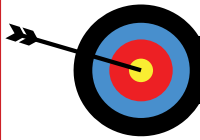


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Thought for the Week: “To reiterate categorically, the A & B theorem is...(that) wages, salaries and dividends distributed during a given period do not, and cannot, buy the production of that period; that production can only be bought, i.e., distributed, under present conditions by a draft (loan-ed), and an increasing draft, on the purchasing power distributed in respect of future production, and this latter is mainly and increasingly derived from financial credit created by the banks.” *CH Douglas*

FORCED COLLECTIVISM! By Neville Archibald

After the fall of the Berlin wall and access to East Germany and it's people occurred, it became more common to hear of tales of failed collective farms and Industry. Indeed, there was talk of it before; but, traveling through and speaking freely, the results became more apparent.

I spent time with an East German from Leipzig, whose grandfather remembered the confiscation of the farms to be turned into large collectives, where ownership was by the State and factory farming became the State sponsored means of production. The size of these “farms” increased to take advantage of “economies of scale”, at least that was the equivalent financial speak of the time. Interestingly, it was also in vogue here for a long time during the “Get big or get out” era of the late 70s, promoted by not only our agricultural bodies but the Country party of the time too. You still hear it spoken of now, as farms become larger to try and remain profitable.

The conversation about this policy was punctuated by the shaking of heads as we toured some of the large American Agribusinesses who were following this failed approach in the 90s. Cargill and Con Agra were two we toured, along with individual farmers who were trying hard to emulate them to stay solvent. My Eastern friend found it hard to believe people in the west were following this failed concept.

Points of concern raised in collective ownership rather than family run farms:

- gone was individual initiative
- gone was respect for the land
- gone was the love of animals
- gone was the ability to manage waste effectively.

You were assigned a role and expected to do it, everyone was rewarded equally regardless of effort or quality of work. People with an aptitude for working with animals were no longer the sole carers. Faceless officials, many who had no knowledge of agriculture, focused on output not sustainability or what was happening to the land itself. Large herds of swine or cattle created large effluent problems in a small area, where before it was spread over many individual farms and was incorporated into a large area of land. Now it was concentrated and caused havoc with local river systems as it leached into waterways.

Here in the West we have done much the same thing now; but, instead of forced collectivism, we have simply been priced out. Financially collectivised!

Gone is individual initiative, paid by the hour, often low wage or short hours. In the case of milking, often employed for several hours, twice a day with nothing in between.

Gone is some of that respect for the land as often owners are absentee investors whose interests are profits and a minimum take, regardless of seasonality. Many jobs are done by contractors, whose own business depends on doing the least for the most. I know many of these contractors, but business is business and demands on their time often force them to manage as best they can. Seasonal work is just that, seasonally dependent. We witness the rise in hay bale fires attended by fire crews. Moisture content at baling time is crucial to avoid this and working to a deadline with other clients to service means the moisture content is often on the edge of okay – resulting in – you guessed it, more fires.

Gone are those who care for individual animals, a vet is called in less often as cost/benefit on larger herds mean more expendable animals. The checking of animals on an individual basis during milking is too time consuming now when working at machine speed. With robotic cup removers and other labour saving devices, sometimes a hand on the udder is a rare occurrence. Don't get me wrong, but most of this change is financially driven and was resisted by many for as long as possible. Gradually the less concerned, more business orientated have taken over and things have changed. I am sure there will be those of my friends still in farming that may protest my comments, sadly it is what I see and of course doesn't apply to them all.

The cry against battery hens (caged) has yet to reach the cows, remaining largely in one area or shed, eating food waste products mixed with silage or hay for high energy loading. I don't entirely blame the farmers for this, they have to stay afloat and they are an exceptionally creative bunch when it comes to stretching the dollar. I am sure given the option, many would be happy to go back to less industrial farming with smaller herds and acreages. It would certainly be less stress.

Gone is the spread of waste over a "roamed" area. It is ponded and pumped, or dried and spread. The natural insect life in the microcosm of a cow pat on grass covered soil is less observed than ever. The natural cycle of soil health has changed. In my mind it has gone too far past the real and into the mechanical, the processed.

The size of the farm/industry is now prohibitive to purchase by a single person or family concern. Even by a heir wishing to take over, to pay out siblings shares or a retirement pension, means a huge debt to service. This lends itself to the realm of investors and monetary entities only, who may own it, but rarely see or work it. They have no real connection to the land or empathy for it's ability to produce, the minute it falls below a given profit ratio it is sold or pushed harder, corners cut to meet expected dividends. The land and the animals ultimately suffer.

We have come full circle here, back to collective farming by financial manipulation.

This focus on bigger is better is found across many of our government controlled bodies too. It leaks into private industry also, as financial manipulation makes it harder to remain small while others grow. Incentives and discounts often apply to larger concerns that the smaller ones are not entitled to.

Closer to home, another friend, originally from an Eastern European country, was aghast when four of our local schools were amalgamated into one a few years ago. "Don't they know it never worked anywhere in my country?" "Was it not easy to see why it failed there?" They too, were concerned and could only shake their head in disbelief as it was pushed into happening, despite protests and the reasons against it being explained.

So here we are, the smaller schools where personalised learning and being able to know everyone and their abilities was easier, gone. We are casting our children into 2 -3,000 strong collectives and focusing on them like numbers. Examining them and their work by spreadsheets and percentages, like data points to be collected, collated and measured for school performance evaluations. If you are lucky the teachers still are personal and caring, but the system itself leans towards making that difficult.

Recently the *Herald-Sun* carried an article entitled, “Greater Shepparton Secondary College offering teachers \$80k bonus to work at troubled school”. 2 April 2024. I think the headline says it all, the future seen by my friend has eventuated!

We might think we are being wise or following financial necessities for an economically beneficial outcome, but the real world results are showing how misguided we truly are. Continuing down this path, one that was mostly abandoned in Eastern Europe after the so called “fall of communism”, may not be labelled with the same words, but it certainly spelt out the same result.

We should be looking at this from a different perspective. Like the semi retired, we as a Nation, have created our infrastructure and now just need to pay for upkeep and improvement. The mad rush of building the essentials to live by has, effectively for a Nation, already been done. We should be concentrating on how to make the most of the hard work done by our predecessors and be easing into doing things properly, creating a living lifestyle where the outcome isn't a race to the top, but a steady pace of sustainable effort and considered improvement for our environment, both physical and social.

We should be going back to smaller farms and increased local manufacturing. Not because I don't believe in advances in technology or dislike labour saving devices, but because we are currently destroying both our lived environment and our social structure through the war between us while we compete for the lack of available money. Getting big beyond the point of properly managing a business without it effecting family life, is no ones true desire. By using the financial system in the correct manner we could achieve a happier more decentralised life. The material abundance and technical knowledge is all around us, there is no need to ask the permission of the ticket providers (money printers) to swap our abundances between ourselves, they are our abundances! We did it during the early years while creating this nation, with less labour saving devices to help us. Families grew and prospered with a fraction of the potential output of today, and did it while making improvements.

Why is it, that with all of today's advances, our monetary system will not allow it? C.H.Douglas proposed a remedy to fix this, to exchange effectively our wealth and live with the increased leisure our technology has provided us with. Until we come to grips with this we will continue to live in a financial dictatorship, under a flawed system of exchange, we will continue to be collectivised.

“Reconstruction”, C.H.Douglas.

Three articles written in 1932 and as appropriate as ever.

Available here:

<https://alor.org/Storage/Library/Douglas%20CH%20-%20Reconstruction.htm>

Unity And Diversity By Arnis Luks

This past week I found several differing editions of '*The Annotated Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth*' on the Internet. The original (circa-1901) printed version is available in PDF for download.

<https://archive.org/details/annotatedconstit00quicuoft>

The University of Sydney has also provided another (circa-2000) PDF version for download here:

<https://advance-australia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-annotated-constitution-of-the-Australian-Commonwealth-by-John-Quick-and-Robert-Randolph-Garran.pdf>

My printed version issued by LexisNexis (circa-2015) appears to have at least, an additional 284 pages dealing with commentaries, establishing colonies, the development of our colonial constituted governments and then the Federal movement leading into the Commonwealth Constitution Act. A Review of this printed version is available from The NSW Bar Association here:

<https://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/NSWBarAssocNews/2015/26.pdf>

The co-author Robert Randolph Garran is of particular interest, regarding his other title '*The Coming Commonwealth*'. While only part way through reading the 212 pages, Garran's analysis of federalism in differing countries I found particularly informative.

https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Garran_RR-The_Coming_Commonwealth.pdf

I was fortunate to have located a re-printed version of this 1897 work. Garran's analysis of the political tension between states and the central government or Commonwealth, is of significance. As is his coverage of the differing models of federalism around the world.

Political Tension

I quite often read within the news cycles of the tension within the USA, between the central government and the states, but until now had not appreciated the significance of the all-powerful parliament of the United Kingdom, and Scotland, Ireland, England and Wales as separate states or provinces within the greater Britain. I had not placed this federated relationship of the United Kingdom into a similar context of USA, nor Australia for that matter.

Two opposing centers of power being brought together under political tension. The centralising forces of the Commonwealth, in opposition to the decentralising forces of the States – as State's Rights, and similarly, the Senate being our State's House.

Within Australia these forces appear to be somewhat stitched up by the political parties acting in unison, and the Commonwealth controlling the purse strings of the states.

However, should the people be willing and able to regain some level of influence over their state-representatives apart from elections, this centralising force would then be placed into the correct discipline of its counterpoint - decentralising : unity and diversity simultaneously.

Garran also compares the differing federated states of USA, Germany, Switzerland, Canada and UK, each a federated model varying in significant areas. While UK-Britain has no formally written constitution, the UK parliament holds supreme power, and has the authority to alter all legislation at will. The House of Lords is no longer able-nor-willing to withhold supply from the House of Commons. The UK-British Parliamentary practices is more-so unicameral, rather than bicameral. The Lords have previously surrendered this important check against absolute power.

Absolutist Political Power - The Best Pres...I Mean GG BIG Money Can Buy

Another variance is the absolutist role the United States of America President takes in their constitutional arrangement, especially being a republic as opposed to our Limited Constitutional Monarchy. This point of the absolutist role of a popularly elected political figure is particularly important in light of the recent article by Professor Augusto Zimmerman appearing in today's Quadrant magazine here: '*Here's an Idea: Elect the Governor-General*' <https://quadrant.org.au/opinion/politics/2024/04/heres-an-idea-elect-the-governor-general/>

Those carefully laid out, thought through, and demonstrated in work-practice Constitutional checks and balances of political power, would be thrown to the wind should we ever elect a president in all but name. This popularly elected figurehead for the nation would hold greater political power than the PM and Cabinet combined – being popularly elected by the highest bidders of finance and MSM working in dialectical-unison. The US President currently represents vested interests who willingly donate Billions to the MSM driven campaign. Is this really what you are advocating Professor Zimmerman?

Responsible Government

USA appointments to ministries/portfolios – heads of departments *per se*, are also not necessarily answerable to parliament/congress and therefore the bureaucratic-government not readily held responsible to the Congress. Australia in contrast, draws the executive (all ministries) from within parliament making them personally answerable to parliament, therefore responsible government. USA appointments can have previously held vested interests, revolving doors of political appointments and senior positions held within that industry affected by those appointments.

The recent announcement of the pending appointment of the next Governor General for Australia may have caused consternation in some circles. Former Governor General Bill Hayden changed his worldview across the course of his tenure as Governor General and later life. The job made the man.

My prayers and hope are with the pending next Governor General, regardless of what has occurred previously, or now said. The position is more important than the individual holding that position.

This critical constitutional pathway of the balancing of differing political forces within our Constitutional arrangements are most significant. Each is vital to balance, or divest powers away from those other forces, and against any further centralising tyranny.

Garran's scholastic analysis, as a major contributing factor within our 1890s Constitutional Convention deliberations is very important information/reading for the public record and today's political circumstances, of which I recommend for all those individuals preparing against the next push for a republic.

Tension Across Federated Politics is Normal

<https://www.naturalnews.com/2024-04-05-louisiana-bill-bans-un-who-wef-control.html>

(Insur)-Mountable Hurdles

Another document that has beckoned me this past week is titled '*Public Participation and Direct Democracy in North Sydney Municipality*'. I have managed to scan this in and placed within our Actionist Corner's PDF library R/H column, under Resources:

https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Public_Participation_Direct_Democracy.pdf

From this record, which occurred some 50 years ago, is a telling account of the work of several people within the North Sydney municipality, in particular, an important and pivotal personality - Ted Mack. Ted Mack went on to be elected mayor, a state representative in the Parliament, and also a federal representative, retiring from Parliament immediately prior to becoming eligible to receive a state pension. Ted Mack was a man ahead of his time initiating the referenda system of direct democracy within the North Sydney municipality.

<https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/ecm/download/document-8650164>
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/ted-mack-obituary-north-shore-mayor-20181109-p50f28.html>

He is the only person ever to have been elected and re-elected as an independent to local, state, and federal government in Australia, and is often referred to as the "father of the independents".

There is something in this phenomenon of a political cause losing momentum once a strong personality moves away from the primary position of responsibility. The public do not have the wherewithal to realise the true value

of this pot of political gold, similar to the 1924 emasculation of the People's Bank, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

These two documents - *The Coming Commonwealth*, and *Direct Democracy*, both hold the 'germ of an idea' whose time has come.

I believe the public are oblivious of the WEF planned-and-paved road ahead. News reports are surfacing of the hardening of the ATO Australian Taxation Office towards Directors of smallish mum and dad companies, that oblige them, those directors within 21 days to move into insolvency, or risk being personally responsible for the debts: <https://www.theepochtimes.com/world/insolvency-tsunami-of-small-businesses-could-be-coming-as-ato-aggressively-chases-debt-5621513?>

'Insolvency Tsunami' of Small Businesses Could Be Coming as ATO Aggressively Chases Debt

Correspondingly, in the 2021/22 tax year, more than 800 large companies paid no tax in Australia through claiming tax offsets or reporting accounting losses, a 2023 ATO report revealed.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-11-09/831-large-companies-paid-no-tax-in-2021-22-ato-tax-transparency/103079948>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-23/pwc-scandal-multinationals-public-transparency-laws-wound-back/102516398>

A continued effort of personal education and public activism at the local level, I believe, is the only realistic resolution to this tsunami of world government policy. Just as the merchants of the 1688 Glorious Revolution invaded and then seized the assets of the English kingdom through legislated enclosures, so the various branches of our own bureaucracy will bring about the similar demise of the common man.

Public participation, with legitimate amounts of militant activism against centralised tyranny (operating in defiance of our limiting constitution and therefore null and void), operating at the local level is the only realistic resolution to this tsunami. This is unavoidable if we are to remain a free people with inalienable rights derived from God alone.

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