

# THE NEW TIMES

*"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" - John 8:31.*

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## THE "ANTI-SEMITIC" SMEAR AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

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**The Sunday-Herald-Sun of April 7 carried the headline, ANTI-SEMITISM STILL A STAIN ON EASTER. The article, which follows, is typical of an increasing flood of articles which seek to prove that Christianity is responsible for what is termed "anti-Semitism", with "The Holocaust" being directly and indirectly the responsibility of Christianity. It is alleged that certain parts of "The New Testament" have been used to justify Christianity's dislike of those people known as Jews. Basic truths have been obscured by a growing number of Christian leaders contending that it is the Christians who must repent for "anti-Semitism". In March of last year the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Bernadin, caused a sensation when he visited Israel and called for the Roman Catholic Church to publicly repent for its complicity in fostering "hatred, oppression and genocide against the Jewish people."**

One American Roman Catholic critic of Cardinal Bernadin has observed that if the New Testament is the basic cause of "anti-Semitism", then this suggests that Christ was "anti-Semitic", an obvious absurdity. Christ was a Judean and, therefore, in an earthly sense, of Semitic background. As documented by a number of outstanding scholars, including Arthur Koestler in *The Thirteenth Tribe*, the overwhelming majority of people who today are described as Jews, are not of Semitic background. Christ's clash was with his fellow Judeans dominated by the Pharisees. The basic cleavage was philosophical, as a number of eminent authorities like Dr. Oscar Levy have pointed out. Levy has vividly described "two thousand years of madness" based on the Chosen Race doctrine.

The term "Jew" was unknown at the time of Christ and is a corruption of the term "Judean". Judaism is an extension of Pharisaeism. The violent treatment of any person supporting Judaism and converting to Christianity is illuminating. Take the case of Cardinal Jean-Marie Lastiger of Paris, born of socialist Jewish parents, who converted to Christianity. The Cardinal's mother died at Auschwitz. He arrived in Tel Aviv in April 1995, to deliver a University address on the Holocaust from a Christian viewpoint. He was snubbed by the Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and other Rabbis. Rabbi Lau has been quoted as saying; "We are talking about someone who has betrayed his people and his faith during the most difficult and darkest periods of 1940. If we take Lastiger as a model, not one Jew will be left in the world."

Israel's largest daily newspaper, *Yediot Abronot*, strongly supported the Chief Rabbi's attack, and repeated the Zionist-Jewish claim that the Roman Catholic Church had been silent while the Holocaust had been taking place. Israel's Minister for Education, Amnon Rubenstein, joined in the vicious anti-Roman Catholic assault, stating: "We don't forget (the

Vatican's) thundering silence in the dark days of the

### OUR POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holocaust." The attack on the Roman Catholic Church in particular, and Christianity generally, reflects the official Jewish hatred of Christianity. Now elevated into a religious faith, the Holocaust is used to try to silence any examination of Zionist-Jewish activities. No one denies that Nazi Germany's harsh treatment of the Jews stemmed in part from the view that all Jews were suspect because of the official Jewish declaration of war on Germany. Both in the USA and Canada large numbers of people of Japanese background were removed from their homes and placed in the equivalent of concentration camps. This was extremely unjust, but understandable at the time.

### WHY POPE PIUS WAS ATTACKED.

The only reason that Pope Pius did not condemn the Holocaust was that he could not condemn something of which he had no evidence. Poland is a predominantly Roman Catholic nation and it is inconceivable that if anything even remotely resembling the mass gassing of Jews and other peoples was taking place in Poland, that through the confessional hundreds of Roman Catholic priests would not have heard about it. There is not even the hint of any Holocaust in the statements or writings of the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, who had access to an intelligence service, which provided a comprehensive picture of what was taking place in all areas controlled by the Germans. Do not the promoters of Holocaustmania find it strange that the British Prime Minister was unaware that the greatest mass killing in history was tak-

ing place? As yet there have been no charges that Churchill deliberately suppressed news about a holocaust. The reason why Churchill has not been blamed for a "thundering silence" along with Pope Pius is because he did not represent a Christianity, which Jewish leaders have detested.

Conveniently overlooked by the Judaic enemies of Christianity and what it stands for, is the fact that the Vatican and other Christian leaders did their best to minimise the suffering of many Jews during the Second World War. The chief Rabbi of Rome converted to Christianity at the end of the Second World War as a result of the actions of Pope Pius and other Roman Catholic leaders. But, according to Rabbi Lau of Israel, they are also "traitors".

### A CALL FOR CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

This writer has on several occasions expressed the view that the very future of Christianity depends upon the shepherds of their Christian flocks ceasing to retreat in the face of growing attacks from the Anti-Christ in the shape of the modern spiritual Pharisees. A misreading of the famous advice about turning the other cheek has resulted in Christian leaders leaving their flocks unprotected against those who have made it clear that they intend to destroy them. The "anti-Semitic" smear should be exposed for what it is: a diabolical form of psycho-political warfare. The first principle of all warfare is to know your enemy, to understand him, and his tactics. What is required are some robust Christian soldiers.

## BEHIND THE "MAD COW DISEASE

C.H. Douglas was one of the first to draw attention to the long-term dangers associated with factory farming. Over many years outstanding farming authorities have drawn attention to how the growing use of chemical farming, primarily driven by financial considerations, must lead to growing disease problems with both crops and animals fed on those crops. There is a growing realisation that much human disease is the result of mineral and other deficiencies in modern food supplies. Hopefully the disaster with British beef herds will lead to a reappraisal of farming methods which are designed to meet financial requirements. A start could be made by introducing modern agricultural scientists to the works of those giants of the organic movement like Sir Albert Howard. It would be instructive to learn how many modern agricultural advisers have read Howard's great classic, *Agricultural Testament*.

### "A Generation of Mental Slatterns"

*"The education we have so far succeeded in giving to the bulk of our citizens has produced a generation of mental slatterns . . . a great part of the nation subsists in an ignorance more barbarous than that of the dark ages, owing to the slatternly habit of illiterate readings. Words are understood in a wholly mistaken sense, statements of fact and opinion are misread and distorted in repetition."*

- Dorothy Sayers in preface to  
*THE MIND OF THE MAKER*

## "A NEW BEGINNING"

A bumper issue of *Heritage*, the quarterly magazine of the Heritage Society, carries a striking photo of Graeme Campbell, Independent M.P., and the text of his great Australia Day address, appropriately entitled, "A New Beginning". Eric Butler writes on "The League of Rights Commemorates Fifty Years of Service to the Truth". "A Glimpse At the Memoirs of Eric D. Butler" contains some fascinating and previously unpublished material. There is a unique photo of Eric Butler meeting with one of Stalin's secretaries, Boris Baganov, at the Washington Anti-Communist Conference. Also a famous photo of the presentation of a load of petrol to Lord Graham, Defence Minister in the Ian Smith Rhodesian Government. It was this act, which caused Labor leader Gough Whitlam to call for Eric Butler to be stripped of his Australian passport. And much more. Neil McDonald writes about the unique chapel built in Scotland's Orkney Isles by Italian prisoners of war. Accompanied by excellent photographs. The amazing story of Cecilia McNally, and how the famous Brisbane Spring Hill Fair developed.

This enlarged issue of *Heritage* will become a collector's piece. \$10 posted from all League addresses.

## POPE CALLS FOR DEBT CANCELLATION

In the Memorial Service remembering Mr. Jim Marsh, Edward Rock suggested in saying the Lord's Prayer, the traditional words, "Forgive us our debts" should be used. Pope John Paul has joined a number of prominent people who have drawn attention to the debt problem and the necessity to move towards ending the problem.

Last year, in its issue of June 24, the Toronto, Canada, Roman Catholic Weekly, *The Catholic Register*, reported that Pope John Paul II had suggested that debt cancellation be seriously considered as a way to usher in an era of economic fairness at the start of the third millennium. The report states, "Vatican officials challenge the assumption that debt forgiveness would simply be a gesture of charity toward poorer nations. We have to ask ourselves whether debt cancellation would be an act of mercy or a right." Monsignor Diarmuid Martin, undersecretary of the Pontifical Justice and Peace Council, told a group of economic and legal experts meeting in Rome in late May:

*"According to figures provided at the Rome conference, for example, during the period 1980 - 1990, Latin Americans paid \$418 billion in interest on original loans of \$80 billion. Because of factors such as currency exchange fluctuations, the interest rate has jumped from an original six per cent to more than 30 per cent in many cases. As things stand, in order to finance debt repayment, many Third World countries are still being forced to adopt economic adjustment programmes that cut deeply into social services and domestic spending."*

It is now surprising that seventy-five Latin American Roman Catholic Bishops have called for Roman Catholics, both clergy and laity, to organise to change International Monetary Fund policies. This call was issued in early May of last year.

We suggest that any of our readers who belong to the Roman Catholic Communion should take this matter up with their clergy. The defence of Christian Civilisation is impossible until the tyranny of financial debt has been challenged and broken.

## RACE REALITIES

Not surprisingly, the Australian Howard government has quickly distanced itself from the comments of former Governor-General Bill Hayden on the practice of "racism" in Asia. Mr. Hayden was not only Governor-General for a long period, but had also been Australia's Foreign Minister. Australians have been taunted for many years with the allegation that they are regarded as "racists" throughout Asia, still with a lingering desire to re-implement the "White Australia" policy. The traditional Australian immigration policy was not designed to completely exclude non-Europeans, but to preserve a basically homogenous society in which social friction was avoided. This was possible so long as the non-European element in society was relatively small.

Mr. Hayden's "crime" is that he has observed that Australia is a most tolerant nation compared with Asian nations. He has described the Chinese as "racial supremacists" and the Japanese as "racial exclusivists." Few Australians are concerned about what Asians may think about them. It was left to Mr. Victor Renikoff, Chairman of the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia to express his opinion on Mr. Hayden's comments. Mr. Renikoff condescendingly said that Mr. Hayden "had the right to free speech", "but his comments had been ill judged." The reality is that the overwhelming majority of Australians approve of what their former Governor General has had to say about the question of race in Asia. Anyone with the slightest knowledge about Asia knows that the Chinese are contemptuous of the Japanese, regarding them as barbarians compared with the civilised Chinese.

Australia would be well advised to steer clear of the conflicts and tensions mounting in Asia, primarily as a result of the worship of growth and economic expansion. And Australians should note that most of their Asian neighbours are governed by military dictatorships or by a single party authoritarian regime.

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## MODERN BANKING

*"Like other modern institutions, banking only became really important during the last hundred years or so; quite recently, in the last fifty years • it has become of such extreme importance by the mastery it has got over the whole commonwealth that everybody ought to try to understand its character."*

Hilaire Belloc.

## VALE HARRY (JIM) MARSH

A large number of friends and colleagues attended a Memorial Service for Jim Marsh at "Runnymede", on Sunday, March 31st. The service was conducted by Mr. Edward Rock, chairman of *The Christian Alternative Movement*. In his eulogy, Eric Butler described Jim Marsh as a "fisher of men", who over the years had brought to many a grasp of the truth of Social Credit.

The first reading at the Memorial Service was from St. Luke, concluding with the famous words, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The second reading was from the writings of C.H. Douglas concerning Christianity.

A full report of the Jim Marsh Memorial Service will appear in *Heritage*, and include extracts from the many messages received.

Eric Butler recalled how, at Jim Marsh's sixty-fifth birthday celebrations, after receiving some appropriate gifts from his many friends, he had thanked those present for the gifts, and went on to say that "We are engaged in a battle for the very soul of our Christian Civilisation. I want to continue in that battle as long as I can" Jim Marsh continued to serve as a Christian soldier for another seven years, in spite of failing health. He will long be remembered as one of the great stalwarts of the Social Credit cause.

# TOWARDS FASCISM IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA

Shortly after he concluded his term as Governor of South Australia, Sir Marcus Oliphant gave an address which should be included in an updated version of a textbook on Civics which used to be studied in Victorian schools. Sir Marcus said that genuine democracy was dead in Australia, and had been replaced with a system of elected dictatorship; the only say the electors had was to have a vote every few years concerning who was to manage them for the next few years.

Before Victorian premier, Jeff Kennett, went into politics, he was engaged in what today is euphemistically known as the "advertising industry". Much of today's advertising is devoted to attempting to persuade people to buy what they may not want. Not surprisingly therefore, the man who said the State government in Victoria would run its full term, seized upon what he felt was the most opportune time to hold a snap election. There had been a change of government at Canberra primarily because the electors were determined to vote the arrogant Paul Keating out, not because they had any confidence in Liberal leader John Howard. There was the hype of the Grand Prix, followed by Melbourne's annual football season. Sport has its proper place in a healthy society, but this has degenerated into contests between highly paid gladiators performing in front of television screens.

With the aid of his Big Business friends, Jeff Kennett was able to saturate the electorates and the print media with a massive brainwashing campaign with a major negative theme: *don't forget the "guilty men" who plunged Victoria into the desperate financial state from which Jeff Kennett and his colleagues have allegedly saved them.* It has been estimated that the Liberal party spent ten times more on advertising than did the Victorian Labor party. Not surprisingly, Kennett held on to office with a big majority of seats. But an examination of voting trends is revealing. Before the election Kennett warned his supporters that there could be a backlash against the government, pointing out that it would only take 20,000 electors to change their votes in a selected number of electorates for John Brumby to become premier. Which raises some basic questions concerning what might be described as "statistical democracy". If the 20,000 had voted in such a way as to bring Brumby to office, this would, of course, be hailed as Brumby having a mandate to govern as he saw fit. But as the 20,000 did not vote as Jeff Kennett suggested they might, he claimed that he had received an "overwhelming mandate" to continue with his "reform" programme, while his "vision for the future" had been endorsed.

## WHAT VISION?

What is Jeff Kennett's vision? It is very similar to that outlined by Benito Mussolini and his fellow Fascists; namely, that Italy should be "managed" through the corporate State. Jeff Kennett and his corporate friends are strong on the necessity for firm management, and very weak on representative government with checks and balances. A major feature of the Kennett revolution was the abolition of genuine Local Government and the imposition of compulsory amalgamations, this in the sacred name of "greater efficiency". Brumby was unable to point out that Kennett had a credibility problem, having boldly stated when leader of the Opposition that there would be no forced amalgamations under a Kennett

government. Brumby was unable to make what could have been a telling point as it was the "guilty" Labor government, which had initiated the amalgamation programme!

However, where the amalgamation question had been a vital concern, along with the effects of the reduction in services resulting from the Kennett government's "efficiency" programme, mainly in the rural areas, there was a massive electoral backlash against the Kennett "vision". The most spectacular manifestation of the backlash was in Mildura, held by Jeff Kennett's personal friend, Bilstein, a man listed by the Liberal Party hierarchy as a future Cabinet minister. Bilstein was deposed by an Independent who had campaigned consistently against compulsory Council amalgamations and the loss of train and other services in rural Victoria. A major Victorian regional area firmly rejected Jeff Kennett's version of the Fascist State.

The rural backlash extended right across Victoria, the National Party being the major victim of the backlash. Massive swings against National Party leader McNamara and senior Cabinet Minister McGrath, left no doubt about deep community concerns. If the Independents had started campaigning earlier, there is little doubt that a few more Independents would have been elected. The National Party, now in its death throes, is paying the price of sinking its identity in a Coalition where the dominant Liberal party treats the Nationals with contempt. It is no secret that the Big Business interests behind the Liberal party would welcome the complete demise of the National Party. As in most parts of Australia, the electors of rural and regional areas are progressively being deprived of effective representation.

A more realistic assessment of the Victorian political situation is obtained when the question is asked, for example, what would be the position in the Legislative Council, where, unfortunately, the Kennett government has increased its majority, if the Council were elected by proportional representation, as takes place with the election of the Senate? The result of the recent Victorian elections would have been 10 Liberals, instead of 14, 2 Nationals instead of 3, 9 Labor instead of 5, and one Democrat instead of none. Clearly some reform of the Legislative Council is essential to ensure that it is a genuine House of Review.

An analysis of voting in Metropolitan Melbourne reveals a similar type of backlash to that which has taken place in the rural areas. Some of the biggest swings against the Liberals were in the older Eastern suburbs, where the older traditional Liberal party supporters live. Middle class professional Liberals voted against Kennett, whose style they find repugnant. But these swings were in electorates where the Liberals could afford losses without losing seats. The middle class revolt cost the Liberals only one seat, that of Ivanhoe, held by former Kennett Minister for Small Business Heffernan.

The backlash against Kennett's managerial revolution, in both rural Victoria and the conservative middle class in Melbourne, will continue to grow as the overall political and economic situation deteriorates. The future of Australia depends upon the emergence of a new political movement rooted in support of traditional values.

## A READER'S VIEW; 'BE NOT DECEIVED'

A South African reader with a good reference system writes:

It surprises me that some associated conservative journals should give fairly frequent coverage to whole slabs of the *Aida Parker Newsletter* without comment or analysis.

With her chatty writing style and quite astonishing familiarity with people and places, Miss Parker's newsletter supplies endless fulminations - always well-written, as one would expect of a professional journalist - about the on-going "barbarities of Blacks" etc. etc.. But all down the years the APN has been trumpeting the utterances of communist/Marxist puppets while always prudently avoiding any analysis or interpretation of what really lies behind communist activity in Africa (and elsewhere).

I think many of your readers will find the following extracts from an article by Ivor Benson in *Behind the News* of January 1970 to be of interest and relevance. Yes, it was written 25 years ago - but, as the saying goes, the more things change the more they stay the same!

### TECHNIQUES OF 'SMEAR'

\* Confusion exists in the public mind as to the exact meaning of a word that has become part of the artillery of modern political warfare - "smear".

Journalists, for whom "smearing" is the only weapon that can be used against an opponent they dare not engage in honest debate, are equally skilful in using the word itself as a weapon of defence. Hence, any criticism of a leftist politician is automatically condemned as a "smear" requiring no rebuttal or reply, while the leftists continue to plaster their opponents and critics.

It is most important, therefore, that readers should understand precisely what the word means.

"Smear" has been correctly defined as "denigration by invidious association". What this means is that previous propaganda having established in the public mind that X is thoroughly bad, it is then possible to bring A, B or C into disrepute by linking them in the public mind with the feared and hated X. Opponents are thus "smeared" with the grime from some public image which has already been sufficiently blackened.

A classic example of "smear" was provided in two successive issues of *Personality*, a South African family magazine with a national circulation, published by the powerful Argus group - we refer to articles which appeared in the issues of December 4 and 18 (1969) signed by *Aida Parker*, and profusely illustrated.

The December 4 article is publicised on the magazine's front cover with these words in massive solid black type: EXPOSED: SOUTH AFRICA'S NAZI MOVEMENT. The article itself is introduced with a double-page spread, much of the large print being in white against a background of solid black. The first page is dominated by a photographic montage shaped like a massive swastika with pictures of Germany's wartime leaders and of multitudes with arms upraised in the Nazi salute.

No time is lost in introducing the victims to be smeared . . .

"It would be unjust," says *Aida Parker* sanctimoniously, "to describe Dr. Albert Hertzog and his first lieutenant Mr. Jaap Marais as neo-Nazis. But their current noisy activities, their enmity towards the government and their racial extremism has unleashed many other forces on the South African political scene. Most dangerous of all is the sudden interest international Nazism is now taking in this country . . ."

Needless to say, this article by *Aida Parker* does not contain one sentence warning about a Communist conspiracy which has, ever since the Bolshevik Revolution in 1918, consistently extended its grip until now it holds in vile

subjection more than one-third of the population of the world.

Having induced a sufficient degree of fear and abhorrence with pictures and references to Nazi Germany, Miss Parker parades a succession of (then recent) overseas visitors, groups and individuals, who are variously accused of being "neo-Nazi"; ultra-rightwing; anti-Semitic; identifiably Fascist; notorious; highly controversial", etc. etc.

How odd, though, that *Aida Parker* should have chosen, as the target of the most damaging abuse. *Eric Butler*, National Director of the Australian League of Rights and a frequent visitor to South Africa, Canada and the United States, where he has always been much in demand as a lecturer. For, *Eric Butler* is a recognised authority on Communism, and has often been invited by the South African Security and armed forces to deliver lectures to officers and staff on the subject of Communism.

The article describes him as "*Eric Butler, Australia's Number One Jew-baiter*."! (sic)

\* (Extracts, *Behind the News*, January 1970).

### 'BLIND GUIDE'

Perhaps not so odd - for all down the years *Aida Parker* has managed in her writing to reconcile her journalistic conservative reputation with a pro-Zionist/Jewish interpretation of contemporary history - one which makes Israel and the Jews always "right" and anyone who offers opposition to Zionist manipulations as being always "wrong".

Miss Parker has consistently presented the Israeli state in a favourable light, variously as "a small beleaguered nation", a "bastion of the West", having "much in common with South Africa" - and she has described the Israelis as "the world's top experts in combating terrorism. . . now ready to share their wisdom with other threatened nations."

Right! They certainly "shared their wisdom" in the well-trained person of Joe Slovo, Zionism's man in South Africa from the start. \*

Books by Jewish scholars like Nathaniel Weil, *Traitor's End*, and Gideon Shimoni, *Jews and Zionism: the South African Experience*, clearly reveal that communism was and is an instrument of Zionist-Jewish revolutionary nationalism, and that the powerful communist movement in South Africa was from its inception actively represented by Jews out of all proportion to their numbers in the country; B.A. Kosmin's book, *Majuta: A History of the Jewish Community in Zimbabwe*, shows that a similar pattern applied in Rhodesia.

Of this we may be sure: The overthrow of white Christian rule in both countries and the present state of "barbarities"

under Black puppet regimes are fully in line with the long-term plan for a "New World Order".

Thus the overall effect of the APN is to mislead readers from discovering *the simple truth they need to know*: which is that the worldwide revolutionary movement which brought about the fall of white Christian South Africa was from the start conducted simultaneously from the heights of international finance-capitalism and the depths of underground terrorism.

Or, as Nahum Goldman (one-time president of both the

World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organisation) has put it in his delightfully frank book, *The Jewish Paradox*: "*The fact is that Jews are revolutionaries for other people but not for themselves.*"

The distress of South Africa remains as a valid lesson for Australia, and/or *all nations*.

\* The ancient and continuous patterns of terrorism are traced in Douglas Reed's monumental history, *The Controversy of Zion*.

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## STUDENTS AND A REPUBLIC

A recent press report states "*The next generation of voters favours a republic to replace the constitutional monarchy, a national convention of students has found.*"

According to the Professor Cheryl Saunders, one of those who chaired the inaugural National Schools Convention, two thirds of those attending favoured the establishment of a Republic. Professor Saunders said, "*These young people are tomorrow's voters and decision makers. It is inspiring to see and hear the level of interest young Australians have in constitutional issues.*"

It would be instructive to have a close examination of what real knowledge these young Australians have of constitutionalism. We have yet to hear a reasonable argument in having a head of State selected other than by the heredity principle. The hypocrisy and double standards of many opposing a Constitutional Monarchy are often breathtaking. We are told by those who believe everything they read in the popular press that, for example, Prince Charles is not fit to be King because he committed adultery. Any suggestion that if all adulterers were excluded from office, this would mean that a number of politicians, judges and others would have to be regarded as unacceptable would be met with the indignant comment, "But you cannot judge people on their private lives." The Founder of Christianity did not condone adultery, but neither did He list it as a major sin.

All informed members of the Roman Catholic Communion are aware that some of the early Popes lived debauched types of lives. What is known as the Reformation was the result, at least in part, of corruption within the Church. But there have been outstanding Popes of great spiritual capacity. No institution is thrown over because of human weaknesses. Ever since there have been police forces, there have been corrupt

police. Does this mean that police forces as institutions should be abolished? There are people who support this concept -until they have been mugged or robbed!

The concept of kingship is as old as man. It has developed in a special way in the United Kingdom into Constitutional Monarchy. As a human institution it has its defects. But where is the evidence that an elected President of a Republic, however elected, is preferable to an hereditary Monarch, brought up to believe that he or she has special responsibilities? It is easy to criticise the House of Windsor and argue that even the Queen, generally respected as she is, has been a disappointment to many on some issues. She has accepted bad advice on some major issues. But Prince Charles has already indicated that he does not readily accept what passes for conventional orthodoxy in some areas. The Mad Cow tragedy tends to confirm his well-known opposition to factory farming. And there is his stated opposition to the extremes of bureaucratic internationalism.

Princess Diana's view that Prince Charles is not fit to be King does not reflect a judgment by a matured political observer. It would be instructive to know how much Diana's views are those of the Jewish guru advising her, and those of her Jewish legal advisers. The major argument in favour of the retention of the present system of Constitutional Monarchy is that its enemies reflect the views of those subversive forces which have always seen the British concept of Monarchy as a major obstacle to their declared programme to undermine Western Christendom.

Serious discussion concerning the future, or desirability of Constitutional Monarchy, will not be assisted by canvassing the views of immature students brainwashed by a predominantly secular system of what passes for education.

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## "AN EMPIRE OF THEIR OWN" *How the Jews Invented Hollywood* by Neil Gabler

Neil Gabler is only one of a number of Jewish observers who have been critical - of the overt Jewish influence on American "culture" through the moving picture industry. Gabler's massive detail confirms Alan Dershowitz's comment when in Australia last year that "*the Jews control Hollywood and the New York Times.. .*" Gabler deals with this sensitive issue with a disarming frankness that could perhaps only be achieved by a

Jewish critic. Anyone else making similar observations about an industry with such far-reaching influences on the United States and, indeed, the entire world, would be immediately accused of "anti-Semitism". This is an important book for those who wish to understand the influences that play such a critical part in shaping our thinking, lifestyle, politics, art and culture.

\$26 from all League Book Services, or \$29 posted.

# LOCAL CURRENCIES PROLIFERATE.

The E.F. Schumacher Society, centred in the U.S. State of Massachusetts, has a strong interest in promoting small, self-sustaining local communities, based on the principles outlined in the outstanding best-seller, *"Small Is Beautiful: Economics As If People Mattered"*. The late Dr Schumacher, who developed his ideas at the coalface, as it were, provided the 'genre' for the Society. As an outstanding engineer he saw the total impracticability of centralised bureaucracies, and the consequent disempowerment of individuals who had much to offer if able to do so.

Once started in the direction of decentralisation, the path maps its own course, leading logically to small organic enterprises, communities where people know and trust each other, and the possibility of unregulated initiative.

Sooner or later such an approach must run into the issue of money; and the E.F. Schumacher Society has accumulated some interesting examples of "local money initiatives", which it passes to different communities through its newsletter. The Society is holding its "First Annual Decentralist Conference" at the end of June this year.

## YANKEE INGENUITY

One of its first examples occurred in 1990, reported in the *International Herald Tribune* on May 21, 1991:

"When the lease for his popular restaurant expired last year, Frank Tortoriello asked the nearest bank to lend him enough money to move across Maine Street.

He was told to forget it. Dejected, but not alarmed, he turned to other banks in this close-knit Berkshire community. Same story.

People agreed it was a shame, but in the midst of the depression sweeping the hills of western Massachusetts, few lenders could afford to be generous. So Mr. Tortoriello decided that, if banks would not give him the money he needed, he would print his own.

## "DELI DOLLARS"

Almost overnight, the Berkshire Hills had a new currency named after his restaurant, *Deli Dollars*, which Mr. Tortoriello sold to his customers to raise enough cash to renovate his new location. Each note sold for \$9 and could buy \$10 worth of food, as long as customers waited at least six months to redeem it. The notes were essentially a short-term loan to the seller.

"I put 500 notes on sale and they went in a flash," Mr. Tortoriello said in his new establishment, still amazed at how well it worked. *"Deli Dollars* turned up all over town. It was astonishing."

What at first seemed a novelty quickly flowered into a community movement. Born of a strange blend of financial desperation, civic activism and Yankee ingenuity, a flood of alternative currency was unleashed throughout the Berkshires by businesses in need of loans. With the vacation industry moribund and bankers treating the region as if it were the Bermuda Triangle, many enterprises had nowhere else to turn...."

The article pointed out that the idea came to life in the middle of a recession, which had caused record bankruptcies. In 1990 more than 10,000 businesses failed, double the number for 1989. In the first three months of 1991, 3,400 businesses

had filed for bankruptcy.

Following the *Deli Dollar* example, farmers began issuing their own Berkshire Farm notes. They featured a cabbage in place of George Washington, with the slogan *"In Farms We Trust."*

## "ITHACA HOURS"

Spurred by this initiative, a similar scheme was launched in New York. *The Berkshire Eagle*, (May 23, 1994) in an article by Donna Meadows in Plainfield, New Hampshire, said:

"I just got a thick envelope in the mail, and when I opened it, money fell out. Four bills, to be exact, along with four newsletters. The bills are denominated in *'Ithaca Hours'*. On one side they say "IN ITHACA WE TRUST." The other side reads, "This Note entitles the bearer to receive one (two, one-half, or whatever) hour labour or its negotiated value in goods or services."

The newsletter, which comes out six times a year, contains listings of 1,200 individuals and businesses in Ithaca, New York, that will accept *Ithaca Hours* (called *Hours* in Ithaca and henceforth here). Here are just some of the things you can buy with Hours: bookkeeping, bowling, bricklaying, building materials, bushhogging, business consulting, cake decorating, calligraphy lessons, camera repair, candles, canoes, carpentry, childcare, - and that's just a few of the Bs and Cs.

Many Ithaca restaurants accept Hours. So do movie theatres, locally owned grocery stores and farmers' markets. Four lawyers take payments in *Hours*, nine electricians, five roofers, three tax preparers and quite a few landlords. An electronics store has computers in the window priced at 50, 68 and 90 *Hours*...."

The article described an ever-expanding variety of goods and services available. Over \$46,000 worth of *Hours* is circulating through Ithaca, contributing to what the system's founder, Paul Glover, calls the Grassroots National Product. It now sells a Hometown Money Starter Kit for 2½ Hours or \$25 (presumably U.S.) Address: Ithaca Money, Box 6578, Ithaca, N.Y. 14851.

Here in Australia, the L.E.T.S system has continued to expand under the watchful eye of the Government and the Tax Department. So far there appears to have been a cautious 'blind-eye' - provided required taxes on transactions are recorded and paid in Australian dollars.

## NORTH QUEENSLAND COUNCIL INITIATIVE

The Greenvale Council in North Queensland, apparently spurred by a dwindling population and a business community suffering from the growing tendency of locals to shop in bigger centres away from the area, has come up with an innovative idea. It has issued its own Greenvale currency in \$2 denominations, which people can buy for \$2 Australian. But the Greenvale dollar gains a 20% discount on goods bought locally. Some may claim that this is, in reality, merely a 20% discount offered by local retailers. But if they can expand their turnover, and gain the opportunity of paying their rates in Greenvale dollars, the computation of advantages expands considerably. Small businesses may move back to the area, and the "Greenvale National Product" may begin to expand again. How galling for those who would never expect the Hilmer

National Competition Policy to go so far as competition in money-creation!

Let us take a hypothetical Council, which follows the Greenvale idea. It can only be initiated with the support of a business community anxious to retrieve dwindling custom through a "buy-local" campaign.

### HOW FAR CAN YOU GO?

Sufficient local advertising encourages 1,000 locals to 'swap' \$100 Australian for \$100 'Bluevale-Dollars' (now called 'Blues' for short). The Bluevale Shire Council now has a lump sum of \$100,000 in Australian dollars, which it can either invest in blue-chip securities earning, say, 10% or, alternatively, hold in reserve to foster the scheme if need be.

As the scheme becomes acceptable, it can be extended to offer all local residents a safe and profitable 'savings-scheme' for any spare savings. They can convert 'Blues' back to Australian any time. There will be no interest paid in or on Australian dollars. But local residents can gain a 20% return on all dollars converted to *Blues* provided they buy local. It's a much better investment than any conventional Savings Bank offers.

Local retailers, however, are now tied in to a 20% discount on all sales made in *Blues*. Some lines are more popular than others. Groceries are an example. While turnover will expand for retailers involved in the scheme, as more locals start shopping locally rather than driving 40 or 50 miles to the far-flung supermarket chains, nevertheless a 20% discount on part of their purchases IS a considerable cost. What can the Council do about it?

Subsequent meetings of the Bluevale Shire Council are a lesson in innovation. An approach is made to the Council workforce - about 50 people. Would staff be prepared to accept part of their wages in *Blues*? There would be advantages. Without an increase in taxes, they would receive a 20% discount on all local purchases where *Blues* were used. This would amount to a small wage increase. With a smaller A-dollar payroll, the Council could offer greater job-security.

A 10 percent A-dollar reduction in the payroll, where the average wage over 50 people was \$400, amounts to \$2,000 per week - \$100,000 per year! The savings are now invested in the "Bluevale Heritage Fund", whose sole terms of reference are to return to the local community, in ways decided locally, the benefits accrued.

The Bluevale Council, after much agony, now decides to accept part-payment of rates in *Blues* - ten percent to start with. An apparent 10 percent reduction in rates (that, at any rate, is how locals saw it) was something unheard of in Bluevale since the days of the Great Flood in 1903!

### SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT

Retailers, with some rate-relief in sight, breathed easier. They followed the Council lead by offering their own staff part-wages in *Blues*. The counter-girl at the store and the bartender at the pub were perfectly happy, as they got their discount on local purchases. One or two, after sitting down with paper and pencil, offered to take as much as 50 percent of their wages in *Blues*.

The Council now had a stroke of genius! It launched a local apprenticeship scheme for young unemployed people. During their apprenticeship they would only be paid in *Blues* - half by the Council, and half by a local tradesman taking them on. All of a sudden, youth unemployment began to drop. The young people could only buy locally; but the desperate drift to the city slowed dramatically.

At the same time, the Council launched a big drive to attract small businesses and manufacturers to the Shire. They had some real benefits to offer, starting with lower rates. They could also offer an expanding consumer base guaranteed to "buy local"; and a stable growth in the retail sector, anxious to purchase goods locally in *Blues*, rather than buy in from outside with Australian dollars.

There are, no doubt, endless further directions such speculation can take us. Inevitably, there would be opposition - first, from local Banks, alarmed at the diversion of cash deposits into the Bluevale Heritage Fund. The Bluevale Shire Council, with an \$A-dollar cash base now worth over a quarter-of-a-million, and expanding as more people joined the *Blues* community, would be in a strong position. It could 'threaten' to retire existing Council debt - a prized, government-backed security as far as banks are concerned. It could call for tenders from the banks for the most profitable return and management of its Heritage Fund. It could even offer the Banks the ability to pay their local rates in *Blues*, and pay their local Bank-staff likewise!

### CENTRALIST REACTION

Government Departments at State and Federal level could be expected to react as their own roles were threatened. Local initiative is anathema to bureaucracy. Deprived of any creative role themselves, they thrive on the illusion they are providing creative solutions for others. Dependency is their stock-in-trade.

Sooner or later the political system would be activated. "We can't just have local people creating money," would be the obvious reaction; which would be just the reaction to spark the required scrutiny of the unused powers of State Governments to use their constitutional State Banking powers to expand the advantages of the Bluevale scheme onto a wider basis. "*Buy local*" would take on real meaning, first on a State and then an Australia-wide basis. Buying back the farm and regaining Australian ownership might just become a reality.

Local Government is a good place to start. Many Councils are dying, with the small communities they represent. A lot of Councillors are now treated like unpaid public servants, expected to do no more than comply with the massive paperwork and orders from far-flung departments and planners.

Regeneration is hardly likely to start at a centralised level. It is the practical model at local level, which becomes the pattern for better things in the wider community. Perhaps the Greenvale innovation will spur some original thought in other beset areas of Australia.

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