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## THE ISLAMIC FACTOR IN THE WORLD STRUGGLE

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Some years ago at an international conference in Washington, D.C., I was having a friendly argument with a junior member of the Saudi Arabian Royal family. He was strongly anti-South Africa, claiming that Blacks were discriminated against because they did not have a vote. When asked if women had a vote in Saudi Arabia, he said that such a policy was contrary to his people's culture. Courtesy prevented me from observing that not even men have a vote in his country. We moved on to other matters, including the critical state of the world. My Moslem friend then said something I have never forgotten: "Although there was violent conflict between the Moslem and Christian worlds in the past, at least we of the Islamic world respected you. You stood firmly for something. But what does the Christian West stand for today?" A very telling question in view of the present plight of what was once called the Christian West.

At a time when the traditional Christian faith has been diluted in the West, and secular humanism is promoted as a new type of faith, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. And the world of Islam is in a state of ferment, as witnessed by what is happening in Algeria, where only the military dictatorship has prevented the Islamic Fundamentalists from coming to power by popular vote. It was the upsurge of Islamic Fundamentalism in Iran, with its complete rejection of most things Western, which resulted in the now-reviled Saddam Hussein of Iraq being regarded by both the Soviet Union, as it then was, Arab nations like Saudi Arabia, and the West as a barrier to the expansion of Islamic Fundamentalism to the rest of the Moslem world. Both the Soviet Union and the West, along with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt backed Saddam Hussein in his long conflict with Iran.

But the alarm bells started to ring when it became obvious that in spite of the enormous human and financial cost of the war with Iran, Saddam Hussein was emerging as the major force in the Middle East. Saddam Hussein was increasingly becoming the hero to an Arab world, which, in spite of its many differences, was united in its opposition to what was commonly regarded as an alien threat in the Middle East — Zionist Israel. The story of how Saddam Hussein was lured to disaster in the Kuwait affair has now been recorded. Without even firing a shot, Zionist Israel was a major winner in the Gulf War, also used as a platform to launch a new initiative for an old objective: A New World Order with power centralised under the United Nations and its different divisions.

### THE SOVIET ROLE

Although Saddam Hussein suffered a major military defeat in the Gulf War, primarily the result of superior Western technology, the West's standing throughout the Islamic world was further reduced. Generally overlooked has been the role of the former Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev. Even before it was obvious that the Soviet Union was doomed to disintegration, a

number of observers were drawing attention to a major Achilles Heel in the Soviet Union: its fast-growing Moslem population of 50 million, one in every five of the total Soviet population being a Moslem. Moslems were 40 percent of the conscripted Red Army and played a major role in the historic Soviet defeat in Afghanistan, refusing to kill their "brother" Moslems in Afghanistan.

### 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 people of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

Mikhail Gorbachev was well aware of the Islam factor when the Gulf War got under way. Speaking at a Washington D.C. symposium late in 1990, Professor Alexei Vassiliev of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said that because of its large Moslem population, the Soviet would have "severe limitations" in supporting a war against Iraq. Gorbachev could not ignore the fact that in February 1991 the parliaments of two of the Moslem Republics, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan, representing 24 million people, adopted resolutions criticising the US-led war against Iraq. The parliament of Uzbekistan in Central Asia urged Gorbachev to use every possible means to bring "a halt to the conflict".

In Azerbaijan, located on the Iranian border, a division of volunteers named "Saddam's division" was formed to fight with the Iraqis. In February 1991, the Azerbaijan parliament carried a resolution declaring that the war against Iraq had gone beyond the mandate set by the UN Security Council, and contended that the liberation of Kuwait was "a pretext for a large-scale military action designed to protect US oil interests in the region." Gorbachev was painfully aware of what had happened in Afghanistan.

The finance-economic policies of the Western nations and Japan make adequate oil supplies a vital necessity for survival. Until such time as there is a shift in those policies, or alternative forms of energy are developed, the oil producing nations of the world are of great economic and political significance. The Persian Gulf area, from the Persian Gulf to the western side of the Caspian Sea contains the biggest pool of known oil reserves in the world. And the people of this area are all Islamic.

President George Bush desperately required at least a neutral Gorbachev as the massive bomb attack on Iraq got under way early last year, and Bush's principle concerning the right of people to self-determination was conveniently overlooked as Gorbachev moved Soviet troops into those Soviet Republics seeking independence. Generally overlooked was the enormous Soviet oil industry, most of it in former Soviet Republics of Islamic backgrounds. The Soviet Union consisted of 15 republics, with six of these — the five Central Asian Republics plus Azerbaijan in the Caucasus — being Moslem. Most of the Moslems living in these areas are of Turkish background, with the majority speaking a Turkic language similar to Turkey's language. Apart from oil, the Moslem Republics of the Soviet made massive economic contributions to the Soviet Empire, the natural gas deposits of Uzbekistan and Turmenustan being among the biggest in the world. The Soviet Union was the largest grower of cotton in the world, 90 percent of this coming from the Central Asian Republic.

### **RESTIVE MOSLEMS**

Faced with mounting unrest throughout the Soviet's Moslem Republics, Gorbachev did not dare to do more than provide verbal support for President Bush in the Iraq affair, but all the time attempting to placate the restive Moslems. With the break up of the Soviet Empire, the ferment throughout the Moslem Republics has increased, a ferment causing concern even to Communist China, which was forced to close its province of Xinjiang to foreign travel, due to Moslem unrest and demonstrations. While the Christian world is in a state of growing disintegration, there are signs that a religious revival is taking place throughout the Islamic Middle East to Asia, where Indonesia is the biggest Moslem nation in the world, and another major source of oil supplies.

Should President George Bush decide that another major military assault on Iraq is necessary, allegedly to remove a Saddam Hussein who could have been destroyed earlier at the close of the Gulf War, but in reality would be an attempt to shore up declining political support in the USA, the end result will be an intensification of the growing ferment throughout the Moslem

world, with far-reaching and disastrous implications for the West. During the period when the Zionist time bomb was being created in Palestine, at the end of the Second World War, there were statesmen in both the USA and the United Kingdom, who foresaw the disastrous long-term consequences of encouraging a Zionist invasion of the Middle East and its Islamic populations, and tried to warn against the invasion. But they were swept aside by the Zionist power machine. The end result has been a type of Islamic revival at the very time that the Christian world is disintegrating. Economic and social problems continue to grow.

With the break up of the Soviet Empire, there has been an acceleration of the growing desire of the Islamic people to develop closer ties with fellow Moslems. Taking advantage of Gorbachev's growing problems, Saudi Arabia quietly established diplomatic relations with the Soviet and as the Gulf crisis deepened, made loans of \$2 billion dollars to Moscow, primarily for investment in the Moslem Republics. Saudi Arabia was looking ahead. Speaking to an Arab News reporter on September 25, 1990, a senior Soviet diplomat, Dr. Alexander Galitsyn, said that the Soviet was keen on attracting Saudi capital investments in order to develop the Soviet's Moslem Republics. Oil from these

## **THE LEAGUE'S BASIC FUND MUST BE FILLED**

Wherever the war against traditional Australia is being waged — on the finance-economic front, the immigration front, the education front, the moral front — the League of Rights will be found making a special contribution. Much of the League's educational and advisory work is not publicised. From all over Australia individuals and groups ask for advice. The League is unique in the type of services it provides. When it is not directly conducting its own educational programmes, it advises people of educational programmes, which will meet their requirements.

An increasing number of people are beginning to realise that the League has been ahead of its time on many basic issues. Many are now starting to realise that Heritage Acts were laying the groundwork for an attack on private property rights. Queensland State Director Chas Pinwill warned about this ten years ago in League publications.

As events unfold, an increasing number of people are looking for explanations and answers concerning what is happening to Australia. The League provides a unique service and it is not too much to say that the future of Australia depends upon that service being maintained and expanded. The League's Annual Basic Fund is at the very heart of the existence of the League, and year after year it has been filled by dedicated Australians who have their priorities right.

As the League moves forward under a new and younger National Director, the League's 1991/1992 Basic Fund is faltering, with only a minority of supporters taking it to approximately \$55,000. This means that another \$15,000 must be found to reach the minimum objective of \$70,000. What is now required is a flood of support from all those who have not yet contributed. A thousand supporters contributing only an average of \$15, a few cents per week, would resolve the challenge.

Every contribution, however small, is warmly welcomed. All contributions to Box 1052J., G.P.O., Melbourne 3001. In order to save on postal expenses, receipts will not be forwarded unless requested.

Republics made the Soviet Union the biggest oil producer in the world, producing twice as much as Saudi Arabia, and the second biggest exporter of oil after Saudi Arabia. The Moslem Republics of the former Soviet Union, together with Saudi Arabia, contribute one-third of the world's total oil supplies.

As the 50 million Moslems of the former Soviet move closer to their fellow-Moslems, they bring not only their huge oil supplies, but vast industrial equipment and perhaps considerable expertise concerning nuclear weapons. The coalescing of the Moslem world could prove to be one of the most significant fall-out developments of the break up of the Soviet Union. The West cannot afford to ignore the Islamic factor in today's world.

When Islam swept Westwards in an attempt to impose the Islamic faith by force on the Christian West, this great historic movement being a reflection of Mahomet's doctrine of the Holy War, the Christians stood firm and eventually broke the Islamic challenge, the last being in 1683. But today, 300 years later, Islam poses a different kind of challenge, highlighted by the fact that large Moslem communities now exist inside the West, manifesting a spirit of virility, which contrasts starkly with the decay of the post-Christian nations. The Moslem community in Britain suggests that it should have its own parliament, and its own courts. It demands of its youth that they accept the old-fashioned disciplines, with the result that they are performing much better than British youth in the schools.

### **THE ISLAM CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS**

As Mahomet was early influenced by both Christianity and Judaism, it is not surprising that there are some similarities between these three religions. The great Moslem philosopher, Averrhoes, attempted to reconcile Islam with the famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle, who had such a profound effect on early Christian philosophers like Aquinas. But like Judaism, the Islamic religion is monopolistic and in practice results in a social and political structure in which power is centralised. One of the great distinguishing differences between Judaism, Christianity and Islam concerns the nature of God. The Christian view of a Trinitarian God, along with the profound Greek and Roman influence on Western man, produced societies where the decentralisation of power was regarded as essential for the protection of the individual. It is ironic that Islam has now established a base inside an England, which gave the world Magna Carta, and the priceless Common Law, these reflections of Christianity.

Whatever is said about the rising international influence of Islam, both economically and spiritually it is certain that it is a major barrier to the programme for a New World Order. And there are at least a few Moslem philosophers who believe that perhaps the challenge of Islam may result in the Western peoples being forced to rediscover and to regenerate their Christian faith. But for that Faith to become a force again in world affairs, it must have a policy. Faith without works still results in death. A start towards the regeneration of Christianity would be an authoritative statement by Christian Church leaders on the subject of debt finance.

### **I.M.F. BACKS CONSUMPTION TAX**

As Australians move towards a Federal Election next year, it is highly probable, but not certain, that desperate Australians will vote Paul Keating and the Labor Party out, primarily because Keating was the principal public relations officer promoting the depression "we had to have". Keating is now seeking to ease the pain he created, even though this means a further surge in debt. The tragedy is that Dr. John Hewson, as dedicated an internationalist as Paul Keating, could come to office claiming that he has a

"mandate" to impose a Goods and Services Tax (GST).

C.H. Douglas pointed out that the modern taxation system is one designed to impose a dictatorship; it has got little to do with the question of providing revenue for governments. But as taxation has become heavier, so has there been growing resistance to taxation, one manifestation of this being the development of what is sometimes called the "black economy", or the "cash economy". The GST is promoted as a type of tax which is much more efficient. In reality it is designed to ensure that no one escapes the tax net. Its advocates claim that it is neutral as a revenue earner, but this is not what has happened where this type of tax has been imposed.

34 nations have now embraced the GST concept of taxation, including former Communist Hungary. The last to introduce the GST was Canada, and already the results have been disastrous, one result being to precipitate a massive Canadian spending spree in the USA, while there has been an alarming drop in the number of Americans visiting Canada. The GST, introduced by a Labor government and continued by a Nationalist government, has played a major part in reducing New Zealand to the state of near-disaster.

Generally overlooked in the discussions concerning the GST, is that it has been promoted by the International Monetary Fund. Australian Liberal Opposition leader Dr. John Hewson, has worked for both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank while his wife works for the international bank Schrodgers.

The International Monetary Fund not only promotes the GST, but also provides instructions on how to implement it. The International Monetary Fund has also backed the introduction of an international tax system.

### **LONG-TERM FINANCE FOR FARMING**

Genuine farming, which requires the application of the principles of sound husbandry, cannot be regarded as a type of factory operation. A recent Australian television programme showed a farmer engaged in a programme of regeneration of his property by applying the principles of key lining, evolved by the late P.A. Yeomans. Tree plantings on the contour were a feature of the programme, designed among other reasons to cope with the problem of salt. But a key statement by the farmer was that it would take at least twenty years to gain the full benefits of what he was doing. How many farmers can today take the long-term view, when they are under the whip of financial orthodoxy? The tyranny of debt finance is almost completely ignored by those shouting that they are conservationists. The pioneers of genuine conservation, men like Sir Albert Howard and others, stressed the importance of providing farmers with a financial policy, which made conservation policies practical.

In a report commissioned by the League of Nations before the Second World War, Louis Tardy, Director-General of the French Agricultural Bank, stressed the unique aspects of agriculture compared with secondary industries and trade, stating that "low interest, long-term loans, handled by specialised rural banking institutions, were indispensable to the conduct of agricultural enterprises. ..."

When there was an Australian Country Party with a more realistic assessment of what was required for primary producers, a policy of long-term low-interest credits for primary producers was advocated, but with little attempt to have the policy implemented. The general excuse for this failure was that the Country Party was a junior member of a Coalition dominated by the city-based Liberal Party.

Before the 1972 Federal Elections, a watershed in Australian

politics, the Labor Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Dr. Rex Paterson, a man with a practical knowledge of farming, advocated long-term, low-interest loans for primary producers and a debt moratorium. But a Whitlam government stacked with Fabian academics quickly revealed that it had little sympathy for Australia's struggling primary producers. It set in motion the policy of "internationalising" the Australian economy, a policy vigorously pursued by the Fraser government and then the Hawke government. Primarily in an attempt to survive politically, the Keating government proposes only to slow down the programme of internationalism.

If those who receive the most publicity for talking about conservation, were to mount a national campaign in favour of making it financially possible not only for Australia's present primary producers, but for those young Australians who would like to follow a farming vocation to operate, they could change the course of Australian politics. The future of Australia depends upon a healthy rural community, including the small centres serving primary producers. At least \$5 billion could be made available to Australia's primary producers, on a long-term, low-interest basis, with enormous benefit to the whole nation. The \$5 billion could be created with a stroke of a pen.

All those talking about conservation should be challenged to say why they are not supporting a financial policy, which makes genuine conservation possible.

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## THE CONTINUING MONEY POWER

The Money Power existed long before Communism, which it originally promoted and sought to nourish. And the Money Power continues after the demise of Communism. Officials from the International Monetary Fund and The World Bank have been in Russia and the Ukraine advising on reconstruction. It is reported that the government of the Ukraine is seeking to join the International Monetary Fund. It is ironic that having sought independence not only from Communism, but from any control by their fellow Slavs, the Russians, the Ukrainians are seeking to join the New World Order via the International Monetary Fund, thus surrendering independence.

One of the creators of the International Monetary Fund and The World Bank was the notorious Harry Dexter White, a top Communist agent operating inside the American Treasury Department. In spite of warnings from American security authorities, President Harry Truman appointed White — original name Weis — as the first American Director of the International Monetary Fund. When his Communist background was publicly exposed, White allegedly committed suicide.

The blueprint for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank was drawn up at the Bretton Woods conference late in the Second World War. White was actively assisted by a fellow-planner, the darling of the Fabians, British economist John Maynard Keynes. While Keynes and White differed about some matters, they were both committed internationalists. Communists everywhere campaigned for all Western governments to accept the Bretton Woods agreement. The Marxists consistently supported all policies, which centralised power.

Communism in practice proved disastrous and could not be sustained. But the will-to-power, now masquerading as a programme for a New World Order, continues. The Money Power continues to be the main instrument through which the will-to-power expresses itself. If the peoples of what was the former Soviet Empire are to move towards true independence, they must have effective control of their own money system. If they accept Western economic aid, they must reject conditions imposed by representatives of the International Money Power.

## THE STATE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

Those who believe that the bigger a nation's population, the greater the prospects for prosperity, should be asked to consider the state of the U.S.A., a nation clearly in an advanced state of decay. The current recession, imposed by the same type of financial policies, which have resulted in depressed economies right around the world, is the worst since the Great Depression of the thirties. And the problem is how to re-stimulate the economy without escalating inflation.

One of the major features of the American disaster is that America's \$15 trillion debt pyramid, which has increased five-fold over the past twelve years, continues to explode. Unemployment continues to rise, the real position being masked by the government's manipulation of figures. During 1991 personal bankruptcies reached 900,000, an increase of 26 per cent over the previous twelve months. The personal savings rate declined by 3.7 per cent. All the large corporations suffered astronomical losses, with big lay-offs in staff. Many States, cities and municipalities are running deficits totalling over \$50 billion. President Bush's deficit for 1991 was \$300 million and will be over \$400 million for 1992.

Whether the American economic decline, along with mounting social disintegration, can be reversed before a major collapse, is a question now being raised by conservative thinkers. The smaller nations are much better placed to survive the type of disaster now threatening the U.S.A.

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## THE MAXWELL DRAMA

Jews do not have a monopoly in the field of corruption, many Jewish families being models of behaviour, which others could well emulate. But when prominent Jews, generally in the field of finance, are exposed for corrupt practices, any reference to their Jewish background is met with the standard charge of "anti-Semitism". It has recently been revealed that Australia's Jewish leaders were incensed when several of those charged with bribery in Queensland were Jews, one of these being a friend of former Prime Minister Hawke. It was argued that these Jews had been discriminated against and should be assisted with large funds to meet big legal expenses.

But the drama of Robert Maxwell, born Jan Ludwig Hoch, is in a special category in that the newspaper magnate was hailed as a hero in Zionist Israel, where he was buried with full State honours. The mystery of Maxwell's death may never be solved, but enough of Maxwell's background has now become public to be able to say that this man was not only a crook, but was a vulgar and treacherous man without any saving graces. It is clear that he served both the Soviet Union and Zionist Israel. He was typical of his kind, believing that the standards, which applied to others, were not for him. He not only swindled those who trusted him, but perhaps his most revolting act was to promote a fund to assist the saintly Mother Theresa, and then fail to pass the money on.

The fact that so many prominent people were "taken in" by Maxwell is a striking commentary on the gullibility of so many when associated with those who exercise power through money and the mass media. We wait with interest to read a condemnation of the Jew Robert Maxwell in the Jewish press around the world.

# NATIONAL SERIES OF ERIC BUTLER TESTIMONIAL DINNERS

A nation-wide series of testimonial dinners for Mr. Eric Butler and his wife Elma have been arranged to commemorate a life time of service to the League of Rights and what it stands for. These dinners have been decentralised as far as practical, making it possible for the maximum number of supporters and League sympathisers to attend.

Eric and Elma Butler have requested that organisers do not arrange for any special type of gifts. It is planned to establish a permanent Trust Fund, the interest only to be used for financing League of Rights activities into the future. Details of the Trust will be announced later.

International subscribers to League journals who may wish to be associated with the testimonial dinners can send appropriate messages to Mr. David Thompson, National Director, The Australian League of Rights, P.O. Box 39, Robertson, N.S.W. Australia 2577. Fax: (048) 882324.

The following are the Dinners already arranged:

Saturday, April 11th,	:	Perth, Western Australia.
Monday, April 27th,	:	Gippsland, Victoria.
Tuesday, April 28th,	:	Melbourne. The Melbourne Dinner will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. The charge is \$33 (inclusive) and bookings should be sent to the convener of this dinner, Mr. Cedric Turner, J.P., 29 Yarra Street, Williamstown, 3016. Phone: 397 2654. Cheques to be made out to <i>Butler Testimonial Dinner</i> .
Thursday, April 30th	:	Murray Electors, Victoria.
Friday, May 1st,	:	Horsham, Wimmera, Victoria.
Saturday, May 2nd,	:	Adelaide, South Australia.
Tuesday, May 26th	:	Sydney, New South Wales.
Wednesday, May 27th	:	Armidale, New South Wales.
Friday, May 29th	:	Toowoomba, Queensland.

There will be a number of short addresses at the dinners, with new National Director Mr. David Thompson participating. It is anticipated that Mr. Eric Butler will be giving a number of addresses, not only of an historical nature, but also relevant to the present state of the world. The series of dinners are planned as a major aspect of an expanding national League programme. They are all open to members of the public.

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## DAVID IRVING AND THE 'EICHMANN MEMOIRS'

British historian David Irving has been in the news following his report that while in Argentina last year he had been handed documents purporting to be the memoirs of Adolf Eichmann, a relatively minor official in the Nazi regime. Eichmann had been kidnapped by Israeli agents in 1960, transported to Israel and hanged following a trial during which Eichmann allegedly confessed to the general version of the "Holocaust".

Living in Australia at the time of the Eichmann kidnapping was Vladimir Bonn, a former top Communist from Czechoslovakia with first-hand experience of Stalin's Soviet Union. Borin was a remarkably well-informed man and, while staying with Mr. Eric Butler at the time of the Eichmann kidnapping, commented as soon as the news broke that the Zionists had to seize Eichmann and kill him "because he knew too much". The truth is that Eichmann had visited Palestine before the Second World War and learned to speak Yiddish. He collaborated with the Zionists in forcing Jews, mainly younger Jews, out of Germany to Palestine. Zionists prefer to forget the Zionist-Nazi connection, briefly outlined in Eric Butler's *Truth About The Australian League of Rights*.

Whether or not the "Eichmann Memoirs" are genuine, David Irving has correctly said that historians must always be prepared to revise their views in the light of new information. But this observation has resulted in an international campaign suggesting that Irving has changed his views concerning the

"Holocaust?" and Hitler's role during the Second World War. Irving has made it clear that he has not changed his views and that his major revised work, *Hitler's War*, recently published, does not require any alterations.

We understand that *Hitler's War* will be available shortly in Australia, at approximately \$60.

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## INHERITANCE

"Production today is almost entirely a question of power. When labour supplied the whole of the power by muscular effort and so forth, I think it would have been a fair and equitable thing to say that labour produced all wealth either by hand or brain.

"But we of the Western world are the inheritors of a magnificent culture which we ourselves did not produce, but which largely was handed down to us from previous inventors, engineers, organisers, and so on. We are merely the administrators of that cultural inheritance, and to that extent that cultural inheritance is the property of all of us, without exception."

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

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# WHY BLOCKADE CANBERRA?

Few would doubt the patriotism and sincerity of Mr. Danny Johnson, the man who triggered the astonishing Melbourne rally of January 4 last year. Irrespective of the correct attendance figure — the police estimation was 40,000, Danny Johnson claimed over 100,000 — it was a political phenomenon. It undoubtedly played a part in the subsequent replacement of Victorian State Liberal leader Brown with Jeff Kennett. Kennett was originally a Danny Johnson supporter, but declines to support a coming rally on February 25. A number of demands are to be made on Prime Minister Paul Keating, and if he does not respond within 24 hours, Danny Johnson says that he and his supporters will blockade Parliament and call for Mr. Keating's resignation.

There has been a concerted media campaign to link Danny Johnson with the League of Rights. As stated in an interview in *The Weekend Australian* of January 4—5, Danny Johnson's only association with the League was to attend two meetings addressed by Mr. Eric Butler in the Warracknabeal Town Hall, attending in his capacity as a local Municipal Councillor. The League has never approached Danny Johnson, knowing that if he were associated with the League, the media would attempt to use that against him. Our attitude was "Hats off to Danny Johnson" for what he was attempting, and wishing him good luck, while at the same time warning of the serious deficiencies in his campaigning.

As he modestly says, he does not claim to have all the answers to Australia's problems, but that he has learned a lot since he first started campaigning. We find ourselves in agreement with much of what Danny Johnson and his colleagues plan to demand of Prime Minister Keating. These demands embody objectives to which a wide cross section of people and various types of action groups are now subscribing. *The Weekend Australian* of January 4—5 quotes the Danny Johnson log of claims as follows:

"a two-year amnesty combined with 'chapter laws' to prevent banks and other financial institutions foreclosing on farms, businesses and homes.

"An immediate reduction in interest rates on existing and future borrowings to a more realistic level which we suggest should be a maximum of 5 percent.

"Re-regulation of the banking system and use of existing Reserve Bank powers to finance the rebuilding of our infrastructure and the productive sector with long-term, low-interest finance.

"The reintroduction of policies that will provide for the protection of Australia's wealth-producing industries.

"An immediate ban on the dumping of imports that takes away the jobs of Australians.

"Foreign Investment Review powers to stop unnecessary inflow of foreign capital and a program to be drawn up for the progressive liquidation of Australia's foreign debt.

"Adoption of standards and specifications in environmental policies that recognise the need for economic recovery in Australia and the property rights of Australians.

"Immediate re-introduction of the fuel equalisation scheme".

The implementation of any or part of this log of claims would require the Keating government to challenge the programme of internationalism to which it is firmly wedded. No realist can believe that this is likely to happen. This means that Danny Johnson and his colleagues are already locked into a programme, which will require their threatened blockade of Parliament to proceed. While such a blockade will certainly attract media attention, there are formidable organisational problems to be overcome if such a blockade is to be sustained for even a few days. If Danny Johnson and his colleagues are successful in obtaining the numbers they are talking about, their organisational problems will increase along with increasing numbers. Anyone with military experience is aware of the many problems, not the least of these being the provision of toilets, associated with estab-

lishing a camp for only 1000 men. And in the present political climate there is always the threat of violence.

## PRINCIPLES OF WAR

One of the basic principles of military warfare is to bring superior force to bear upon the point of impact. It is major folly to launch an assault on a firmly entrenched enemy with inferior forces. Instead of selecting the best possible ground on which to fight, Danny Johnson's forces are proposing to fight the enemy on his own grounds.

A conservative financial estimate of, say, 5000 going to Canberra, for a blockade exercise, would be \$100 per person, a total of \$500,000. Even if only 1000 go, the total cost would be \$100,000. If the money spent on a direct Canberra assault were spent in several carefully selected electorates with good Independent candidates, there would be a reasonable prospect of driving a wedge into the Canberra structure. Independent Ted Mack managed to drive the first wedge in at the last Federal elections. He did not achieve this result by attempting to organise mass rallies in Canberra.

The wise Chinese sage Confucious said that the longest journey must start with the first step. Australia is faced with a long, hard battle to survive. Every effort should be made to ensure that the feelings of concern across Australia are effectively mobilised so that constructive first steps are taken. Writing in his classic work, *The Passing of Parliament*, first published in 1952, Professor (later Judge) G.W. Keeton said "The history of modern political society is in large measure the history of the ordinary people, and the attempts of the ordinary citizen to exercise some influence upon government — and of his repeated failure to achieve that modest ambition. All governments control the governed."

## A QUESTION OF SANCTIONS

Assuming that some type of cohesive Australian national grassroots movement emerges, broadly supporting the demands being made by the Danny Johnson movement, the fundamental question has to be faced of what sanctions are available to electors to force Parliament to implement these demands. The major sanction is the right of electors to make it clear to their individual Federal member that they will vote him out of office unless he agrees to represent those demands. Irrespective of how many people blockade Parliament, there will be no major shift in present policies until enough *individual* Members of Parliament are convinced that they will be voted out of office if they do not work in Parliament to have their electors' demands implemented.

Over the years there have been many marches and rallies, both in the capital cities and at Canberra. Many will recall the massive farmers' rally to Canberra in an endeavour to force the Hawke government to make policy changes. Prominent in that rally was the then National Farmers' leader, Mr. Ian McLachlan, now a South Australian Liberal Member of Parliament. Recently we had a smaller number of farmers go to Canberra to support NFF leader Blight, who appeared to be overwhelmed by the fact that President George Bush actually met him. But while making the comment that he was "grieved" to learn about the plight of the Australian farmers, Bush made it clear in his address to the Federal Parliament that his first concern was the plight of Ameri-

can farmers, who might vote against George Bush and Republican candidates if they feel they are being neglected. The futility of Australian farmers protesting to the American President was demonstrated within days of Bush returning from his Far East tour: more heavily subsidised American wheat was exported.

#### **BLOCKADE INDIVIDUAL M.P.s.**

The most effective and relatively inexpensive form of blockade action would be to concentrate on the offices of individual Members of Parliament. Any Member of Parliament who had to face, day after day, a small group of electors making the type of demands to be submitted to Prime Minister Keating, would be forced to commit himself one way or the other. If existing Members will not yield to this type of pressure, then they must be replaced. Suitable alternative candidates must be found. And these candidates must be prepared to do an enormous amount of hard work among electors. There are no shortcuts and those who believe that a blockade of Canberra will produce an instant answer are misleading themselves and others.

We well understand the feeling of desperate frustration among large numbers of people, and their instinctive feeling that they should show their anger by some type of action. Our advice is that any political action should be based on reality, not wishful thinking. We can only wish Danny Johnson and his supporters well, trusting that they will learn from hard experience and improve their political tactics. Wars are lost when wrong tactics are used.

## **JAPAN BACKS PRESIDENT BUSH**

Like Prime Minister Paul Keating, President George Bush insists that he believes in the "international economy". His recent trip to Japan was primarily for domestic political reasons. He had to appear to be taking a stern stand against the Japanese, insisting that they take action to correct the big trade imbalance between America and Japan.

Just prior to President Bush's visit to Japan, *New York Times* correspondent Steven R. Weisman wrote that the "Japanese leaders.... hope to make the trip at least look like a success for an American President viewed as a friend." In the Weisman article, filed from Tokyo on January 1, Weisman made the following significant revelation: " 'Let's face it, Bush is better for us than any alternative we see right now', a Japanese official said. 'He's the key person standing against protectionism and isolationism in the United States.' "

Not without significance, Bush has appointed prominent Washington public relations figure James Lake to a senior position on his re-election committee. According to reports in the *Wall Street Journal* of January 14, Lake "has reaped six-figure fees representing the Japan Auto Parts Industry Association since 1987."

The Japanese key to maintaining their \$41 billion trade surplus with America is to call anyone running for the American Presidency who advocates fair trade a 'protectionist'. Quite sensibly the Japanese follow a 'Japan-first' policy.

Bush's main Republican opponent, Buchanan, is being smeared as a 'protectionist' and 'isolationist' because he is urging an 'America-first' policy.

The real government of Japan, the Big Banks and industrial giants are members of the Trilateral Commission, chaired by David Rockefeller. A major Trilateral objective is to internationalise the economies of the world.

## **HISTORIC MONETARY REPORT REPUBLISHED**

Under depression conditions similar to those currently afflicting Australia, the Tasmanian parliament set up a select committee on May 28th, 1934 to inquire into and report upon "Whether the people are being prevented by any removable banking or financial circumstances, factor law or condition from possessing, consuming, and/or utilising and enjoying the increase of wealth and/or the actual and potential increase of production over the last thirty years, and, if so, the cause and what remedial action should be taken. ..."

A wide variety of witnesses, including bankers, economists and accountants appeared before the committee. One prominent witness was well-known Melbourne manufacturer Mr. David Robertson. The select committee eventually reported that there was a major defect in the orthodox credit system, and made suggestions for its remedy. The chairman of the select committee was the Rev. G.S. Carruthers. The committee's report along with minutes of the proceedings is a document not only of great historical significance, but relevant to the current depression.

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## **CANADIAN JOURNALIST TO VISIT**

Once again the Australian League of Rights will be hosting an outstanding international speaker for the League's National Weekend early in October. Brilliant Canadian journalist, writer and speaker, Doug Collins, has agreed to make a short visit, his first to Australia. Doug Collins has had a long and colourful career, starting as a British soldier captured by the Germans during World War 2. His German minders found the young Doug Collins a difficult man to keep in confinement.

A journalist by training, Doug Collins migrated to Canada where he was soon making his mark as a senior and controversial journalist. Worried about the impact of multiculturalism in Canada, he wrote a best seller, *The Destruction of English Canada*. He agreed to appear as a witness in the series of Canadian trials conducted by Mr. Doug Christie, challenging the Zionist threat to free speech. Doug Collins is an outstanding authority on the subject of multiculturalism, with particular reference to its effect on Canada, held up by multiculturalists in Australia as a great success story. A powerful speaker, Doug Collins is a man with a plain, blunt style. With immigration and multiculturalism becoming a major issue before the next Federal Elections, the Doug Collins visit will be most timely. He will be the guest of honour at "The New Times" Annual Dinner on Friday, October 2, and will present a Paper at the League's Annual National Seminar on Saturday, October 3.

As usual, forward planning for the Melbourne national weekend is essential, and an early indication of those wishing to come would be appreciated. The League continues to move forward.

# The Gambler

Bernard Smith, in "A Half-Open Eye"

The following article by Bishop Robert Crawley appeared in *"The Rock"*, Canada, on December 15, 1991. *"The Rock"*, edited by Bishop Crawley, describes itself as "a journal for Anglican traditionalists."

***I have long been a fan of Bernard Smith's work. He writes with a bite, so I am delighted he has decided to publish once again his small, Gestetnered letter "written and printed at irregular intervals" from 30 Clifton Road, Worthing, Sussex, England, BN11 4DP.... Editor***

A gambler has a hunch and plays for high stakes. The other players think him desperately foolish: why risk all he has won on a single spin of the wheel? The gambler is silent. He is silent not from choice but from necessity. He knows but he cannot explain *what* he knows. He cannot account for the source of his knowledge. He cannot explain what it is that gives him, on this one point, such absolute, unwavering confidence in himself. He is beyond ordinary human calculation of loss or gain. He knows with a knowledge that is not of this world. For once in his life, and perhaps for once only, he is caught up in that tremendous mystery that shrouds our beginnings and our ends and he gives himself wholly to it. He is a man "upon whom the ends of the world are come."

Such a man was William Douglas Home who, in the summer of 1944, was commanding a tank squadron in Normandy. Poised for an attack on the city of Le Havre, he learned that the German General had humanely proposed to evacuate all French civilians before the battle started: The allies rejected the proposal. In his autobiography, "Half-Term Report" (1956), Home writes:

***"There were three clear days before the battle...there was no gunfire. There was nothing to prevent the whole civilian population of Le Havre from walking quietly out of town and through the Allied lines to safety.***

*Nothing, that is to say except our own refusal to allow the exodus. The excuse was that we could not negotiate such a maneuver in the middle of an action. Yet, when action had not yet begun, that excuse was based on sand. And even when the German commander made a further request to move all the civilians into a specified quarter of the town to escape the bombing, this was refused as well. I thought of all the occasions on which we had criticized the Germans for waging total war, and I decided that now they had an excellent reason for criticizing us.*

*"I found myself thinking, too, of the pious suggestions of our leaders that those officers and men in the German Army who objected to their orders, should disobey those orders. And I found myself wondering what those leaders would say if one of their own officers in their own army were to act according to the principles they advocated for their enemies. And once again I knew, as I had known at other times since 1939, that I must voice my protest or curse myself for evermore.*

*"I remember wishing that somebody else - the padre for choice - would protest against the incident. If that happened, I believe I would have carried on. But no one did, and in my heart, I knew that no one would, with one exception, which was me."*

The following morning Home drove to RHQ and told the Colonel he was refusing orders. He was court-martialed, sentenced to a year's hard labour and cashiered. He served his sentence in Wormwood Scrubs where he was visited by his brother, Alec, later to become a Conservative Prime Minister.

And Le Havre? It was bombarded on September 8th and more than 3000 French civilians died. Not a single German soldier was killed.

Home's book leaves me puzzled; what was it that made an old Etonian, Oxford graduate and member of the Travellers' Club, behave in a way that was contrary to his upbringing & the traditions of his class? Home's explanation is a political one: he thought a negotiated peace could have been secured if Churchill had not been so fond of war. He was shocked

by Churchill's suppression of Hess's peace flight and by the "unconditional surrender" policy of the Allies. He was shocked again by Churchill's readiness to join forces with Soviet Russia so soon after condemning Russia for its attack on Finland. Wasn't Stalin every bit as bad as Hitler?

This is a mixture of political and moral dissent: is it enough to account for Home's extraordinary behaviour? I think not, though I have nothing much to offer in its stead. It seems that Home had no religious convictions: I wish he had - belief in God makes it easier to explain moral heroism. It was because the prophets of Israel believed so passionately in God that they demanded right conduct from their fellows. They didn't have "moral values" and ethical codes". What they did have was an experience of the righteousness of God: morality was obedience to the will of God.

We don't believe that any more: even Christians seem to think that morality is a social artifact, a man-made construct. I use the accepted jargon. According to this view the function of morality is to serve the interests of "the community" and when it no longer does so we can adjust it until it does. We can see this happening before our eyes with sexual morality. The idea that morality can be manipulated in this way for civil society is a fairly new one; in time of war it has a long and dishonourable history. Whatever serves the nation's interest is sanctified by calling it patriotism. Thus even a criminal act like refusing the evacuation of Le Havre is given a false appearance of morality by the authorities who judge Home guilty.

On the theory that morality is just a useful tool for easing man's social relationships, it's difficult to see why anyone should do what Home did. You would certainly not sacrifice your career, risk estranging your friends & family and get yourself a prison record. . unless you had a talent for self-punishment. A merely social theory of morality- and there may be only one in a lifetime - when we feel called upon, by decisive moral action, to save our life by losing it. In that moment we are disclosing something of the meaning of the universe, something of that deep accord that exists between ourselves and the cosmos. The origins of morality lie in religion & the two cannot be separated. In any moral act, costing not less than everything, we discover this deep accord with the universe, or, if you prefer it, the will of God. Not the isolation that we feared but a deep communion. C.S. Lewis writes of "the doctrine of objective moral value, the belief that certain attitudes are really true, and others really false, to the kind of thing the universe is and the kind of things we are." (The Abolition of Man).

I wasn't sure when I began this piece, if I could justify my rather dangerous comparison of the gambler with the moral hero: they both stand on the edge of nothing and everything, they both stand to gain all and to lose all, & because they expose themselves fearlessly to those risks (and how careful we are to ensure ourselves against risk!), they are able to reach across the void and touch that tremendous mystery that shrouds our beginnings and our ends.

EPILOGUE: earlier this year William Douglas Home, who is now 78, petitioned the Ministry of Defence for a review of the court martial that sentenced him in 1944, His petition has been rejected. He reopened his case amid controversy surrounding Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Austrian President. "I got tired of all the talk that he should have disobeyed orders," said Mr. Home.

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