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Thought For The Week: *KING HENRY V* By William Shakespeare:

*Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more; Or close the wall up with our English dead.
In peace there's nothing so becomes a man As modest stillness and humility:
But when the blast of war blows in our ears, Then imitate the action of the tiger;
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood, Disguise fair nature with hard-favour'd rage;
Then lend the eye a terrible aspect; Let pry through the portage of the head
Like the brass cannon; let the brow o'erwhelm it As fearfully as doth a galled rock
O'erhang and jutty his confounded base, Swill'd with the wild and wasteful ocean.
Now set the teeth and stretch the nostril wide, Hold hard the breath and bend up every spirit
To his full height. On, on, you noblest English. Whose blood is fet from fathers of war-proof!
Fathers that, like so many Alexanders, Have in these parts from morn till even fought
And sheathed their swords for lack of argument: Dishonour not your mothers; now attest
That those whom you call'd fathers did beget you. Be copy now to men of grosser blood,
And teach them how to war. And you, good yeoman, Whose limbs were made in England, show us here
The mettle of your pasture; let us swear That you are worth your breeding; which I doubt not;
For there is none of you so mean and base, That hath not noble lustre in your eyes.
I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips, Straining upon the start. The game's afoot:
Follow your spirit, and upon this charge Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!'*

CHRIST THE KING By Arnis Luks

We are midway through Advent and this being the final *OnTarget* report for this year. In considering our year's work – worship - ALOR is holding tight to the path of pursuing truth, exposing deception and highlighting the many false roads of misinformation. Truth is reflected within the Christian Gospel from which the Social Credit teachings of CH Douglas is the policy of that philosophy called Christianity. We have been true to our calling as heralds of that Gospel of Christ and make no apology.

While the flavour of our journals has turned to the roots of 'teaching' about faith and Truth, (natural law), the methods of delivery have changed with the times. Our video and podcast broadcasting, and our several websites and blog, will have completed this season 49 episodes from thinkers around the world. Alliances are shaping across national boundaries with no formal structure but the Spirit of God as our guide. This is the time of the Holy Spirit and we are of that great Southland. A spiritual ferment is rising to cause those that have eyes to see and ears to hear, to regain their faith and steel themselves to the road less travelled, the road ahead.

The heralding message of that bright star guiding shepherds and wise men to the manger in Bethlehem to witness a most glorious visitation of God as the Christ showing us His nature and also how men should then live. What a wonderful message of hope at that time of civilisational crisis and collapse over 2000 years ago, similar to our own time, that those few good men and women took that message of hope out into the world as of vital concern for every human being. How should we then live?

Such is the times we live. Australia's people will be tested for their mettle (depth of character), as will other nations' peoples. Those things that were once hidden are being revealed to those that have eyes to see.

The coming New Year will bring opportunities for the freedom movements to regain the initiative. Not the least of these will be local government, some state government, and a federal government election.

We have previously reported on the glaring potential for fraud across every election cycle. To place all our eggs in the one (election) basket may not be so wise. A diverse strategy across many, many fronts is in order.

Petitions

In regard to the petitioning the governor (of Victoria) over the latest draconian 'amending' legislation, this initiative should not rest solely on the petition's laurels alone, nor be discounted as a method of resistance against this despot even though the initiative did not achieve success this time. If the governor is to have any chance of achieving some good then they must be supported in their role at every opportunity including special public forums, all communication within government departments and the government, billboards in your front yard, signs on your car, letters to the editor, newsletters and every other personal correspondence. The role of our Monarch and future Monarch will no doubt take on much greater significance in the future. Pray they all hold fast and firm at the appropriate time.

The 1988 **Operation Bankwatch** Campaign included the then state governor of South Australia Sir Donald Dunstan within their strategies. The leadership of that campaign set themselves realistic targets and continued mounting more and more political pressure towards the then political and banking custodians of power. Resolve being an essential requirement of that leadership team.

Operation Bankwatch

<https://alor.org/Storage/Bankwatch/index.html>

.....Banks Get Tough

Almost immediately after the breakdown of the Ministerial Working Committee, the banks began to push the most vulnerable farmers towards foreclosure. Ultimatums were being issued in no-nonsense terms. The policy of the Action Group - that no farmer should be evicted from their property if they did not wish to leave the industry - seemed to be in serious jeopardy. It was only a matter of time before farming families began to buckle under the combined pressure of the summer heat and the banks. Initiative was needed. The Action Group decided on emergency guerilla tactics. (Jim) Cronin had developed an excellent relationship with the media over the preceding ten weeks of the campaign. He now made use of it.

He contacted a journalist from the *Sunday Mail* - Peter Morgan, and 'leaked' a story that the Action group was in the process of preparing to take direct action. (Sunday Mail 8/1/89). The State Manager of the first bank to foreclose on a farmer, or force them off his property, would find that farmer, and their family, chooks, and pets, camping on the front lawn of their Adelaide home within 24 hours. Farmers have no-where else to go," said Cronin. "We are remaining on our properties, where we belong, or we are camping on the banks' property, where we do not belong. We mean business!"

The result was dramatic. On Sunday 8th January, the front page headline of "The Sunday Mail" was: 'BANKS GET TOUGH ON FARMS', including the threat that farmers would begin camping on the lawns of State Manager homes in Adelaide of culprit banks. Cronin's allegations that banks were jacking up interest rates were quoted. Specific examples were detailed, which were confirmed when the Sunday Mail checked them. Cronin pushed hard, quoting another specific case with a Boxing Day deadline to pay up (or else!) One farmer said, 'It makes me wonder what the bank hopes to achieve by increasing the debt burden at this time, unless it is thinking of writing it off for some form of tax concession. This is happening. Banks are raising the debts of clients and are claiming trading losses. There is a lot of paper shuffling going on....' The banks issued blanket denials.

Cronin had struck a raw nerve. But the result of the article was that pressure on farmers was eased immediately. The banks, in the face of an emotional public campaign, including the possibility of farmers camping on their lawns, backed off instantly. This concession simply allowed the Action Group breathing space. A few days later Cronin was phoned by Mr. Arthur Whyte of Kimba. Whyte, a former Legislative Councillor for the region, urged the Action Group to pull out all stops, saying that no one really took the Eyre Peninsula farmers seriously. "They're laughing at you, Jim," he said. Cronin was infuriated. He assumed that Whyte meant both the State Government and the banking industry.

Cronin, calling on an iron determination, the steel of which former footballing opponents can well testify, silently determined that the farmers would have the last say.

Appeal To The Governor

In an attempt to keep pressure on the State Government to declare the drought a natural disaster, the Action Group decided to petition the State Governor, Sir Donald Dunstan to use his powers. Anthony Tomney had found, in the *1988 Year Book*, a summary of the powers and responsibilities of the Governor. It includes the following, "***As titular head of the Government of South Australia the Governor exercises powers, duties and functions similar to those of a constitutional sovereign. On the one hand he is indirectly responsible to the Imperial Parliament through the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and on the other hand, he usually acts on the advice of his ministers, who take the responsibility for their advice. Nevertheless, the Governor retains important spheres of discretionary action, and is thus enabled to maintain something of a safeguard against malpractice and injustice, particularly in extreme circumstances...***"

The Action Group was determined to test whether the Governor would consider the plight of the Eyre Peninsula farmers to be a matter of injustice on the part of the State Government. They were confident that they could demonstrate such "extreme circumstances".

Jim Cronin and Bill Carey went to Adelaide to petition the Governor on January 13th 1989. As it happened, the Governor was away from Government House on that day, and the Action Group had to be content with presenting the petition to a gate attendant. In fact, in order to satisfy television and print media, the petition had to be presented more than once to a bemused attendant! The impact of media coverage of the episode was considerable, sparking radio talkback discussions with University Professors and Readers in Political Science and History, especially as Cronin explained the reasoning behind the petition.

Explaining to the press that the Action Group relied upon the 'reserve powers' of the Governor, giving him discretionary powers to act to maintain a safeguard against malpractice and injustice, Cronin said: "We are informing His Excellency that the Government is not effectively addressing the concerns of this region, and we have no alternative BUT TO COME DIRECTLY TO THE CROWN AS THE FINAL APPEAL OF THE COMMON PEOPLE. His Excellency may then instruct Mr. Mayes as his minister to initiate appropriate and immediate action to stabilise the tragedy unfolding in this important agricultural area."

Debate On The Role Of The Crown

This was a unique development. No-one had thought to appeal to the Crown in quite this fashion. There was no doubt that it was a proper appeal. Subjects of the Crown have the right to petition the Crown. Media cover of the presentation of the petition sparked debate about the powers of the Crown, and sanctions available to the Governor. But the Action Group, again and again forced the debate back to any practical form of assistance to West Coast farmers. 'Our Action Group will not let these people be forced off their farms,' said Cronin. 'We mean business, as our appeal to the Governor demonstrates'. Many days my phone goes for 18 hours with people expressing support, offering help or seeking assistance.

The Petition

The Petition to the Governor summarised the events of the past few months, including the actions of the Action Group and the government, noting that a precedent for Government intervention occurred in 1933, when a Farmers' Assistance Board was introduced to prevent unnecessary foreclosures on many farms. The Action Group then listed their seven principal concerns, which included the drought conditions, the attitude of the banks, the policies of the Government and the difficulties of the farmers. Finally, the petitioners asked the Governor to accept

an invitation to inspect the district, and receive a delegation of farmers, or receive a delegation at Government House.

The Action Group also appealed to the Governor to instruct the Government to stabilise the situation to prevent a run of foreclosures, downgrading land values, and placing more farmers at risk as their equity evaporated with falling values....

Education

A program of re-education of the vital role exercised by the Governor can be within all political activities. In 1975 our then Governor General using the 'reserve powers' sent the parliament back to the people for their adjudication over the constitutional deadlock between the houses of parliament. The people answered then, and again similar at the following federal election, of what they 'did not want'. Interestingly, the 1975 Federal constitutional crisis and the 1933 NSW constitutional crisis both included a perceived threat to the power-base of the money-power. The Khemlani-Loans-Affair of 1975 and the dismissal of 1932 where NSW Premier Jack Lang attempted to protect funds from the opportunistic and exploitive financial powers of that day.

I am fortunate to hold an actual copy of the important work of the former High Court Judge HV Evatt titled:

"The King and his Dominion Governors"

https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Evatt_HV-The_King_and_His_Dominion_Governors.pdf

HV Evatt, at one time being a Labor Attorney General and MP at different times of both NSW and Federal Parliaments, brought together and analysed all the records across the commonwealth nations pertaining to the dismissal of a political leader (or government) by a Governor utilising reserve powers. Reserve powers being a check against tyranny, a vital component within each constitution of limiting governmental power.

While the government of the state of Victoria has legislatively stepped over the line to totalitarianism, that does not eliminate a return towards representative and limited government. This is now up to the people of Victoria to work through this issue over time.

Difficult times can bring out the best and also the worst in people. Pray for the best. There is an uncanny trait from within the Victorian psyche against authority that occasionally surfaces. I think of it as the Bushranger or Eureka trait. My prayer is that such a trait may find effective political expression to surface at the appropriate time to restore those ancient rights and freedoms.

Our forebears have provided guidance, examples and certain political mechanisms of which we may have forgotten how to utilise. Let this Christmas period be one of searching out those things of great price that are worth living and dying over - St George and the dragon.

Elections

Promoting a voice of resistance against this draconian legislation gives an opportunity for voter expression

at each election, especially the upper house. Sufficient pressure being applied for this outcome of dissent could rub off to parties and candidates if approached systematically and constructively as an educational opportunity. The important point is to achieve the purpose; of having the governor/government to disallow the draconian legislation.

The VETO mechanism, even in this hybrid form operating only during an election cycle, can be seen as an opportunity if the spirit is willing. Aligning with other candidates fosters collaboration of what is not wanted - a VETO. Political education becomes part of every campaign for the long haul, until the objective is achieved - effective representation within the parliament and placing a VETO mechanism within the constitution. A worthy objective-target for our progeny to inherit. The covid scenario is not the threat. Government and industrial (medical) overreach is the threat for this generation to be overcome. The MSM is a most pervasive tool against freedom. The individual must deliberately set themselves apart from this form of subliminal influence and find other means to cultivate thought.

Phil. 4:7-10 *And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. For the rest, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever modest, whatsoever just, whatsoever holy, whatsoever lovely, whatsoever of good fame, if there be any virtue, if any praise of discipline, think on these things. The things which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, these do ye, and the God of peace shall be with you.*

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To promote service to the Christian revelation of God, loyalty to the Australian Constitutional Monarchy, and maximum co-operation between subjects of the Crown Commonwealth of Nations.

To defend the free Society and its institutions -- private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited decentralised government.

To promote financial policies which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities.

To oppose all forms of monopoly, either described as public or private.

To encourage all electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.

To support all policies genuinely concerned with conserving and protecting natural resources, including the soil, and an environment reflecting natural (God's) laws, against policies of rape and waste.

To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

FROM LOUIS' DESK

As 2021 draws to a close you might be thinking of Christmas gifts for someone in your family or a close friend. I can recommend two books which may only be available in second-hand shops but certainly worth gifting to friends or adding to your own personal collection for reading or as reference books.

One is *'Head of State'* by David Smith, private secretary to a number of Australian Governors-General and the other good read is *'Matters for Judgment'* by John Kerr. Both books deal 'first-hand', with events leading to the removal from office of the Whitlam Government in December 1975—over 46 years ago as I write.

I am quite convinced that there were few people as qualified as Sir John Kerr to be dealing with the political 'Power struggles' between Labour and Liberal parties at the time which led to the election removing Whitlam from office.

Both books deal extensively with aspects of the Australian Constitution and Australian Law that gives all Australians a political system of Government which is one of the best in the world and certainly worth defending unto death—but we don't need to go that far if we make an effort to understand and cherish the Legacy passed to us from our forebears.

Make no mistake, there are people who want to destroy this unique System of Government—it is not a discussion of opinions as to how Australia has been governed for the last 121 years, but if the System that has served us so well in that time, should be replaced with something vaguely uncertain. We have a System that draws people to our shores to escape tyranny in their home country. But ours is a strange System because it tolerates people plotting to overthrow it in the name of 'Freedom of Speech' and of other devious ways to undermine and plot change!

You are encouraged to search for these books, read them, to become familiar with the instrument, 'The Australian Constitution',
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