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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Extract: Political thinking is at such a low ebb in this and other British countries that constitutional safeguards of individuals' rights, evolved over hundreds of years, are being destroyed without most people realising what is taking place...The tragedy of these critical times is that the individual does not understand that the question of individual rights and independence is directly connected with the idea of a Constitution of some description. An even greater tragedy is the fact that the small minority which has some understanding of the issue has little or no knowledge of the nature and the source of the attack against the Constitutional safeguards of the individual's rights and independence.

THE PURPOSE OF A CONSTITUTION

What is a Constitution? Most human activities are governed by the idea of a Constitution; the idea that it is necessary to define in advance relationships which individuals can observe. It is also necessary to lay down the relationships between various groups and individuals. No game can be played in the absence of some rules. ...The necessity of stability in all forms of human associations is essential. The greatest genuine progress is made when there is the greatest stability. **All political and economic crises, most of which are carefully manufactured, provide ideal conditions for attacks upon Constitutional safeguards.** For years before the war the controllers of Soviet Russia openly preached that an "imperialist" struggle was essential for the furtherance of their policies.

Stability Permits a Continuous Growth Based Upon Tradition

The enemies of our way of life, and surely it is obvious that they are becoming more menacing every day, want to destroy all Constitutional safeguards of stability; they want chaos and confusion in order that they can impose their ideas upon the community. One important aspect of the war being waged against us, an aspect overlooked by most people, is the clever attack upon the idea of a tradition. Such has been the corrupting influence of unscrupulous propaganda that a great number of people who like to be thought "progressive" consider any policy based upon tradition either "old fashioned," or, worse still, "reactionary." **Tradition is simply the accumulated experiences of the past. A community which forgets its traditions has lost its bearings, and is at the mercy of the various types of power-lusters whose activities are wrecking Western Civilization.**

See *The Real Communist Menace*, pages 13 and 14.

Even in the most primitive communities the old men of the tribe pass on to the young men the various folk lore and tribal laws, which embody the past experiences of the tribe. This is the cultural heritage, without which no community could survive. Those who sneer at people basing their policies upon the experiences of the past are themselves dominated by an idea as old as Mankind: the idea that some men should have complete control over the lives of all other men.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS

The central theme of the history of the English-speaking world can be written around **the persistent attempts to evolve a Constitution which would prevent Governments, or any other groups from having too much power over individuals.** Because of their Christian philosophy and innate spirit of individualism, our forefathers worked and gave their lives to limit the powers of Governments and to guarantee the individual certain fundamental rights which were inviolable. The growth of the British Constitution, the basis of all Constitutions throughout the English-speaking world, derives from the idea of individual rights. The basis is the individual. The fundamental idea of the British Constitution was the protection of the sovereignty of the individual. That profound political document, *Magna Carta*, which we teach our children about in the schools, but never read, dealt in detail with this question of individual sovereignty. The evolving of a system of **Common Law**, which was superior to Kings, Parliaments and all other institutions, was essential for the protection of the individual.

The English-Speaking communities, alone in the civilised world, are based on the principle of Common Law, that: **"all persons, officials, no less than private individuals, are equal before the law, are judged by the same tribunals, and are subject to the same rules."**

However, the fact must be faced that the days when the individual knew what his rights were, and could enter the Courts to ensure that neither Governments, officials, nor any group or individual interfered with those rights, are rapidly passing. The fact that the same technique is being used to destroy the **Common Law** in every English-Speaking country is definite evidence that the attack is coming from a common source. As far back as 1929, Lord Hewart, exposed the menace in his great book: *"The New Despotism"* ([available online](#)). One-time Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Hewart wrote: **A mass of evidence establishes the fact that there is in existence a persistent and well-contrived system, intending to produce, and in practice producing, a despotic power which at one and the same time places Government departments beyond the sovereignty of Parliament and beyond the jurisdiction of the Courts.** The "persistent and well-contrived system" has been considerably advanced since Lord Hewart wrote his book, *"The New Despotism."*

The swollen bureaucratic departments in this country, with their never-ending stream of regulations and

DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION :: LOCKDOWNS = DICTATORSHIP By Arnis Luks

In my research for this week, it became imperative that I further study the Trinitarian nature of our **Constitutional Monarchy system of Limited government**. Divisions of Power exists across three levels, in the case of the Victoria Parliament - Legislative Assembly (the lower house) - Legislative Council (the upper house), - and the Queen's Representative the Governor of Victoria.
...from the government website:

Australia's Federal Parliamentary Government

The **Constitution of Australia** establishes the Federal Government by providing for the Parliament, the Executive Government and the Judicature (more usually called the Judiciary)—sometimes referred to as the 'three arms of government'.

Parliamentary Government means that the Executive Government comes from within the Parliament.

Responsible Government means that the Executive is responsible to the Parliament. Unlike the Executive in Victoria, this is the central feature of a Westminster-style government following the United Kingdom model—in contrast to other systems of government where the Executive is quite separate and not directly answerable to the Legislature—for example, in the Republic of the United States of America.

The Separation of Powers

Political theory recognises three powers of

decrees, and the increasing assaults upon the Federal Constitution, provide such menacing evidence of the "New Despotism" in Australia that all liberty-loving citizens must immediately unite to resist it. Our written Federal Constitution, like the American Constitution, was based upon principles established in the evolving of the British Constitution. Those people who talk about our "horse-and-buggy" Constitution are a menace to our way of life; they cast doubt upon fundamental principles of individual associations which have not been altered one iota by the fact that we now have motor cars to travel in instead of buggies. In fact, because of the vastly increased power which scientific developments permit a small number of individuals to have over entire communities, it is more essential than ever that the fundamental principles of human associations, learned so painfully by the trials and errors of our forefathers, be clearly re-stated, and their observance insisted upon. If we are going to allow power-lusters and their dupes to persuade us that we should forget and ignore the accumulated political experience of a thousand years, there is indeed no hope for our way of life. **Salvation depends upon sufficient people grasping the real issues at stake.** They are fundamentally the same as those faced by the Barons and Churchmen when they confronted King John with *Magna Carta* at Runnymede in 1215—*Constitutional Barriers to Serfdom* By ED. Butler.

government—the legislative power to make laws; the executive power to carry out and enforce the laws; and the judicial power to interpret laws and to judge whether they apply in individual cases.

The principle of the separation of powers is that, in order to prevent oppressive government, the three powers of government should be held by separate bodies—the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary—which can act as checks and balances on each other.

With Parliamentary Government the legislative and executive functions overlap, as the members of the Executive Government—the Ministers—are drawn from the Parliament. However, in the Australian system there are still checks and balances between the Executive and Legislature—Ministers are subject to the scrutiny of other Members of the Parliament led by an officially recognised opposition. In addition, the Executive does not necessarily control both Houses of the Parliament

https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/House_of_Representatives/Powers_practice_and_procedure/00_-_Infosheets/Infosheet_20_-_The_Australian_system_of_government

Historic lessons differ only in time, but the result now, as then - Totalitarianism or Rule by Decree as experienced (1509-1547) Henry VIII or (1215) King John *Magna Carta*.

Rule by Decree of the Victorian Executive is moving in a similar fashion to Rule by Decree experienced last century with Russia, Italy, Germany, then China.

In Australia we also have three levels of Government: federal, state and local. The federal Parliament has exclusive jurisdiction in a limited number of specific areas identified within the Commonwealth Constitution. The Local Government Act 2020, enacted by the State Parliament of Victoria, defines the powers of local government in Victoria, i.e. the local government administering 'State Government Policy' locally.

Political Democracy can be lost in a heartbeat to an unsuspecting and compliant public. The justification of COVID-19 Rule by Decree - our modern day dictator - be considered that Parliamentary Democracy can be lost.

An important article "*The Death of Parliamentary Democracy in Victoria*," by Prof. Augusto Zimmerman identifies the political similarities of Europe and Victoria in the seizing of dictatorial power by the Executive.

If the ongoing events taking place in Victoria are not disturbing enough by themselves, the tacit support of the Australian Prime Minister and the passivity of the Victorian Liberal opposition certainly are.

In a letter to the Victorian Government, Shadow Attorney-General Edward O'Donohue contemplates the acceptance of these extraordinary powers being extended. After reminding the Premier that they "represent a significant erosion of individual freedom and recognising this", he goes on to tacitly accept their continuation by meekly requesting the Premier that "any further extension must be accompanied by enhanced scrutiny and safe guards enshrined in the legislation".

- <https://goodsauce.news/the-death-of-parliamentary-democracy-in-victoria/>
- <http://www.edwardodonohue.com.au/letter-to-premier-andrews-17th-august-2020/>

In ED Butler's "*Constitutional Barriers to Serfdom*", he impresses the importance of initiating a "Defend the Constitution" campaign. While letter writing is a beginning, it must regularly be followed up by other courses of action by an engaged electorate of individuals. We have purchased yellow vests (\$4.00 each to wear whenever outside our home) and will 'write on' them:

**DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION
LOCKDOWNS = DICTATORSHIP**

Another Yellow Vest 'write on' option is:

**I VOTE NO CONFIDENCE
IN THE EXECUTIVE**

Dan Andrews is attempting to seize total power into the hands of the Executive of which he administers. The seedbed for this attempted dictatorship has been prepared by hundreds of separate but related acts of treachery. To name but a few: The Commonwealth Bank Act 1924 emasculated the 'People's Bank' and undermined the very powers of the Commonwealth to manage the nation's money supply. The 1983 High Court decision 4:3 over the Franklin Dam expanded the 'limited powers' of the Federal Government over the States : external affairs.

ON TARGET

The Victorian Constitution Act 1975 and Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003 altered the balance of powers between the two Houses of Parliament in Victoria and the Reserve Powers of the Governor. These Reserve Powers vested in the Queen's Representative need to be the subject for a future *On Target*.

The Water Act 2007 handed a constitutionally defined state function across to the Commonwealth to be administered by the bureaucracy, instead of ensuring a sufficiency of supply - the justification for government.

In Germany and Britain this past weekend there were street demonstrations against the lockdowns. The Yellow Vests of France have been demonstrating against tyranny each weekend, come November 17th for two years.

Demonstrations alone won't cut the mustard. What is required is a clear objective, firstly to defend the existing Constitutional limitations on government and then progressively disassemble the monopolising powers given over to the Executive by other Acts of Parliament.

Eric Butler wrote a second booklet against tyranny titled "*Sack the Bureaucrats and Win the Peace!*" He suggested to reduce the total numbers of bureaucrats and continue to further reduce until such time as the bureaucracy again serves the public - ***the individuals in community, as individuals, not the abstract collective.***

While it is vivid in our minds that 'monopoly of power equates to tyranny and dictatorship', it is vital that a review is initiated of all Acts of Parliament to restore the balance of power within the original Constitutional Framework. For Victoria, this could make for fertile ground as a question to aspiring candidates leading into the regional government elections mid-October, such as:

Will you hold twice yearly, a Citizens Initiated Constitutional Convention to review the Constitution Act 1975 and the Constitution (Parliamentary Reform) Act 2003 in regard to the balance of powers across the three levels of State Parliament - Legislative Assembly, Legislative Council and Reserve Powers of the Governor ? And on the basis of these conventions, make recommendations to be put by referenda to the people in regard to the restoration of our ancient Rights and Freedoms ?

These are critical times of which agent provocateur's have been instrumental in the deconstruction of our constitutions - the agreements as to how we shall be governed. It will take a thinking people perhaps many generations. But the ultimate prize is freedom with responsibility in a moral environment. Responsibility is unavoidable, which brings me to the final recommended reading for this week, this time both by Geoffrey Dobbs:

"Responsible Government in a Free Society" here: https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Dobbs_G-Responsible_Government_in_a_Free_Society.pdf

and "One Man One Vote" here: https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Dobbs%20G%20-%20One_Man_One_Vote.pdf

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

to the *Adelaide Hills Weekender Herald*

Troubling Times and My Opinion

The draconian and shameful way in which Australia is being run at the moment, is deeply troubling. It is causing anxiety, fear, job loss, business destruction, trashing of civil liberties and Constitutional rights, and yes, suicides.

Now we have the Prime Minister and the deputy chief medical bureaucrat telling us that we might have to have an "immunity passport" in order to travel, eat out at restaurants or work in the health sector ?

Just ask your GP whether that jab you are about to have, will confer 100% immunity or whether he or she will sign a disclaimer that they will be held responsible for any serious side effects ? ***They won't and there are no guarantees.***

When a bureaucrat states that there needs to be some sort of "incentive", shouldn't that read "punishment"?

By ignoring human rights conventions, the Nuremberg Code, the 2005 UNESCO Principles on Human Rights and Bioethics, our Constitution and its own *Immunisation Guidelines Handbook* which clearly states "all vaccination must be voluntary", are we to assume that the government now thinks it owns our bodies and can dictate what is injected into them ? What about those people who have recovered from COVID19 ? Injecting them could be disastrous ?

How can Professor Colin Pouton of Monash University say in one breath, that it would be ethically difficult to mandate a vaccination, and then in the next breath, say that government should consider a proof of immunisation system ? This is illogical ? Are ethics important or not ? Remember , unlike the USA, there is no vaccine damage compensation scheme or court in Australia, even though some years ago, a Senate Select Enquiry recommended that this be looked into.

A genetically-engineered vaccine using chimpanzee DNA, will be a giant experiment on a weary population ? The Moderna vaccine trials in the USA have seen 80% of the human volunteers seriously ill and hospitalised. These rushed vaccines must be avoided at all costs and are totally unjustified for a virus that has so far killed 0.006% of the world population. The Spanish flu killed 5.26% of the world population at the time.

There is clearly another agenda being played out here, and COVID19 is just the tool being used to destroy life as we knew it ? Roll on corporation-dominated, borderless world where sovereignty is dead and civil rights count for nothing ?

-- Mrs A A Hodges Birdwood SA

- <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>
- <https://www.practiceassist.com.au/PracticeAssist/media/ResourceLibrary/Programs%20and%20National%20Schemes/Immunise-The-Australian-Immunisation-Handbook-10th-Edition.pdf>

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ONE VOICE AGAINST EVIL, ONE VOICE FOR FREEDOM

1pm-5pm Saturday 19th September 2020

First Speaker: Douglas suggested that security in what we have is required: freedom of action, thought and speech, and a more abundant life for all is wanted.

Second Speaker: The need to face up to the encroachments of bureaucracy. The business of bureaucracy is to get us what we want, not to annoy and hinder us by taking from us by taxation and irritating restrictions those facilities that we should otherwise have.

Third Speaker: Douglas insisted, and most importantly, we have to obtain control of the forces of the Crown by genuine political democracy.

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