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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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Thought For The Week: “The race problem is not insoluble. But so long as it is not dealt with effectively on sound basic principles, it remains to act as a fertile breeding ground for revolutionary, socialistic, nihilistic movements now so widely and strongly entrenched. These movements are bent on the destruction of Western Christian Civilisation. The spoils can be divided later.” *The Place of Prejudice in Modern Civilisation*

by Sir Arthur Keith https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Keith_A-Place_of_Prejudice.pdf

A LIFE WELL LIVED By Arnis Luks

The strongest inference I gleaned from the state funeral service of Queen Elizabeth II was that she had upheld her Coronation Oath unto the end with her life (of service, within the limits of her authority). Her reign, could be described as unifying and immersed in love towards her various peoples of the Commonwealth. Those peoples are of such a variety of differing cultures, and yet unified under one Crown and one Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth II presented her Christian faith within an environment of unity within diversity, as the True religion of love, mutual respect, and personal responsibility. Her personal and very public life were beyond reproach. The 19th-century British constitutional scholar Walter Bagehot wrote that the monarch has three essential rights: to be consulted, to encourage and to warn. https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Bagehot_W-The_English_Constitution.pdf

The institution of monarchy was splendidly upheld under Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Former member for the Australian Federal Parliamentary seat of Oxley - Bill Hayden, (9 December 1961 – 8 October 1988) when appointed Governor General of Australia (16 February 1989 until 16 February 1996), found this position brought an entirely fresh perspective on the vital role of our Trinitarian model of Limiting Constitutional Monarchy.

Bill Hayden participated in the 1988 Constitutional Convention but found he could not endorse the (open cheque-book) Republican-model presented for referenda. At the age of 85 and having spent a lifetime as an avowed atheist, Bill Hayden was baptised into the Catholic Faith.

The Oaths

Each commission of public service, whether political, judicial, military or bureaucratic that requires an oath or affirmation of loyalty to our Monarch, subserves the same Coronation Oath taken by the Monarch. I revisited the Coronation Service broadcast from 1953, available on our website front page, which emphasised this very point. The Monarch acknowledges our Trinitarian God as the absolute authority over all this earth. The Monarch, in the Coronation service, swears to uphold the laws of God, summarised within the 10 Commandments and the two great commandments given by Christ, as recorded in the Bible. Immediately following this Oath and becoming seated, the leading Archbishops pay homage by kneeling before and pledging their own allegiance to the new Monarch. <https://www.royal.uk/coronation-oath-2-june-1953>

Republican Model Removes The King and God

Under The Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) Bill 1999 the oath and affirmation of loyalty to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Australian people, whose laws they were to uphold.

God and King were both to be re-moved under that proposed Republican model.

Various hybrid oath's and affirmations have since occurred under differing administrations. Fred Niles attempted to restore the traditional oaths and affirmations within the NSW parliament, but was unsuccessful.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/researchpapers/Documents/the-constitution-amendment-restoration-of-oaths-/Oaths%20of%20Allegiance%20Bill%202011%20E-brief.pdf>

Public Servants:: “I,..., do swear that I will well and truly serve His Majesty King Charles III in the office of ... So help me God.”

Judges:: “I,..., do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign King Charles III in the office of ... , and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this realm, without fear or favour, affection or illwill. So help me God.” https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/library/prspub/2494937/upload_binary/2494937.pdf;fileType=application/pdf

The oath or affirmation was legislatively begun with the *Act of Toleration of 1689* and further the *Promissory Oaths Act 1868*. For Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, they were to swear or affirm up to 3 oaths as part of their swearing into office. During times of war the Governor-General determined another form of oath or affirmation to be taken by each member of the Australian Advisory War Council.

Members of Parliaments, Ministers, Defence and all public servants, by swearing allegiance to the Monarch, are obliged to support our Sovereign to uphold the Coronation Oath :: that our Trinitarian God has absolute authority over all this world, and hence are to enact and administer Godly law. Considering the distance between what occurs and the Constitutional Template under which we are meant to operate, every so often it is vital that 'We the people' reinforce the necessity to uphold our ancient and righteous laws of God. God Save the King in three verses; as our Royal Anthem; calls for this upholding.

Reserved Powers

The Monarchy's Reserved Powers – not defined – are those which republicans are attempting to remove from our Constitution. They wish to place their man in the top job by removing the ability to *'limit the powers of parliament'*, meaning the parliament could be dissolved and returned back to the people for their adjudication.

HV Evatt, while analysing these 'Reserved Powers exercised across the Commonwealth', also provided an excellent reference book for students of political history: https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Evatt_HV-The_King_and_His_Dominion_Governors.pdf

Christianity, as the philosophy on which our culture has been established, is inherent, is integrated into

the Australian societal fabric, woven within each institution of our society. Founded upon mutual love and cooperation, the Flag, the Crown and the Constitution unifies Australia as one people under God, the Common Law and the Common Wealth. The tearing asunder of our national-life is a consequence of the deliberate diversion away from our Common Faith/Philosophy under God. The further away from our Christian roots we travel, the more socially-fragmented we become.

Australian Public Pledge of Loyalty

We do affirm our affection and our solemn prayer that by the grace of God, your Majesty will long reign over Australia as the protector of our constitution, laws, traditions, customs and natural freedoms for us, our children and our children's children, and as our earthly bulwark against sabotaging of the same.

God Save and Bless our King

Australian School Pledge - Australia schools during the 1940's till the 1960's would hold an assembly on Monday mornings. On the signal the flag would be "run up". The boys would salute and the girls would stand to attention. The National Anthem "God Save the King (Queen) would be sung. Then we would all place our right hand on our heart and recite the 'School Pledge' *"I am an Australian, I love God and my country, I will honour the flag, serve the King/Queen, and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the law"*.

As we move into a time of consideration of the Voice and the Republic proposals, each proposal holds the potential to separate us further from the institution of Limiting Trinitarian Constitutionalism that has evolved across the past 2000 years. ***

THE GUERNSEY MARKET HOUSE SCHEME By D. M. Sherwood

The financial experiment known as the Guernsey Market House Scheme was started over 100 years ago and, although of modest proportions, since it was confined to a small island of 25 square miles, it contained so many fundamental principles that everybody should know of it.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, as a result of the Napoleonic wars, the trade of Guernsey was practically extinguished and the people were in despair. Unemployment was rife, the sea defences were breaking down, there were practically no roads, public buildings were in disrepair and, above all, a new market house, where the islanders could exchange their produce, was urgently needed. It was impossible for the Government to finance these necessary improvements out of revenue, as this only amounted to £3,000 yearly, all of which was required for ordinary expenses and the interest charges on the island's debt of £19,000.

Nor could the necessary finance be obtained by borrowing; the Government sought indeed to raise a loan,

but such was the poor state of the island's assets that the only would-be lenders demanded the prohibitive rate of 17 per cent, per annum.

"Necessity is the mother of invention"; and in this case the idea put forward that the State should issue its own money daily gained ground. It was argued that, as labour and materials were both available, it was absurd for improvements to be held up simply through lack of money, and as conditions became even worse, this plan served to provide the only solution.

Finally, after various setbacks and considerable opposition, the adherents of State money carried the day and, in 1816, 4,000 notes of £1 each were printed by the Government and paid out for the most urgent repairs. By the success of this issue the principle was established and during the next 20 years the Government authorised notes to the extent of £80,000, which were utilised in building the new Market House, schools in every parish, roads all over the island, St. Elizabeth's Cottage, etc. These Government notes were redeemed as the economic

circumstances of the island justified, from earnings derived from the collection of market rents, customs duties, etc., and in 1836, when the scheme ended, there was a balance outstanding of £55,000 Government notes.

OPPOSITION

It is sad to relate that in spite of its eminent success this experiment was deliberately brought to an end. Although, after the first issue of the notes, there had been little active opposition to it in Guernsey itself, there were two outside bodies violently opposed to it. First, the inhabitants of the neighbouring island of Jersey became so jealous of Guernsey's prosperity that, in 1819, they obtained from Westminster an Order in Privy Council to the effect that the Government of Guernsey should not in any year exceed the amount of its annual income without Royal Consent. The Guernsey Government, however, took no notice of this and continued issuing notes as and when required.

* *It would be interesting to know by whose advice Jersey was induced to appeal to the Privy Council.

A few years later, however, opposition came from another quarter, the banking community in England. Although there had been no bank in Guernsey since 1810, there is reason to believe that the English bankers were becoming more and more apprehensive as the success of the Guernsey State money became more widely known.

BANKS INTERVENE

It was in 1827 that a bank was established in the island and started issuing notes, which circulated side by side with those of the State. Two years later the directors of this bank complained to Westminster that the Government, by issuing its own notes, had exceeded its powers as defined by the Privy Council some ten years earlier. The Privy Council wrote to the Guernsey Government for an explanation, and such a logical and determined reply was sent that no further action was taken at that time.

In 1835 a second bank was started and more bank notes were issued to an extent to produce inflation, and by 1836 there was something akin to panic in the island. The Guernsey Parliament met and hurriedly appointed a Committee to discuss, with the bankers, the steps necessary to control the position. The members of this Committee were not all fully sympathetic to the issue of Government notes and the bankers won the day, for an agreement was reached whereby the Government was to convert £15,000 of their notes into a bank loan at 3 per cent interest, and to cease issuing further notes, whilst, on the other hand, no limit was placed on the issue of notes by the banks.

This was the end of what was commonly known as the Market House scheme, the balance of the original Government notes, amounting to £40,000, being still outstanding today.

Although since 1914 the Guernsey Government has again issued its own notes, these are now always covered by the Government deposits with the banks, and as today Guernsey currency is linked with sterling, these notes are issued or with-drawn in conformity with orthodox principles.

“SOUND” FINANCE HAD FAILED

In considering the Market House experiment the following points should be borne in mind. Orthodox finance could do nothing to get the people out of the depression caused by the Napoleonic wars. The Government could not obtain the necessary funds, either by taxation or by borrowing, and provided that labour and materials were available, as they were, there was nothing to prevent the Government issuing its own money. This it did, with the result that the appearance of the island changed out of all recognition.

From its backward and depressed state it became, within 20 years, renowned for its well-being. Moreover, by issuing State money, this transformation was carried out without increasing the island's national debt and without incurring interest charges. In fact, if interest had been payable on the capital sums for these improvements, they could not possibly have been carried out. It is interesting to note that up to 1914 the Government of Guernsey had collected in taxes over £35,000 to pay the interest on the £15,000 of State notes which were converted into a bank loan by the agreement of 1836.

THE BOGEY OF INFLATION

The opponents of State issuance of money can usually be relied upon to raise the bogey of inflation. It must be remembered that inflation depends on the amount of money issued relative to the goods for sale, and does not depend on who issues the money. In the case of Guernsey, when the State first issued money, if it had been inflation there would have been either a shortage of commodities or else a rise in prices, and there is no record of either of these until 1836.

Up to that year the Government had gradually and continuously increased the note issue, and it is reasonable to suppose that the net increase of money approximately corresponded with the island's increasing productivity.

In that year, however, the banks deliberately brought about inflation, flooding the island with notes, with the inevitable result that, as there was no corresponding increase in goods for sale, prices began to rise, and a panic ensued.

Let us compare the conditions of Guernsey and its need a century ago, with the condition and need of England today. When we hear arguments against slum clearance, against building new schools or hospitals or providing better roads, or even against providing everybody with a sufficient income to keep themselves decently, on the grounds that we have not the money, if we remember the Guernsey Market House experiment, we realise how specious such arguments are. ***

DOES OUR NATIONAL CULTURE DESERVE TO BE SAVED?... By Arnis Luks

...The Marxists believe not, and are doing everything they can to convince us of this. The United States of America is divided to the point of almost civil war across political party lines. Australia's peoples are sitting dumbfounded as a deer staring into the headlights, unable to rally patriotic forces under a common form.

The Parliament has been seized by political parties who are bent on our national deconstruction, appearing unable, or unwilling to pursue the national interest. Loyalty towards international institutions has captured the imagination of our political class. The Australian people are left almost defenceless.

If Australia is to survive as a cohesive nation it must identify another mechanism to regain control of the forces of the Crown. A rallying point must be identified, and a unifying policy must be sought out. That rallying point, I believe is the Crown itself.

The unifying policy is to save our culture and our nation.

During war years individuals took the initiative to produce 'Victory Gardens'. In fact, the entire resources of the nation were directed towards defending the nation.

We are again at war, but this time our own leadership is found wanting. The void of patriotism created by constant brainwashing must rally that spiritual sustenance to overcome confusion and fear. This is our Christian hope, that God is our sustenance and provider.

Education is exactly the same as training. Fear can cause three potential phenomena. Fight or flight being two of them. The third is to freeze, being incapable of functioning. ***Perfect love cast out all fear.***

Spring demands, or heralds into being, new growth. The True sap causes the bud to fill and burst forth into flower. The pollinating forces arrive to set the fruit. ***One plants, another waters, but it is God who causes the increase.*** Civilisations collapse because they have lost sight of those life-giving forces entering into confusion and self-defeat. Shakespeare's words in King John: *This England never did, nor never shall Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror; But when it first did help to wound itself.*

Marxism appears to be on the ascendancy, but its foundations are based on lies. Labour does not produce all wealth. Truth and solar energy in its many forms are creating a world of abundance. We fail to recognise that there are those who would destroy the harvest rather than see it distributed in a Godly manner.

The world has somewhat learnt to pursue a Godly manner in the area of politics, with divisions of power and a Trinitarian model of government. However, the world has not learnt to pursue a Godly manner in the area of economics, with divisions of power and a Trinitarian model of management. Devolution is the decentralising of authority. What could be produced locally should be done locally. Essentials such as food and water must be

gathered nearest to the people who will consume them. They are the custodians and the customers of the produce and would instinctively wish for the vital life-forces within quality food to be upheld. The Guernsey Market House Scheme was simply a financial mechanism to ensure adequate distribution.

The True purpose of production is consumption

Those things which cannot readily be sourced and produced locally call for a collaborative approach across communities. Minerals and infrastructure must be exploited for the direct benefit of those multiple communities. When considering the justification for State or Provisional governments, it becomes apparent they also must provide the True environment conducive to the well-being in the pursuit of collaborative policies.

In Australia, State governments if push came to shove, could conduct their own independent financial transactions in order to achieve such policies. They would also need to devolve national political power away from Canberra's centralist bureaucracy and government. This is the truth if we are to survive as a cohesive nation. A colloquial perspective would in some way promote competition between the states, whether it be lowering of taxation, a more pleasant environment to raise children, a home of our own, more secure income, higher standard of living and cultural defence.

Legislatively, the federal government, Canberra's bureaucracy and the High Court of Australia would need to be fought to a standstill. So be it. The Franklin Dam and other centralist decisions must be overturned. Our Federal Constitution Section 51 identifies only 39 legislated powers exclusive to the Federal Parliament. This limiting of federal powers must again be restated. This is our Magna Carta which must be fought for.

Queen Elizabeth II's legacy was one of unity amidst diversity across a Commonwealth of many nations.

Our cultural inheritance has provided us with the necessary tools to defend our cultural and our national life, providing we are willing.

Pray God we are willing.

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