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IDEALISM AND THE STATE OF THE WORLD

by Eric D. Butler

C. H. Douglas warned that idealists determined to impose their own concept of Utopia on their fellows, were a major threat to mankind. The state of the world today provides striking confirmation of the truth that all attempts to create Utopias require increasing compulsion in an attempt to compel diverse groups to conform to central planning. The Soviet Union was created by idealists who believed that they could not only create a Utopia in the Soviet Union, but could eventually create an international Utopia. In the process they became increasingly corrupted with power. Solzhenitsyn the Christian correctly perceives that true unity can only be achieved by diversity and decentralisation. Gorbachev seeks to hold the Soviet Union together by force. He is doomed to failure.

Christians should see themselves as realists, not idealists. The early Christian philosophers like Thomas Aquinas had no difficulty in relating to the Natural Law philosophy of the pre-Christian Aristotle, which in essence claimed that there were absolutes which man defied at his peril. When Christ taught that perfect freedom could be obtained by serving God the Father, He was drawing attention to the importance of accepting as absolute God's truths. These are truths, which cannot be altered. They can be discovered and, if religiously obeyed, result in the maximum of satisfaction and harmony for the individual.

The idealistic planners are convinced that bigger and more centralised organisations are what they term more efficient. Continued "growth" is taught as some type of a dogma, this resulting always in "greater efficiency." The famous biologist, J.B.S. Haldane, observed that there is an optimum size for every type of organism. It is a natural law that every type of life discriminates in favour of itself. That is how it survives. Every student of history knows that Iraq was an artificial creation with the Kurds a major minority. The Kurds were originally promised independence, but it has never been obtained. They have tenaciously sought to preserve their identity, including their culture, and their latest revolt against Saddam Hussein is but an on-going attempt to gain greater independence from Baghdad.

Tamil casualties in Sri Lanka continue to mount, although barely mentioned by the media anymore, as the Tamil minority seeks to preserve its identity against the majority. Mythology has it that "nationalism" was responsible for forcing the Western colonial powers to retreat from Africa. The basic reality of Africa is tribalism, not nationalism. The idealists told the world that it was possible to graft Western political systems on to artificially created African States. The results have been disastrous. Most people have forgotten what happened in "liberated" Nigeria, where the northern tribes, predominantly Moslem, slaughtered the Christian Ibos by the hundreds of thousands. And how many recall what happened thirty years ago in the Congo, when Moise Tshombe of the Katanga Province attempted to secede from the chaos created by the Communist central government of Patrice Lumumba?

In explaining why he was seceding, Tshombe said: "Katanga is nearly as large as France. Our people have a different history, traditions and outlook from those of the Congo. Every people has

the right to its own self-determination. There is no reason why we should be exploited in the Congo."

At a time when the internationalists are claiming that the Gulf War demonstrated that the United Nations can be at last used as originally intended, it should be recalled that the United

OUR POLICY

To promote loyalty to the Christian concept of God, and to a society in which every individual enjoys inalienable rights, derived from God, not from the State.

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, whether described as public or private.

To encourage 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.

Nations used an international force to attack and to destroy Katanga. This bloody affair should never be forgotten.

The idealistic theorists had their way in Papua-New Guinea, ignoring the warnings of realists like the late Sir Raphael Cilento. Consider the chaotic state of Papua New Guinea today, with the people of Bougainville attempting to secede from the central government, a government headed by a Prime Minister who says that the only hope for another artificial creation is the establishment of a dictatorship. So much for "democracy".

It will be the same story in South Africa, where even some of the idealists appear to be having second thoughts as the growing inter-tribal killings mock the view that some type of harmonious multicultural nation can be established. The promoters of the New World Order envisage bringing the vast natural resources of the whole of Southern Africa under centralised global control. That is the ideal, the vision of the international planners, but the reality will be different. And human suffering will further escalate.

The fabric of Western Civilisation had three interwoven threads running through it: Greek, Roman and Christian. The high watermark of that Civilisation was reached by the turn of the twentieth century. The Industrial Revolution had opened up a vision of material security and growing freedom for all. The industrial arts, the fruit of the endeavours of realists who had learned to unlock God's untold abundance and truths, were making it possible to extend Civilisation on a scale never previously envisaged. The growth of an organically developing British Empire was pointing the way towards a new stage in civilisation. Under a Union Jack, which symbolised the Christian roots of the British political and constitutional system, an international family of nations was demonstrating that true unity develops from diversity and decentralisation, not from uniformity. The idealistic world planners aborted the development of this type of development and seek to replace it with a New World Order of which a New International Economic Order is a major feature.

As Douglas said, the centrally planned New World Order is not going to eventuate, but that the attempt to create it would set back Civilisation for a long period of time. There could be a new Dark Age. Consider the plight of the world today, gripped

BEATRICE MABEL PALMER

Older readers of this journal will recall the name of one of the most outstanding British pioneers of the Social Credit Movement, Mrs. Beatrice Palmer. Beatrice Palmer passed away peacefully on February 2 at the age of 98. Of country background, Beatrice Palmer displayed the type of sturdy commonsense for which country folk are renowned. She was a contributor to Social Credit journals and after the Second World War, founded the journal *Housewives Today* to support the anti-totalitarian policies of the British Housewives League. The League played a major role in forcing an end to food rationing four years after the Second World War had ended. Ration books were ceremoniously burned outside the British Parliament. Confronted by an astonished policeman who had been warned of the demonstration, who asked "But where are the rest of you?" - Beatrice Palmer simply said, "Four is enough". This proved to be the case.

Housewives Today now continues as the quarterly, *Home*, edited by Mrs. Elizabeth Dobbs, who maintained a close relationship with Beatrice Palmer until her death. Thus continuity is maintained in a most important thread of the Social Credit Movement.

with increasing convulsions and social disintegration everywhere. Douglas described Social Credit as a "glimpse of reality" and an attempt to "release reality". The future of the world depends upon how long it takes to replace the disasters flowing from the policies of the idealists with policies rooted in reality. This is the basic issue confronting Mankind today.

THE FALLACY OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Much is being written about the complete failure of Communism as an economic system. But the famous Greek philosopher Aristotle, whose works influenced early Christian philosophers like Thomas Aquinas, exposed the fallacy of collectivism in his criticism of Plato's communist "*Republic*".

Aristotle wrote: "There is a further drawback to common ownership: the greater the number of owners, the less respect for that property... they exercise care over public property only in so far as they are personally affected. Other reasons apart, the thought that someone else is looking after it tends to make them careless of it."

- *The Politico-Book 1 Chap.3.*

"Again it would be only fair to count not merely the evils of which property-sharing would rid us, but also the advantage of which it would deprive us. Such a count would show that to live in the way suggested would be really impossible. The cause of Socrates' error lies in his false premise about unity.... it is as if one were to reduce harmony to unison or rhythm to a single beat. . . . There is another point that ought not to be overlooked: the immense period of time during which this form of communism has remained undiscovered, as it surely would not have remained had it been really good...The force of our arguments about unity would become clearer if we could see a Platon city actually had been put together".

- *The Politics: Book 1, chap.5.*

SOCIALISM RESTRICTIVE

"The idea so skilfully inculcated that confiscation of property will assist in the distribution of wealth is, of course, completely without foundation. Socialism is a restrictive system and it has two well-defined fundamental principles — centralisation of power and espionage."

- C.H. Douglas in *The Big Idea.*

GOVERNMENTS

"The more I see of Governments, the lower is my opinion of them, and I am confident that what the world wants at the present time is a great deal less government, and not a great deal more.

"Now I want to get a further perfectly simple idea into your minds. And that is that Governments are your property and you are not the property of Governments. There is no more pernicious and blasphemous nonsense existent in the world today than the statement which has been incorporated in the construction of the modern dictatorships, which claims that the State, by which is indicated the Government, is everything and the individual is nothing. On the contrary, the individual is everything and the State is a mere convenience to enable him to co-operate for his own advantage. It is the idea of the supreme State in its various forms which has made the State the tool of the international financier who has mortgaged all States to himself."

- C.H. Douglas in *Security, Institutional and Personal.*

HISTORIC MURRAY ELECTORS' TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR A "TRUE SERVANT OF HIS FELLOWS"

At a time when Australians generally regard most politicians with cynical contempt, a Testimonial Dinner at Kyabram, Victoria, on March 9, 1991, for Mr. Tom Fielder and his wife Peggy, was an inspiring demonstration of how Australians do appreciate those who give service to their fellows without thought of material rewards. Tom Fielder referred to the "glimpse of reality" which has come to him through the genius of C. H. Douglas.

Founder and former Chairman of the Murray Electors' Association, Mr. Tom Fielder has with his quiet, consistent and dedicated work been an inspiration to thousands of his fellow Australians, not only in the Murray Electorate, but right throughout Australia. In the many tributes paid to Tom Fielder at the Kyabram Dinner, it was remarked how many people's lives had been changed by one man. And one guest commented, "If only we had representatives of the calibre of Tom Fielder at Canberra!"

The nation-wide representation at the Dinner, along with many messages of support, was in itself inspiring and a reflection of a healthy and developing movement, with its roots deep in the work of the author of Social Credit, C. H. Douglas.

In the closing address at the Dinner, Mr. Eric D. Butler, National Director of the League of Rights, and senior Social Crediter, said that the deep historic significance of the Dinner could not be over-estimated. History was not merely a series of disconnected episodes, but the manifestation of policies rooted in philosophies. "Tom Fielder was a man who not only quickly grasped the significance of the Social Credit revelation when presented to him, but was one of those rare individuals with the capacity for self-motivation to promote appropriate action campaigns. His example was an inspiration to others."

Reflecting briefly on his own history, Eric Butler recalled how his first association with political activities was when, as a teenager, he had pushed his Malvern Star bike many miles campaigning for Mr. John McEwan, who was elected to the Federal Parliament in 1934 with the support of a strong Social Credit movement in the electorate. Social Credit was a major issue in the 1934 Federal Elections, this resulting in the establishment of the 1937 Royal Commission into banking. The newly elected John McEwan had moved in the Federal Parliament on December 7, 1934, that "In the opinion of the House, it is desirable to appoint a royal commission to publicly inquire into the operation of the Australian banking and monetary systems. . . ."

While the Royal Commission did not find in favour of Social Credit, it did make some significant statements which were widely quoted in the grass roots campaign on monetary reform which swept Australia early in the Second World War, ultimately bringing John Curtin, an advocate of Social Credit, to office in 1941 with the decisive support of the Independent Country Party Member for the Mallee, Mr. Alex Wilson, a friend of Eric Butlers.

Section 504 of the Royal Commission Report said that because of its power to create credit, the Commonwealth Bank "can even make money available to Governments and to others free of any charge." In a letter to an enquirer asking what this meant, the chairman of the Commission, Mr. Justice Napier said, "This statement means that the Commonwealth Bank can make money available to Governments or to others on such terms as it chooses, even by way of a loan without interest, or even without requiring either interest or repayment of principal."

Mr. Eric Butler said that Tom Fielder was an outstanding product of a movement, which offered the only hope for a future independent and secure Australia, and continued to make a major

contribution towards the development of that movement. "Unlike the modern party political rubber stamp, Tom Fielder is "a true servant of his fellows," he said, "a reflection of the Christian teaching that he who would be greatest must be the servant of all."

Guests at the Fielder Testimonial Dinner came from all over Australia, with many messages of goodwill from those unable to attend. The major regional paper, *The Shepparton News*, which has published many of Tom Fielder's letters over the years, was represented at the dinner and reported the historic event.

All members of the Fielder family were present with Tom Fielder's son Doug speaking on behalf of the family, stressing the high esteem in which Tom and Peggy Fielder were held. This was one of the more moving aspects of an evening crowded with the many recollections of Tom Fielder's services to Australia as outlined by those who spoke.

It was appropriate that the dinner was so competently chaired by Mr. Terry Rogers, recruited by Tom Fielder during one of his numerous projects handing literature out at meetings and rallies, and then over the years became a close associate in many action projects.

The central purpose of the Dinner was to pay a tribute to Tom Fielder on the occasion of the 21st dinner of the Murray Electors' Association, and to present the balance of money donated towards the defraying of heavy legal expenses incurred by Tom Fielder as a result of legal action against him by the Federal National Party Member for Murray, Mr. Bruce Lloyd.



Tom and Peggy Fielder hold silver tray presented to them at the Kyabram Dinner. The presentation was made by John Devine, at rear.

IS SOCIAL CREDIT OUR BEACON OF HOPE?'

by Tom Fielder.

The following is an edited copy of Tom Fielder's address at the Kyabram Dinner, with cross-headings supplied.

I am somewhat embarrassed and overwhelmed by the generous remarks of the previous speakers. Particularly as there are others who have served longer and are more worthy of this honour and also many with less years, but still have served with great distinction and I know there are others who, because of the work done already, will in turn leave their mark on society as the history of this drama unfolds.

So because this testimonial dinner has been arranged in my honour, and of my wife Peggy, as a focal point and as recognition of our work in this area — in my own mind, I would prefer to regard this function as a testimony to the cause in which we all believe — the cause for which we are all working so hard — and the cause that has brought us together tonight — that is — the cause that came to be known as SOCIAL CREDIT — established by C.H. Douglas so many years ago.

Some reference has been made to the success of some parts of my work over the years. While I am naturally pleased that some of my efforts have been perceived as successful, I am acutely aware of the vast effort of time, energy and resources that seemed to be expended for no visible result.

In the early years I was confident that much more could be achieved. But campaign after campaign just appeared to be a bottomless pit in which to pour paper, printing and postage.

For many years I nursed the private hope that our Federal Member would sit here beside me, as an honoured guest and tell an audience of perhaps two or three hundred people the truth about debt, taxation and inflation and explain what he was doing in Parliament to correct these destructive evils.

Now, before you treat this as the joke of the week, let me point out that I just now referred to TWO FAILURES, not one. ... I said — to an audience of two or three hundred people when we have never been able to achieve an audience of more than about 100. Notice also that I said "WE". In that I include ALL our supporters. Collectively, we have not been able to attract more than 100 or so out of the 60—70 thousand in the electorate.

How is it that so much effort by a loyal group of about 30 people has not achieved a greater result when our vision is so clear and the cause so important?

NOT A MASS MOVEMENT

Douglas stated that SOCIAL CREDIT would not be a mass movement. He understood the problem when he said that the final battle for civilisation would occur above the level of understanding of the great majority of the people. To my knowledge, he did not say whether the final battle would be won or lost, or when in his opinion it would take place. I believe we once had the potential to win — but that time is now past. The best we can expect to see is a little regeneration in some places at some times. My conclusion is that we are already in the post-Christian era - and not merely witnessing the collapse of Western Christian civilisation — but in many ways actively participating in that collapse.

Douglas described SOCIAL CREDIT as practical Christianity. Those who grasped this were said to have gained a glimpse of reality. We all know the Scripture story of Paul when his glimpse of reality occurred as a blinding flash of light on the road to Damascus.

My flash of blinding light came as a result of listening to Jeremy Lee on tape. Previous to that I had been groping in the dark with questions I did not understand.

By distributing thousands of copies of Jeremy Lee on tape, I have tried to make it possible for others to stumble upon the

truth in the same way. And many others have had the same experience as I can testify by the many letters I receive. Some have started with a faint glimmer of understanding, which gradually increased over a period. But others I am sorry to say have seen a faint glimmer of light only to lose it in the everyday cares of life.

My greatest regret is to see scores of people who have been warned of the impending disaster merely taking an 'armchair' ride to some imagined safe haven somewhere in the future. In other words, doing things and making plans that have no hope of being fulfilled because of a false view of life or a misreading of what is happening in the world.

It gives me the greatest satisfaction when I find someone who has had a glimpse of reality as a result of our work, and I say OUR WORK advisably because I find that it takes contact with more than one person to have a lasting effect, then gradually or sometimes quite quickly this new contact comes to understand the truth about many things that are destroying what has been gained from the main civilising influence over the last 2,000 years — that is — the Christian Philosophy.

A regret that is tinged with a little disgust stems from those folk who are quick to state that they are Christians, which is a highly commendable confession in itself, and who presumably worship 'a God of Truth' but then in a somewhat aggressive manner proceed to defend their belief in the most absurd nonsense.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURAL LEADERS

It is a known fact that a small number of people, probably as low as 2% to 4% have the ability to see the future because of an understanding of the past. They have the ability to learn from the errors of others and to try to avoid the same errors in their own lives.

These people are very valuable in society and will act as natural leaders in a time of crisis and go a long way towards leading us out of the social, political, financial and spiritual predicament that is becoming increasingly evident.

The great majority is only moved by events. They are only ready to learn when they are themselves threatened — or feel threatened.

Under the impact of the Federal Treasurer's "*Recession we had to have*" thousands are threatened, and I don't doubt that we are all meeting people in all kinds of casual circumstances and entering into sensible conversations that give us the opportunity to convey tiny segments of truth to a receptive mind.

There is nothing like a financial bankruptcy to concentrate peoples' thinking in the right direction.

Many years ago one of the leaders of Communism said that in the West "TRUE RELIGION WOULD BE REPLACED BY MATERIALISM". And it has!! But faith based on materialism is about as durable as a snowflake in hell, as many are discovering to their dismay.

Many tinkering on the edge of politics do not seem to realise that in dealing with these questions, we are confronting the most powerful, the most evil and the most ruthless force ever created by mankind in the whole recorded history of mankind.

Let us go back to Paul. Paul was convinced (and said so) that THE LOVE of MONEY was the root of all evil — and what could be more evil than the policy of USURY imposed through finance on the economy of the nations of the world? USURY, of which inflation is but a symptom, is the root of all evil and the cause of practically every social ill in society today, and given time, is the

policy that will bring our Christian civilisation to an end.

FURTHER, I am convinced that if all SOCIAL CREDITERS and all those who have some understanding of this question made a prolonged and maximum effort, it would not convince any Government, or any politician for that matter, to change direction.

I do see some hope in groups of concerned citizens coming together to support a candidate of integrity — a man who will not seek power through some kind of party structure — a man who understands that the people must have a sanction over government if we are not to end up with an uncontrollable tyranny or dictatorship — a man who will work diligently for the introduction of the Swiss Constitutional System under which electors can "SACK" unsatisfactory politicians.... because, let's face it, the Constitution and the High Court no longer exists as it once did to protect us, due to the surrender of our sovereignty to an outside organisation — namely, the United Nations.

What we can be sure will happen in the longer term is that the damage done by Government policies will demonstrate that the policies were wrong in the first place and gradually larger numbers of people will begin to search for correct information. In anticipation of this taking place, it is our role I believe, to find sufficient numbers of people spread throughout the community to service this need.

LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF SOCIAL CREDIT

If we can service this need correctly there may be some hope of a regeneration taking place, but I am more inclined to think that our role as SOCIAL CREDITERS has a more vital aspect in the longer term.

I am absolutely convinced that this movement we call SOCIAL CREDIT and its various parts, is the only movement that can act as the custodian of a body of truth and scholarship that an occult force represented by the money power wants obliterated from human memory.

It may even be necessary for those who know this, to carry this body of truth through to the other end of a new dark age — and conceivably without the aid of the books and tapes now at our disposal and — in the face of an education system designed to make it virtually impossible for students to fathom either the cause or solution of inflation — or to understand the history of our heritage — where we came from, where we are now, or where we are going.

We have been given FREE WILL as a birthright. We can use that free will to go with, or go against our destiny. This Dinner indicates that the direction of my work (which I regard as my Destiny) has been recognised and appreciated. And I want to pay tribute to the League of Rights. I have never felt it necessary to be either defensive or evasive about being a supporter or member of the League for the simple reason that I do not exist to serve the League. I will be ever grateful for having discovered the League and to find that it exists as an institution TO HELP ME FULFIL MY DESTINY.

The fact that I am seen as being part of that institution simply endorses a straightforward philosophy that has guided me...

I believe those out there in the wider community have a right to know — and those who do know — have a duty to do their best to tell them . . .

I was well into middle age before a friend began to lend me the type of books sold by the Heritage Bookshop. Since then I have built up my own library. This library is to remain intact into the future to provide a 'goldmine' of information for my grandchildren. There will be no excuse for them not knowing until late in life as was the case with myself. Whether there will exist a motivation for them to use this library is another question - which brings me to a further point — Why have I seen fit to be

engaged so intently in this work?

I suppose it is easy to say that it is a moral question first — a matter of doing the RIGHT thing when there is a choice of doing the wrong thing — or even nothing at all. Once knowing the nature of this conspiracy against civilisation, I consider it an immoral decision to do nothing about it.

Obviously no two people come along the same pathway of life and no one can make a decision of this kind for a second person. I remember that as I grew up during the 30's, we children were often told that the world was getting better all the time. Perhaps in the material sense that was true. Our family had the misfortune to have the farmhouse burnt down about 1935. We lived in poor circumstances for a long while and I well remember the pleasure I had in receiving my first pair of pyjamas in a welfare parcel — then later moving into a half-built house. I remember the first gramophone, the first radio and our first motor vehicle, a beautiful little Ute. How many children today remember their family having their first car or T V. or even such a simple necessity as a flush toilet? I am sure they take all these things for granted.

Those who are introduced to the works of C.H. Douglas invariably see him as the genius of the century and those who are introduced to the work of Eric Butler and his small team of loyal workers in the League will see his work as having held off the final climax hoped for by the enemy and hopefully will see this as time bought dearly by the few so that the many may get their act together and recover what has already been lost and get back on the course that practical Christianity should be taking us.

Therefore I must pay tribute to Eric Butler for without his work, I would not be here tonight and neither would this gathering.

My abilities have fallen far short of what Eric Butler and his panel of speakers have achieved, so I have adopted the role of taking his voice and the others into thousands of homes and motorcars through the use of my tape-making equipment.

After the present generation of speakers has retired, their voices will carry on in an untold number of cassettes with an impact that is yet to be measured. Letter after letter reflects this view and so in time I predict the flood of enquiries will be greater than I can handle.

MY WORK WILL NOT STOP

Which brings me to my final point. That is: — My work will not stop when I am forced perhaps by circumstances to retire from where the action is to a lesser role. I know there is those, who are going to continue the battle whatever the cost.

Our chairman Terry Rogers is one example. He was one of my earlier recruits, so long ago now that it feels that he has been beside me forever. Terry's perception of events and how to deal with them goes far beyond my mental development. He is already making an impact on this district and will continue to do so. Also there are other younger men who have grasped the reality of the situation and I am sure will be noted for their important work in the future.

I am finding it difficult to find words adequate enough to express my appreciation for the support Peg and I have received in regard to a legal problem arising from the publication of a certain pamphlet.

I must confess the episode was traumatic and caused us much distress. The whole incident should be an object lesson to us all as it reflects a serious flaw in Representation and the governing process.

A PROPHETIC LETTER

The following are extracts from the letter by the late Mr. Fred Codner, in the "News", Shepparton of April 30, 1986, in which Mr. Bruce Lloyd, M.P. for Murray, claimed he had been defamed: Sir,

Mr. Bruce Lloyd, (News, April 18) paints a very rosy picture of life and prospects in the Goulburn Valley area. This description is correct up to a point. The GV area, like so many other areas of Australia probably can feed, clothe, house and provide for the whole of Australia and probably half the world effortlessly.

"The only true purpose of production is consumption. Then comes the serpent in the garden — the debt merchants or, as they are better known, the international bankers, in all their deceit and greed and — hey presto — the farmers, the businessmen, the workers, the housewives are all in diabolical trouble.

"The producers grow ever poorer despite struggling harder than ever. The farmers are flat broke. Business failures are numerous, many are unemployed, many housewives must go out to work, and the whole family suffers. Suicides are becoming more frequent as are bankruptcies.

"There is a policy of dispossession and despair. Inflation roars on and taxation is almost out of control. Unemployment figures rise, more and more controls are placed on the people, and rights are taken from us all too frequently.

"Our politicians take us further into debt, while our Commonwealth Bank, which was created for the benefit of the Australian people, stands in desolation as far as a service to the people is concerned.

"There is a policy of dispossession firmly entrenched in the corridors of usurped power at Canberra. They want your home, your land, your farm, your children (via mind control), and also your rights... We export the wealth and import the debt to such an extent that our financial debt can never be repaid. The end result of failure to come to grips with the money power means the death of a great nation..."

Fred Codner blamed all the political parties at Canberra for what was happening and concluded, "Until we are out of debt we will never be out of danger and our magnificent achievements will be as nought."

This cry from the heart by a distressed and patriotic Australian was uttered five years ago. Consider the plight of Australia today. Can anyone seriously claim that the present Opposition parties at Canberra will do any better than Mr. Bob Hawke's planners? What the nation so desperately needs is much better representation at Canberra.

LEGAL ACTION

Mr. Codner's letter, in which he referred to the "financial illiterates" at Canberra resulted in a letter, May 15, 1986, from Mr. Bruce Lloyd's lawyer claiming that the letter was "clearly defamatory of Mr. Lloyd and that "We have advised our client that he should take action against both you and the Shepparton News as publisher of your letter claiming substantial damages for libel . . ." As far as is known, no legal action was ever taken or

SUPERNATIONAL FORCES

"Collectivism, economic and political, is the policy of the supernational Forces. Its fundamental objective is the Slave World ruled by a Praetorian Guard in the employ of a Ruling Race. It has no chance whatever of success, but it has a real chance of setting back the clock of human happiness by thousands of years."

C.H. Douglas in *The Big Idea*.

threatened against *The News*. But legal action was taken against Tom Fielder because he republished *The News* letter, along with Mr. Bruce Lloyd's lawyer's letter, in a brochure, also containing vital information on the background of the 1937 Royal Commission into banking established as the result of action taken by the late Sir John McEwen, the brochure being widely distributed as a service to electors.

Mr. Bruce Lloyd's legal action forced Tom Fielder into considerable financial expense, which could have become crippling if the action finished in the courts. He and his wife experienced considerable anxiety and readily accepted Mr. Bruce Lloyd's eventual suggestion that the matter be settled out of court, but with Tom Fielder paying Bruce Lloyd's legal expenses and issuing a public apology. As there was never any intention by either Fred Codner or Tom Fielder to cast any reflections on the character of Bruce Lloyd, there was no problem in making this clear in a statement in *The Shepparton News*.

Through no fault of Tom Fielder, the legal settlement took longer than it should have, leaving him with a total expense of approximately \$20,000 this including Bruce Lloyd's legal expenses, as well as his own. It is a tribute to the esteem in which Tom Fielder is held that his many friends throughout Australia contributed what was required, the balance of this being handed to Tom Fielder at his testimonial dinner.

STILL SERVING

The son of a First World War veteran, Tom Fielder quickly enlisted to serve his country during the Second World War. He joined the Air Force. Shot down but surviving by a type of miracle, Tom Fielder became a prisoner of war with a number of subsequent experiences, which testified to his initiative, courage and resourcefulness.

When he grasped that the peace was being lost to the same totalitarian forces against whom he had served in time of military war, Tom Fielder lost no time in "joining up" again. He dedicated himself to serving his fellows by showing them how traditional Australia was at risk. Although he soon discovered that old truth, that no man is a prophet in his own land, he continued on.

Tom Fielder eventually decided that he could better serve if he left the dairying industry, which he knew was doomed to progressive elimination, and devote himself full time to a wider national service. At no expense to others, he has carried his work right throughout Australia, serving in many different areas as requested.

How different from most of the party politicians, well paid by those they are supposed to represent, with liberal pension schemes insulated against the erosion of inflation.

From the beginning Tom Fielder has been loyally supported by his wife Peggy, who for many years had also engaged in community activities, serving in the Girl Guides. It is the Tom Fielders of Australia who will eventually save it from the threats to its future. Tom Fielder has become a legend in his own lifetime.

"THE RURAL CRISIS AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER"

by *Jeremy Lee*

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THE MERGER OF PEACE AND WAR

"War is nothing but the continuation of politics with an admixture of other means"

The following article from the March issue of the quarterly, *"Home"*, Bodifyr, Lonpobty, Bangor, Gwynedd. LL—57. IHT; United Kingdom, provides a much deeper and more far-reaching examination of the significance of the Gulf War, than do most commentaries.

This is the full translation of the much-quoted dictum of the Prussian general Karl von Clausewitz. Usually the 'nothing but' and the 'admixture' are left out. Either way, it has a corollary, namely that *what we call 'Peace' is the continuation of war by means other than military*; although nowadays there is an increasing admixture of violent, sub-military means such as bomb-terror and rioting, tending towards the merging of the states of 'peace' and war.

It requires only the briefest reminder of the history of this century of wars interspersed with economic crises, revolutions and famines to illustrate the point. The century itself started with the Boer, or South African war, which is being continued to this day by economic means. Viewed in this light we have had a continuous World War by one means or another from the Great War of 1914-18, through the Great Depression, the Soviet, Nazi and Fascist Revolutions, Phase II of the military World War, followed by the disintegration of the British, French and other Empires, the vast Communist Revolutionary conquest of China, the reduction of Africa to a misery of endemic wars, rebellions and famines, and the successful conquest of Europe by monetary and economic means, starting with a Common Market. And this, of course, is to mention but a few examples.

It is safe to say that not one of these disastrous events was desired by 95% of the common people who were subjected to them.

As we write this the latest phase of world political warfare includes a monetary recession, a dire economic situation in the disintegrating USSR with reversion to 'tank polities', in Africa, mass-starvation threatening in war-torn Ethiopia, Sudan, Liberia, Mozambique and Angola; and a new and unique form of warfare in the Middle East, in fact the second Gulf War within a few years, starting with the military invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. Then came an economic war against Iraq under the auspices of the United Nations, and now it has passed into its military phase with an unprecedented aerial assault upon Iraq by the armed forces of the USA and its allies, in which the United Kingdom is deeply involved.

British interests in Kuwait are, no doubt, much larger than in the Falklands, but there patriotism and kinship were involved in the war; in Kuwait and the Gulf the interests are commercial and financial. Indeed, with the war scarcely fully engaged there was already public bargaining about what share we shall get in the rebuilding of Kuwait.

WHOSE NEW WORLD ORDER?

The major economic interest in the whole region is of course oil, without which most of our rush-about civilisation would grind to a halt. Iraq, which was armed and supported by half the World in its unsuccessful invasion of Iran, was now equipped after eight years of grim warfare to take over all the other 'oil States' in the region. This threat was bound to be met in some way. But we are not being told that our men were out there to fight for Queen and country, for British interests, or even for oil, but for the New World Order as represented, at least in embryo, by the UN and its Security Council.

We, and they, were not asked if we wanted a New World Order, let alone perhaps to kill and die for it, but we now have an opportunity to see what it would be like in practice since this is widely claimed to be the first major demonstration of its multi-

national world power.

Since the objective of all wars, whether military or otherwise is psychological — to change the minds, and especially the wills, of governments by attacking the people under their rule, it may be said that the primary war is the direct attack by propaganda on the minds of the people, then follows the economic assault on their health, comfort and nutrition, and the final admixture is the military assault designed to maim or kill their bodies, but even this is only as a means of breaking the will. With this war we are assured that the mind of one man, Saddam Hussein, has to be changed. Has it been?

In former times there was little opportunity for the mental assault then limited by the carrying range of the human voice and eye. Today the extent and power of the mental weaponry are even greater than those of the physical armaments. In all modern wars this weaponry is directed *mainly* at the 'home' population, only secondarily and to a minor extent at the 'enemy' who does, in any case, hear or see and study it all. It was mainly the 'home' media, which defeated the USA in the Vietnam War. But in this Gulf War the propaganda contest is quite unprecedented.

JOINT IRAQI-ANGLO-U.S. PROPAGANDA

On the American side we had, at the outset, almost continuous, repetitive non-news, going on and on about the tremendous blasting the Iraqis were getting from the air, well calculated to arouse sympathy for them, at least among that quarter of the European population who can remember being at the receiving end of such assaults. We had endless speculations and opinion about the results; the same repeated every half-hour or less *ad nauseam*.

But from the Iraqi side we received, astonishingly, the familiar accents of our own nationals — not of abhorred traitors and quislings, but of named journalists and broadcasters such as Alan Little of the BBC. At the start we had the Iraqi News from the same US agency (CNN) as the American News. Later, foreign journalists were expelled from Iraq, but then invited back again for a short stay, to do a splendid job of describing, in censored but most moving and effective terms, the horrors and pitiful effects of Allied bombing on women and children in Baghdad. Whether it was a trap or a blunder, the worldwide broadcasting of the slaughter in the bombed? air-raid shelter/? command post on February 13 was a highly effective Iraqi-Anglo-U.S. joint assault on the World public's mass-psychology.

Whether or not Saddam Hussein still has chemical, bacteriological or even nuclear weapons available for use, their psychological work in arousing fear and anxiety has been most effectively done for him by 'our' media, which even went so far as to terrify people with the idea that he might infect the atmosphere with deadly germs of plague or anthrax as far as Northern Europe. Now just who wanted that?

Again, in earlier wars such aid to the enemy would have been regarded as treason, unless solely the work of enemy agents. So what has happened? For one thing the power of the 'media' has extended enormously, immensely reinforced by the television, the universality of the radio, and the centralisation of the press in a few hands. It has become virtually a State in itself and far more powerful than most States. Though some editors, broadcasters and journalists may be patriots, their work and careers are ruled, through owners and advertisers by *money*, which is worldwide

and without national or cultural allegiance. Hence the wielders of money-power are automatically inclined to the promotion of World Order, of which they are already a sort of advance guard, controlling much of public opinion, politics, economics and armament. The bloodless conquest of the nations of the E.C., after Hitler's temporary New Order had softened' them, is their major achievement to date.

THE COWING OF CHRISTENDOM

It has also to be remembered that the monstrous wars, revolutions, depressions and miseries of this century, together with continuous devaluation of money values throughout the world, have slaughtered much of the finest youth of Christendom, destroyed the faith of many of those who survived and with it the standards of a Christian society. Hence our submission to a 'permissive', multicultural society with no common morality, the Big-Money Pop Culture, the Big-Money Drug Cult, the Big-Money Pornography, Sex and Homosex Cults with AIDS as a youth-killer product, and the transfer of the slaughter of the born in warfare to the slaughter on an even bigger scale in 'peace-time' of the unborn.

Even the natural instinct of self-preservation, older than humanity itself, is under bitter attack in what remains of Christendom — the instinct to defend the family, the clan, the territory, the nation, the group of our own sort, against the alien and the foreign invader who attempts to 'unify' us with his power-group. Without this instinct no group can survive; and as we cannot survive as lone individuals, humanity itself is threatened. Ironically, the tables are turned upon us, so that wars and conflicts are blamed upon the instinct to resist unification rather than the will to impose it.

Hence the Great Liberal Death Wish, the constant battering with guilt-images and propaganda, and the daily and hourly assault on our minds with every sort of crime, scandal, corruption and brutality, whether in war or in 'peace'. Graphic images and accounts of the fate of people in Iraq arouse not only guilt and sympathy, but fear also; for next time it may be ourselves at the receiving end.

This is often subconscious, but is the natural reaction of people conditioned by years of permissiveness and Welfareism to seek for some remote and mighty power and creep under its protection. If our problems are too much for us, let us enlarge them until they reach the limits of the planet. If we cannot control our local bosses, let us look to fearful, utterly remote and inaccessible bosses for our salvation.

At the time of writing we cannot possibly know how the present military phase of the World War against almost everyone will turn out. There is no need to add to the innumerable speculations about it; but the underlying conflict of religions and their expression in politics is much more our concern.

Much is made of the Islamic religion of Iraq, and Saddam Hussein has been trying to make his warfare into a *jihad* or Moslem holy war. In fact, he is a Ba'athist, a mixture of Marxist and Pan-Arab imperialist and has no right to call a jihad, far less so than, for instance, Saudi Arabia. But the centre of Islamic religious revolutionary resurgence is Iran, against which he was pitted in the 8-year war by many of those now attacking him. The certain winners from this war can only be Iran and Israel.

THE WORLD POWER-RELIGION

On the other side we have the UN Security Council, dominated by the Super-Powers, USA, USSR and China, plus at

present, two middle-sized ex-colonial nations, Britain and France, due, no doubt, to be replaced by another Super-Power, the EC, as soon as it can be consolidated. If one looks for a common faith, which binds these powers and the many nations of the UN together, there is only one: the worldwide loan-credit system, which is not usually recognised as the religion it is.

But along with this is the much-promoted new One-World religion that attempts to merge all other beliefs, and is corrupting Christianity into a Unitarian Judaeo-Christianity — quite compatible with the failing atheistic Marxism of the Communist Super-Powers — and with almost anything else. The only great religion, which has challenged this Merger, is the Islamic faith (though by no means unaffected). So it seems that, at a deeper level, the removal of a powerful Ba'athist Iraq will but clarify the fundamental conflict between Islam and the World Order ideology.

On which side are we? Neither! We want a World dominated by neither side — but anything is better than a World monopoly of power. While the powerful are divided there is at least a chance for some of the meek to inherit the earth. Like everyone else who is sane we do not want this war, but we are now in the War Trap, mental as well as military. Our basic and sacred instincts demand that we back our own kind and above all do nothing to endanger them. Those who march about with slogans and banners to feed the war-weaponry of the media with their revulsion against war, are merely fighting on the enemy's side in the war 'by other means', and are helping to prolong it.

What we can do, however, if we are Christians, is to stand firm in the faith, which we have received and which alone, if uncorrupted, can bring to the world a peace, which is not another form of warfare.

POWER TEMPTATION

“ . . . And the Devil, taking him up unto a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them, but that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will give it, if thou wilt therefore worship me, all shall be thine ” — *St. Luke, chapter 4.*

Christ's response to the temptation of power was simple and direct, "Get thee behind me Satan." The temptation of world power was rejected. Today there are large numbers of Christians who believe that World Government is "inevitable".

LEAGUE'S BASIC FUND FILLED

With a last minute "spurt" from League of Rights supporters, the League's Basic Fund target for 1990-91, \$73,000 has been passed, with a small surplus being allocated to the 1991-92 Basic Fund. The League's planned expansion programme for the year, including the installation of technical equipment and a major publishing programme is being carried through successfully. The League thanks all those who made such a magnificent effort to ensure that the League's work continues, and expands, at a time of deepening national crisis.

Any late contributions to the 1990-91 Basic Fund will be credited to next year's Basic Fund.