Tawney.

“Another source of the Society's strength was what we may call the METHODOLOGY of fabianism - the primacy given to facts, knowledge, proper research and solid information as the basis for action - whether political, social or economic action. It was the recognition, as Beatrice Webb put it, that: "Reform will not be brought about by shouting. What is needed is hard thinking."

“And the third and greatest and most enduring source of the influence of Fabianism was the idea of practical

relevance. And this is the very essence of Fabianism. It is the recognition that the commitment to democracy and democratic means is fundamental. It is the recognition that this fundamental commitment imposes on social democrats obligations and restraints in terms of both means and ends. It is the recognition, as I myself put it in the *Resolution of Conflict* lectures - the Boyer Lectures in 1979 - “of the need for those who would advocate change to temper their fervour with a sense of gradualism”.

“It cannot be emphasised too strongly or too often, that this approach is not a matter of mere pragmatism. It is equally a matter of principle, it is a principle which follows inexorably from our commitment to democracy. And it is a principle which lies at the very heart, not only of Fabianism, but social democracy throughout the world. It is of course the classic concept of Fabianism - the INEVITABILITY OF GRADUALNESS - and nothing is more widely misunderstood or more frequently misrepresented.

“Certainly, we are proceeding to implement the policy on which we were elected and the platform of the Party with a thoroughness, I believe, not excelled by any previous Labor Government in our history. But that specific task must go hand in hand with the more general and deeper, longer range task - the task of establishing, in the mood and mind of this nation, permanent acceptance of the naturalness and inevitability of change and reform, as the authentic Australian way of life. And that, for the first time in our history, is what this Labor Government is attempting.

“Let me conclude: an occasion like this serves to bring home to us all, one of the great truths about our cause in Australia - the cause of Labor and social democracy. And that is the CONTINUITY of our movement and the continuity of our role in our nation”.

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The full 1984 speech by Bob Hawke to the Fabian Society is available online in our ALOR Library.

<https://alor.org/Library/Hawke%20RJ%20-%20Address%20to%20the%20Fabian%20Society%20.html>

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