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

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## BLATANTLY POLITICAL BUDGET

by Eric D. Butler

**The primary purpose of the Howard-Costello budget is not economic; it is political. It is designed to put the Coalition Government in the position when before the next Federal elections, sufficient "sweeteners" can be offered which hopefully will reverse the current slump in electoral support. One of the major problems affecting Australia today, unemployment, particularly youth unemployment, barely rated a mention in Treasurer Costello's budget speech. The Government and its advisers have been forced to admit that the target set for unemployment reduction at last year's budget, has not been reached. But in spite of this failure, they cling doggedly to the orthodox economic view that the deregulation and internationalising of the economy will result in greater growth, which will create more employment.**

We predicted at the time of last year's Howard-Costello budget that it could not possibly achieve the objective of a lower rate of unemployment. The same prediction can be made about the 1997 budget. The only comment necessary about the latest Costello-Howard budget is that it merely tinkers with an economy heading in the wrong direction. The official unemployment figures are false. Real unemployment is at least double the official figures. In some centres it is as high as 30 percent, excluding the Aboriginal population. The closing down of one of Australia's basic industries, steel, together with the shedding of more jobs as tariffs are further reduced, make continuing high unemployment certain. Proposed cuts in textile industry protection could result in the loss of 75,000 jobs. Privatisation of Telstra and other major organisations guarantees that in the ruthless drive to make profits for investors, there will be an increase in the unemployment figures. The economic rationalist's buzzword for what is taking place is "economic restructuring".

### THE HUMAN COST

The human and social cost of what is being done is enormous, and hard to measure in realistic terms. One of the beneficial results claimed for economic rationalism, is that the inflation rate is at a record low. As every consumer knows, the statistics for inflation rates are as suspect as the unemployment statistics. As has been demonstrated time and time again, while the policy of debt finance is adhered to, the inflation rate can only be reduced by massive economic dislocation and rising unemployment. While the economic "experts" hold to the dogma that "growth" is the only way to reduce unemployment, they are at the same time haunted by the fear that too much growth ("overheating" the economy) will see a return of the dreaded inflation. It is impossible to resolve the dilemma under present debt financial rules. The lower interest rates of Germany and Japan have not solved the problem. The German unemploy-

ment rate is one of the highest in the world, with growing social disorders as unemployed Germans violently protest against the influx of Turks and other non-Europeans.

Young Australians, both in the country and urban areas, are becoming increasingly dispirited by the unkept promises of politicians. The Howard Government's "work for the dole" plan is more of a political gimmick than a serious attempt to deal with basic issues. There has been initial public support for the plan, which obviously has some appeal to hard pressed taxpayers who sometimes have a perception of their taxes being used to finance "dole bludgers". But the harsh reality is that a growing number of the young have lost heart and ceased to bother looking for employment. Mr. Andrew McGregor of the Youth Legal Service, who has had nine years experience, reports that there is a direct relationship between growing hard drug trafficking and continuing high youth unemployment. The courts are increasingly struggling to deal with a rising tide of various forms of youth crime. The youth suicide rate, particularly among males, is high in rural Australia. Platitudes from the politicians do nothing but incite growing contempt not only for society but for the politicians and the nation's institutions. Unless a solution is found, Australia is creating a permanent society of have-nots with an alien culture. The Howard-Costello budget fails completely to address this and associated questions.

### PROGRAMME FOR REGENERATION

The first requirement for national salvation is that immigration be drastically reduced and that all foreign aid programmes be halted until Australia deals with its own problems. Foreign organisations based in Australia should be required to pay the same taxation rates as Australian organisations. It has been estimated that tens of millions of taxes are avoided by foreign-based companies, at the expense of Australian based companies. This one step would enable a substantial reduction in total taxation in Australia. The restructuring of Australia's transport system, with high priority

being given to the railways, this linked to defence requirements, should be undertaken. The financing of adequate housing for all Australians, with long term, low interest finance, should be undertaken. The same type of financing should be used to regenerate Australian rural industries, with a high priority being given to conservation measures.

Workers who wish to retire from the workforce at an earlier age say, for a start, 55, should be offered a reasonable non-asset tested pension. A similar proposal should be offered to those women who would prefer to stay home devoting full time to looking after their homes and families. These two measures alone would make it possible for large numbers of young Australians to be brought into the workforce. The basic question is simple: Are these economic activities required for the long-term benefit of Australia? Is it physically possible to develop such activities? Are the resources available? To take one specific: If a re-structuring

of the Australian railway system were decided upon, could Australia produce sufficient steel for the project? The plight of Australia's B.H.P. answers this question.

## THE MAJOR QUESTION

But what about the major question: Could such a national re-generation programme be financed? The short answer is that it could be financed in the same way that the Commonwealth Bank was used to help finance both the First and Second World Wars. Clearly the Howard-Costello team lacks the will to attempt to do anything outside the current programme of internationalism. The Labor Party is also locked into internationalism. It is that programme which must be challenged. The political threat posed by Pauline Hanson and Graeme Campbell might possibly achieve this objective.

## CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS

by Michael Stephen Lane

**It is the Church's charge to teach the art of good consumption. Ultimately, consumption is about building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth - letting the light of Heaven shine through things of the earth and especially through man's own flesh and blood. Perhaps the highest use of life is the raising of children.**

"There is no Wealth but life," writes Ruskin, and "the true veins of wealth are purple - and not in rock, but in flesh... The final outcome and consummation of all wealth is in the producing as many as possible full-breathed, bright-eyed, and happy-hearted human creatures." Similarly, he argued, "If a thing is to be useful, it must be not only of an availing nature, but in availing hands... .. Wealth, therefore, is the possession of the valuable by the valiant" (*Unto This Last* 40,64,77). If there are no valiant, there is no wealth.

The primacy of the individual human person is the keynote of John Paul II's social encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*. The Church's sole purpose, he says, "has been *care and responsibility* for the human person, who has been entrusted to her by Christ himself - for this person, who... is the only one earth which God willed for its own sake, and for which God has his plan, that is, a share in eternal salvation. We are not dealing here with humanity in the abstract, but with the real, concrete, historical person. We are dealing with *each individual* since each one is included in the mystery of Redemption, and through this mystery Christ has united himself with each one forever" (CA 53).

The Fall led to the curse of death and also to a material curse: "Cursed is the earth in thy work," etc. (Gen.3:17). If the life in Christ makes possible our redemption from the Fall and the consequences of the Fall, it must also be able to free us from this material curse.

According to C.H. Douglas (1879-1952), the fruits of Christendom in the form of the *increment of association* (the enhanced fruitfulness and eased labor of free people in proximity) and the genius of invention make it increasingly possible for man, freed from grim necessity, to serve God better. Both man's inventiveness and the wealth of the earth to which he applies it belong to God: so, therefore, do all the good and useful things that are the fruit of this application.

Jesus (significantly an artisan by trade) announces the end of the reign of the work-curse of the Fall when he says: "They sow not, neither reap, nor gather into barns: and your heavenly father feedeth them \_\_\_ They labour not, neither do they spin \_\_\_ How much more (will God clothe) you" (Matt.6:26-34).

This transformation is a renewal and extension of the promise of the Sabbath, the time that is *for* man (Mark 2:27): "Lift up your eyes, and see the countries, that they are white already to harvest — I have sent you to reap that which you laboured not;

others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours" (John 4:35,38).

The popes concur. Labor is not "the sole title, which gives a right to a living or to profits, "for" beyond the rights which one acquires by one's own work there exists rights which do not correspond to any work performed," (*Quadragesima Anno* 2.2, CA 11). These rights or profits may be granted out of "the surplus goods which in fact our world abundantly produces"; for not only does the earth produce "in great abundance the things to preserve and, especially, to perfect life," but tools and machinery wonderfully intensify (man's) efficiency" to such a degree that "the possession of know-how, technology and skill" is now the basis of the wealth of the industrialized nations (CA 32, 58, *Rerum Novarum* 15, QA 2.2).

Indeed, "after modern machinery and modern industry had progressed with astonishing speed... the number of the dispossessed laboring masses . . . increased beyond all measure" (QA 2.3). But how does it come about that these masses are dispossessed not only of their labor (the very advantage technology is meant to confer) but also of their livings? On the contrary, "the right of private property must be regarded as sacred ... The law ought to favor this right and, so far as it can, see that the largest possible number among the masses of the population prefer (and may reasonably hope) to own property" (RN 65). Indeed, poverty is simply "hindrances to private ownership" (CA 6).

It appears that as machines relieve man of his toil, they equally relieve him of leisure! What's the solution to this conundrum? John Paul II argues that needs must be "endowed with purchasing power" and resources (good and useful things) should be "capable of obtaining a satisfactory price" (CA 34). Though not worked out as a concrete proposal, these two concepts would correspond to what Douglas called the *national dividend* and the *compensated price*.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes may be not only a miracle but also a *prophecy* of victory over the work-curse of the Fall. The parable that provided Ruskin the title of his book *Unto This Last* also offers great illumination on economics. A householder hires labourers to work in his vineyard early in the morning. At midmorning he takes on a few more, at noon a few more, at midafternoon a few more, and at five o'clock a few more. When evening comes, he orders his steward to pay them all the same sum (Matt.20: 1-10). Thus the latecomers receive a day's pay for

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# PAULINE HANSON AND HER ENEMIES

by Eric D. Butler

A combination of factors is responsible for the Independent Member for Oxley, Pauline Hanson, emerging as the most significant political phenomenon in Australia for over 50 years. A number of explanations can be offered for the phenomenon, one of these certainly being the character of Pauline Hanson herself. She emerges as an attractive woman who makes no pretence of being other than what she is. When the slick, sophisticated journalists use terms she does not understand, she simply asks them to define. It is refreshing to hear a politician frankly admitting that she does not know everything.

But the most revealing aspect of the Pauline Hanson phenomenon is the emergence of a clearly defined coalition of Hanson enemies. It would be in the nature of the greatest political miracle in Australian history for Pauline Hanson to together a party capable of winning government at the next Federal elections. There is little evidence that she is receiving the type of practical advice so essential in today's political climate. And she is threatened by the type of political opportunists who attempted to attach themselves to the ill-fated Joh Bjelke-Petersen Campaign for Canberra some years back. As a friend of the Queensland Premier and a supporter of many of his policies, I was one of those who warned him of the dangerous folly of the Joh-For-Prime Minister campaign. Much of the promised support for the Premier, including financial support, simply evaporated in the heat of political reality.

However, Pauline Hanson has already provided what yet may prove to be the salvation of traditional Australia. She has acted as a catalyst, which is already starting to define the nature of the battle for Australia's future. The nature of the battle transcends politics and economics: it concerns the very soul of the nation as a member of a Western Civilisation which is, as some of the true prophets of our time have warned, like the great Greek and Roman civilisations out of which it grew - in an advanced state of decay. True prophets have never been popular throughout history. The Biblical story of the prophet Isaiah is worth recalling. God warned Isaiah that he would have little success with the "successful" members of a society.

There is a saying that those who refuse to learn from the lessons and mistakes of history were doomed to repeat the mistakes. Isaiah claimed that he had been commissioned by God to warn his fellows as the reign of a King Uzziah had come to an end. The record suggests that the King's long reign had been reasonably successful and marked by prosperity. However, this had suddenly come to an end. Isaiah's task was to warn his fellows that they were in for a tough time unless they mended their ways. But God warned that the task would be almost impossible because the ruling class would scorn him while the masses would not even listen. Isaiah was even warned that he might be lucky to save his life. However, God said that there was a remnant of people who, while obscure, inarticulate and unorganised, who needed to be encouraged to continue in faith that eventually there would be regeneration.

One of the greatest moral giants of this century, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, has warned that if the decline of Western



*Pauline Hanson*

Civilisation is to be reversed, it is no use trying to appeal to those who have gained positions of power and influence in societies where power has been increasingly centralised. Without perhaps knowing it, Pauline Hanson has touched upon the deep spiritual malaise of a sick civilisation. The malaise has even reached into the institutional Christian Church itself, as witnessed by the fact that some of the most vitriolic attacks on Pauline Hanson have come from members of the Christian clergy, who mouth platitudes about the "equality" of man, and races, while denouncing any forms of discrimination as "evil" and a manifestation of the dreaded but undefined "racism".

*"The evil that men do lives after them,"* wrote Shakespeare. It was the first great revolution of modern history, the French, which resulted in the poison of the doctrine of "equality" being poured into the intellectual bloodstream of the West. The Marxists were some of the most vigorous carriers of uniqueness of every individual. Until scientists started to become subverted by the quality dogma to the concept of social engineering, they also stressed that true progress in the human drama required recognition of the difference between individuals. When Pauline Hanson frankly says that she is an Australian patriot who loves her country, its national flag and the national traditions, she is merely reflecting what is known as natural law philosophy. The old saying that birds of a feather flock together is a manifestation of that philosophy. I have never met Pauline Hanson, nor have I sought to do so. I attended the Albury rally at which she spoke with Graeme Campbell. I went purely as an observer. I have listened carefully to what she has to say, and I have never once detected anywhere evidence that she hates anyone. But she is charged with encouraging hatred and "extremism" among others. Most of the hatred in the debate engendered by the "Hanson factor" comes from many of her critics. The mindless chanting of the crowds organised to protest against her, is an expression of the very hate with which Pauline Hanson is falsely charged.

## THE "PREJUDICE" SMEAR

"But Pauline Hanson is prejudiced" is repeated ad nauseam by her critics. The common use of the term prejudice is but another manifestation of the widespread cultural and intellectual malaise of our times. One of the great biologists of modern times, the late Sir Arthur Keaith, once lectured on the vital importance of prejudice in the process of human evolution. I would presume that even some of the politicians criticising Pauline Hanson for her "prejudice", have heard of the famous British political philosophy and historian, Edmund Burke, who said that prejudice (which means pre-judging) is often "the wisdom of the unlettered man". Some of the Pauline Hanson critics have sneeringly referred to her alleged lack of education, having left school at an early age. The self-opinionated media scribblers were generally so flabbergasted by Pauline Hanson's maiden parliament speech that they could hardly believe their own ears. They then resorted to an orchestrated misrepresentation of the address, creating the impression that Pauline Hanson had dealt almost exclusively with immigration and Aboriginal welfare payments. References to the United Nations, foreign aid and foreign control of Australian industry received little or no attention. The main purpose of this campaign was to brand Pauline Hanson as a "racist".

The sinister nature of the type of censorship used by the mass media in its anti-Hanson campaign may be judged by the fact that weeks before delivering her maiden speech, Pauline Hanson had issued a press release in which she listed the total benefits which those terming themselves Aborigines could obtain compared with those available to non-Aborigines. The document was based on official statistics from official government sources. This explosive document was completely ignored.

Prominent among those writers who have attempted to denigrate Pauline Hanson has been Phillip Adams, regular contributor to internationalist Rupert Murdoch's national daily, *The Australian*. Phillip Adams is also a regular radio commentator on the ABC. He expressed shock when Pauline

### DO TIM FISCHER AND JOHN HOWARD REMEMBER?

**In April, 1990, shortly after being elected as leader of the National Party, Tim Fischer created headlines with his claim that it was time for an "honest and open debate" on immigration. He said that the lack of such a debate was causing a great deal of concern among mainstream Australians. Answering the question of whether an open debate might "inflame racial tensions", Mr. Fischer replied, "There is a greater danger that keeping the lid on the immigration debate will inflame greater tensions in other directions."**

**When John Howard, echoing the same views, and those of Professor Blainey, suggested that the rate of Asian immigration was running ahead of public acceptance, there was an orchestrated storm of protest from the same type of people abusing Pauline Hanson. When Pauline Hanson attempted to point out to Maxine McKew in her ABC "Late Line" programme, on Thursday, May 8th, that she was merely saying what John Howard had previously said, the ABC interviewer attempted to brush the Howard statement aside.**

Hanson was first elected, a typical display of intellectual arrogance by those who claim to know what is best for the Australian people. They claim the Australian people should have no direct say in immigration policy. "This would be too divisive" is the phony argument. The double standards of those using this type of cover-up was graphically demonstrated when Australia's most outstanding historian, the mild-mannered and courteous Professor Geoffrey Blainey, was subjected to a national storm of abuse when a few years ago he suggested in a Rotary Club address that the rate of Asian immigration was running ahead of public acceptance and unless modified could create social and other tensions. Large numbers of Asians living in Australia agreed with him. In one of the most disgraceful episodes in Australian history, Professor Blainey was violently attacked by the same kind of people attacking Pauline Hanson. He received little or no support from those who pride themselves on being elitist academics.

Phillip Adams must be rated as one of the most vitriolic and destructive of the anti-Pauline Hanson critics. I write from personal experience. Back in the early days of the immigration and multicultural debate, Adams wrote an article in *The Weekend Australian* of November 3rd-4th, 1984, in which, after attacking R.S.L. President Bruce Ruxton, Professor Blainey and well known libertarian John Bennett linking them with me, describing us as "*the four horsemen of the Rights' apocalypse*", went on to say that Eric Butler was "*the daddy of them all*", "*who barnstorms Australia's back blocks trying to create a Black Stump fascism for the rural vote*". In a New Zealand radio programme in February 1985, Phillip Adams discussed his attacks on me, stating that "*he was the most dangerous man in Australia*" and that "*he was determined to destroy me*".

As a type of "warm up" for the coming 1996 Federal elections, Phillip Adams reached a new low in his personal attack on me in an article in *The Weekend Australian* of October 14th-15th, 1995, in which he referred to me as "toxic sludge" in Australian life. Outraged letters of protest one from Bruce Ruxton were not published. In response to a letter from my lawyer, *The Weekend Australian* defended Phillip Adams while stating that it would not be "appropriate" to publish a letter from me commenting on the Adams article.

## THE POLITICIANS

It is instructive to note that not all the politicians have engaged in the anti-Pauline Hanson campaign. The truth is that a number of politicians in the Liberal, National and Labor Parties privately agree with what Pauline Hanson has been saying. Only the fear of losing party endorsement or being smeared by the media keeps them quiet. But with the mounting attacks on Pauline Hanson and threats of physical violence, the politicians are going to be forced to declare themselves unequivocally one way or another. Pauline Hanson is forcing a clarification of the battle lines for the future of Australia.

The role of the tiresome former Liberal Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser is symptomatic of the nature of the crisis threatening the future of the nation. He has used his column in *The Australian* not only to attack Pauline Hanson, but those whom he suggests are attempting to manipulate her. In assessing Malcolm Fraser's role it is appropriate to recall that having gained control of the Liberal Party after defeating previous Liberal leader Billy Snedden, he was swept to office late in 1975 primarily as a result of a massive electoral backlash

## THE REV. CEDRIC JACOBS, M.B.E's., POLICY

Back in 1989, the West Australian Aboriginal leader the Rev. Cedric Jacobs; whose parents were both tribal Aborigines, gave a series of public addresses under the auspices of The Australian League of Rights, during which he opposed the policy of multiculturalism and an immigration policy designed to sustain multiculturalism. He warned that the millions of dollars being paid to the Aboriginal Affairs Department were not reaching the rank and file of the Aboriginal

people, stating that black bureaucrats were as bad as white bureaucrats. Mr. Jacobs proposed that the Aboriginal Affairs Department be abolished and that all funds allocated for the welfare of the Aborigines be paid direct to local organisations consisting of the members of Local Government and representatives of local Aboriginal communities. The local organisation would administer all funds.

against the Whitlam Government. For the next decade he progressively squandered his massive electoral majority, revealing himself as a strong supporter of internationalism and multiculturalism. Students of Malcolm Fraser's history have recalled that as a student at Oxford he associated generally with non-whites.

Early in his first term as Prime Minister he was clashing with Bruce Ruxton and other opponents of any relaxation of Australia's immigration policies. He joined the mounting international campaign against the white governments of South Africa and the former Rhodesia. He played a major role in the Commonwealth Conference, which spelled the end of any prospect of a stable partnership between the Europeans and blacks in Rhodesia. He was welcomed by his philosophical bedfellow Bob Hawke after tearfully losing office in early 1983, to become one of a group of "eminent persons" who sought to solve the problems of South Africa. The one African who might have played a vital role in the creation of a type of stable Federation in South Africa, Zulu leader Buthelezi, was sidelined in favour of former Communist Mandela and his Communist backers. Marxist terrorist leader Robert Mugabe was warmly welcomed with some absurd comments about Mugabe's alleged statesmanship. Fraser ignored how Mugabe invited the murderous North Korean Fifth Brigade into Zimbabwe - Rhodesia - to murder his Matabele opponents. The betrayal of Rhodesia, where over a number years I saw the growing harmony between whites and blacks as they built a growing economy in defiance of international sanctions, helped accelerate the return for barbarism throughout Africa. A disastrous political failure, Malcolm Fraser is the last man who should pontificate on the alleged Pauline Hanson threat to Australia. His most hilarious suggestion is that the League of Rights is planning to use the Pauline Hanson movement to gain control of Australia. The League is a service, not a power movement. Malcolm Fraser was quite happy to meet with me privately when he thought I might be of some value when he was planning to take the leadership of the Liberal Party from Bill Snedden.

### THE ZIONIST-JEWISH ROLE IN THE ANTI-PAULINE HANSON CAMPAIGN

The record of how the Zionist movement managed eventually to dominate Jewish communities everywhere, destroying any Jews who wished to remain loyal citizens of the countries in which they resided and as has been documented by anti-Zionist scholars like Dr. Alfred Lilienthal of the United States. While Zionist critics of Pauline Hanson are evoking memories of Hitler in their outbursts, they merely demonstrate their mastery of Talmudic Dialectics by refraining from mentioning the significant relationship between Zionist leaders and the Nazis. Those interested in the subject should read the carefully researched work, *Zionism In The Age Of The Dictators*, by Jewish writer Lenni Brenner.

Zionist leaders Isi and Mark Leibler have over many years been prominent, along with fellow Zionists, in promoting multiculturalism (but not for Zionist Israel which excludes all non-Jews). Immediately following the publicity generated by Pauline Hanson's first speech, articles started to appear in *The Australian Jewish News*, warning about the "danger" she presented. It was following the launching of Pauline Hanson's "One Australia" party that the major anti-Pauline Hanson salvo was launched. Rupert Murdoch's blatantly pro-internationalist media delivered the major blast, *The Weekend Australian* of May 3rd-4th gave the subject full treatment. All the big guns were wheeled up. A revealing editorial devoted itself to her book, *The Truth*, stating "it exposes the Pauline Support Movement as a group using footnoted pseudo-academic commentary to promote racism, derision, economic nationalism and the spread of semi-automatic weapons". The editorial writer produces no evidence to support these allegations. We are told that in essence if Pauline Hanson's advice were adopted, Australia would be cut off from "the human talent and capital that flow from immigration". "We are part of the global economy," says *The Weekend Australian*. But since being part of the global economy, the very problems, which John Howard has been forced to concede are creating the problems which Pauline Hanson is allegedly exploiting.

*The Australian Jewish News* of May 2nd was devoted a variety of articles all warning about the "threat" of Pauline Hanson. Article after article uses the most extravagant language, suggesting that Hitler himself is about to be reincarnated. The headlines of some of the articles are indicative of the tone of the paper: "The Protocols of the Elders of Hanson". Davis Bernstein says concerning the Pauline Hanson book, "Behind the pseudo-academic style and the superficial sophistication, there lurks an intelligent but fevered, twisted and clearly paranoid mindset." A report on a recent address by Phillip Adams is headed, "Adams Warns of Upheaval". Bernard Freedman, writing from Canberra, contributes an article headed, "Hanson Has Them Quaking". An unnamed Queensland National Party official is quoted as saying that the Hanson movement could be a "front" for the dreaded League of Rights.

And there is much more in similar vein.

### JOHN HOWARD'S SHALLOW ATTACK

Following considerable criticism and "needling" by the media and the anti-Hanson forces, and the publication of public

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opinion polls which showed big increases in electoral support for Pauline Hanson, Prime Minister John Howard gave an address to the multinational dominated Australia-Asia Society in Sydney on May 8th. Stripped of the empty rhetoric, John Howard blatantly misrepresented much of what Pauline Hanson has been saying, and in essence said that unless Australia "embraced" Asia it was faced with a bleak future. His key statement was that Pauline Hanson "is wrong when she denigrates foreign investment, because its withdrawal would cost jobs". The irony of the situation is that the "economic rationalism" which John Howard and his Government embrace, continuing with basically the same policies pursued by the Hawke and Keating Governments, has resulted in continuing high unemployment, increasing debt both domestic and foreign, the progressive loss of Australian industries and assets to non-Australians. Pauline Hanson is not responsible for the economic and social problems, which John Howard has been forced to admit do exist.

The statements of John Howard and his fellow economic rationalists not only bring into clear focus the fact that the Pauline Hanson view reflects the growing concern throughout the white Western world that the creation of mass industrial societies threatens the very soul of man, but pose the old question of whether man can worship both God (Reality) and Mammon. And what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? The problem of how to produce sufficient material things to sustain civilised living was solved a long time ago. Production for the sake of production, growth for the sake of growth, this reflected in sets of figures, which delight the economic rationalists, and change for the sake of change, are manifestations of materialistic madness. Long before George Orwell had written his chilling *1984*, well known British philosopher Aldous Huxley had written his *Brave New World*. In one of his books, Huxley demonstrated that the very technology being used to de-humanise the individual by centralising power, could be used to

### THE INTELLECTUALS

***"There are some ideas so preposterous that only an intellectual could believe them" - George Orwell of 1984 fame. It was the intellectuals who for years attempted to defend the Soviet system and its terrible crimes against the Soviet people. It was the same kind of people who claimed that once the "wicked" British and other European colonial powers were driven out of Africa, African "nationalism" would flourish and the African people would enjoy "freedom". But the removal of the law and order provided by the British, and others, has seen a collapse back into inter-tribal slaughter and the charnel-house conditions described by David Livingstone and the early Christian missionaries. The mass killing continues. The intellectuals never offer any apologies for the disasters they have supported or encouraged.***

### A QUESTION FOR THE MULTICULTURALISTS

**Which country do the advocates of the multicultural society believe to be a success story, which Australia can emulate? Fiji, where the Rambuka coup was the result of the fear of the indigenous people that they were being taken over by the Indians? Sri Lanka, where the Tamils continue their militant campaign for independence? Tens of thousands have already died. Yugoslavia? Canada, where the French want a separate State? And where Western Canadians openly resent the attempt to impose French upon them. Or the U.S.A., which President Clinton had the effrontery to extol as an example for Australia during his visit? A nation where race riots and racial friction gets worse, and where the famous O.J. Simpson "trial" was decided on a racial basis in case there was a repeat of what happened in Los Angeles earlier.**

decentralise power. Decentralised production could easily produce man's requirements. Quality production was more important than mass production. The campaign against Australian economic nationalism is a campaign against Australian independence.

### AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

The campaign reflects what is basically an anti-Christian philosophy that Australians are at the mercy of inevitable developments to which they must submit. Glib references to "re-structuring" suggest that such "re-structuring" is a type of natural development which the individual must accept. It is not inevitable that Australia must borrow from overseas, and sell off its assets, in order to finance necessary economic activity. The financing of the First and Second World Wars demonstrated that the views of John Howard and the "Globalists" are at worst a form of treachery, and at best a demonstration of a surrender to a form of Black Magic.

While in my opinion it is extremely unlikely that Pauline Hanson will ever lead an Australian Government, she could go down in Australian history as that rare individual who has changed the course of history by stimulating a debate which goes right to the very core of a crisis affecting every Western nation. The much-maligned Prince Charles has observed in one of his many profound lectures, that no nation can survive unless its people go back to their roots. Australia's roots will not be found in Asia with its very different value system. The enemies of Pauline Hanson must be seen as the enemies of traditional Australia.

As that universally admired genius Shakespeare said, he who remains true to himself cannot be false to any man. The challenge of Pauline Hanson, and all those who think as she does, is that Australians be true to themselves. She is the catalyst helping to defuse the battle lines in a battle, which will decide Australia's future. Her enemies shall be carefully noted.

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an hour's work. Is this not just what technology makes possible; and is this not a parable to be read in centuries, instead of hours?

It may be objected that insofar as these stories are prophetic, they are about grace, not money and food. But the point is that the economy of getting a living imitates the economy of salvation.

"We are caught in a trap of irredeemable debt," writes Geoffrey Dobbs in an excellent pamphlet, *What Is Social Credit?* "To the Christian, there will be a familiar sound about this; but he knows also that there is a way out from 'irredeemable debt' through the Grace of God which is freely given to those who 'credit' (the Incarnation). That is the way of redemption from debt of the individual human spirit. If it is real, must there not be something parallel or equivalent for debt-ridden human society?" A bit further, he adds, "This means gladly accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit of Truth in the inspiration of human ingenuity and invention" (pp. 19,23).

To reverse the comparison, faith is the money of salvation, which God gives us to pay him. And just as money should be a tangible token of real goods available, proof of your claim to something you do not yet have in your hand, so faith is "the substance of things to be hoped for, the argument of things appearing not" (Heb. 11:1).

The effective *increment of association* (economic advantage

of political freedom) in the Middle Ages is alluded to by Pius XI:

The highly developed social life, which once flourished in a variety of prosperous institutions organically linked with each other, has been damaged and all but ruined, leaving thus virtually only individuals and the state. Social life lost entirely its organic form. . . . It is an injustice, a grave evil and a disturbance of right order for a larger and higher organization to arrogate to itself functions, which can be performed efficiently by smaller and lower bodies. This is a fundamental principle of social philosophy, unshaken and unchangeable, and it retains its full truth today. Of its very nature the true aim of all social activity should be to help individual members of the social body, but never to destroy or absorb them. (QA 2.5).

John Paul II calls this the "principle of subsidiarity" and says that the state should create "favorable conditions for the free exercise of economic activity" indirectly by means of it (CA 15).

"This country is not now the Policy of a Christian Philosophy," observes Douglas, "and before it can again, as an organisation, put into practice successfully those Christian principles, it must understand their application through proper mechanisms" (Source?). The national dividend and the compensated price may be the sought for mechanisms and deserve careful study.

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## SOLZHENITSYN WARNS THE WEST AGAIN

**One of the great moral giants of the century, Russian Alexander Solzhenitsyn, exiled to the West by the Soviet criminals, attempted on many occasions to warn the West that by financing the Soviet, they were guilty of sustaining the most hideous of Crimes. And at the same time Western Societies were moving down the same road as the Soviets were travelling.**

**After the collapse of the Soviet system, Solzhenitsyn returned to his native Russia. Now he warns that Communists are still controlling Russia. And as the Communists of Russia and China move closer, the International Bankers insist on pouring billions into sustaining Russia which in turn is helping to finance Communist China. The mass media of the West has ignored the Solzhenitsyn warning, which was issued in December of last year.**

### PRACTICING... MASS DECEPTION!

Moscow - How does Russia look to Europe at the present moment? Usually, the attention of Western observers is not focused on Russia's overall condition and the forces at work in the country but on the latest developments, like the elections to the Duma, the presidential contest, the firing of Aleksandr Lebed, Boris Yeltsin's heart surgery. Any broad, deep view of what is happening gets lost.

As far as I can judge, two strongly held opinions are widely shared in the West: that during the last few years democracy has unquestionably been established in Russia, albeit one under dangerously weak national government, and that effective economic reforms have been adopted to foster the creation of a free market, to which the way is now open. Both views are mistaken.

What is known today as "*Russian democracy*" masks a government of a completely different sort. Glasnost - freedom of the press - is only an instrument of democracy, not democracy itself. And to a great extent freedom of the press is illusory, since the owners of newspapers erect strict taboos against discussion of issues of vital importance, while in the outlying parts of the country newspapers get direct pressure from the province authorities.

Democracy in the unarguable sense of the word means the rule of the people - that is, a system in which the people are truly in charge of their daily lives and can influence the course of their own historical fate. There is nothing of the sort in Russia today.

### NO LOCAL GOV'T PERMITTED

In August 1991, the "councils of people's deputies", though only window dressing under the rule of the Communist Party,

were abolished throughout the country. Since then, the united resistance of the President's machine, the Government, State Duma, leaders of the political parties and majority of governors has prevented the creation of any agencies of local self-government.

Legislative assemblies do exist at the regional level but are entirely subordinate to the governors, if only because they are paid by the provinces executive branches. (The election of governors is only a recent development and far from widespread. Most governors are appointed by the President.)

There exists no legal framework or financial means for the creation of local self-government. People will have no choice but to achieve it through social struggle. All that really exists is the government hierarchy from the President and National Government on down.

That hierarchy is duplicated by a second, consisting of those appointed as the "President's representatives" (spies) in every region. The Constitution of 1993, which was passed hastily and not in a manner to inspire confidence, groans under the weight of the President's power. The rights it allocates to the State Duma are exceedingly constrained.

Given that structure of power, it is the presidential elections, held every four years that are most important to the fate of the nation. But the 1996 election was not an occasion for serious deliberation, nor could it have been. A "*Communist cloud*" hung over the elections - could the Communists really return to power? and that hampered the voters. Mr. Yeltsin's side harped on that threat, presenting itself as the country's sole salvation. But even the Communists themselves were wary of coming to power, seeing no way out of the overall crisis.

The worst sorts of costly campaign spectacles were staged, at state expense, of course. Under such conditions there were no campaign debates or speeches of substance. No one even discussed the candidates' programs.

## 2 MINUTES ALLOWED FOR OPPOSITION!

Presented to the public only some 10 days before the election, the published programs consisted of 100 to 200 pages of vague text. There was no time for the electorate to sit down and read the proposals, analyze them and receive answers to their questions. Every last channel of the state owned television network broadcast incessant barrages of propaganda favoring the incumbent head of state; there was no possibility of presenting opposing views.

After numerous invitations from the so-called independent television station, NTV, I agreed to a 10-minute interview in which I stated that both of the main contenders, Communist leader Gennadi A. Zyuganov and Mr. Yeltsin, were burdened with serious crimes against the interests of the people - one for 70 long years, the other for five. I urged the electorate to vote against both, which would cause the elections to be postponed and allow new candidates to run. But NTV chopped my interview *down to two ragged minutes, and my remarks were rendered incoherent and meaningless.*

Thus did the President come to power a second time, without having been held responsible for all the defects of his previous term. This system of centralized power cannot be called a democracy.

The rulers' important motives, decisions, intentions and actions, as well as shifts in personnel, are completely opaque to society at large, and come to light only as *faits accomplis*. Shuffles in personnel are presented in formulations that say nothing: "*according to a report submitted*" and "*in connection with a transfer to different work*" - (often not indicated). Even when a person is clearly culpable of some wrongdoing, there is no public explanation. The authorities operate on a moral imperative. *We don't betray our own and we don't uncover their wrongdoings.*

So the fate of the country is now decided by a stable oligarchy of 150 to 200 people, *which includes the nimbler members of the old Communist system's top and middle ranks, plus the nouveaux riches.*

This is no tree of state grown up from roots but a dry stake driven into the ground or, as things now stand, an iron rod: The members of this oligarchy combine a lust for power with mercenary calculations; they exhibit no higher goals of serving the country and the people.

## NO PUBLIC TRIALS

....It could be said that throughout the last 10 years of frenetic reorganization our Government has not taken a single step unmarked by ineptitude. Worse, our ruling circles have not shown themselves in the least morally superior to the Communists who preceded them.

Russia has been exhausted by crime, by the transfer into private hands of billions of dollars' worth of the nation's wealth. Not a single serious crime has been exposed, nor has there been a single public trial. The investigatory and judicial systems are severely limited in both their actions and their resources.

Meanwhile, since the Constitutional Court is a mere plaything and the State Duma only engages in the slackest of monitoring, a dozen "*councils*" (beginning with the notorious "Security Council") and "commissions" (with their instantly growing staffs) are forming around the President.

The Constitution does not provide for these bodies, which duplicate the work of the Government and its ministerial branches, creating a system of irresponsible and chaotic multiple rule.

## CITIZENS RIGHTS - NOT DEFENDED!

Was it so long ago that we thought there could exist no more absurd and unwieldy bureaucracy than that of the Communist regime? But during the last 10 years, the bureaucracy has *doubled* and *tripled* in size, all of it supported at the expense of a nation that is being reduced to beggary.

When a people is deprived of local self government and when rights are neither guaranteed nor defended, those with the most initiative and talent can find few outlets for their creative powers, stonewalled by bureaucracy at every turn.

In what sort of democracy does a Government calmly slumber while great numbers of people have not received their rightful salaries for half a year? Recently, in various places a new idea has emerged: "*committees of salvation*", meaning ad hoc local agencies, an alternative government that fights to keep the little that people have left in their ruined lives.

In other countries, Russia's current situation would suffice for a major social explosion. But after 70 years of being bled white, after the selective annihilation of active, protesting elements, and now after a 10-year slide into mass destitution, Russia has no strength left for such an explosion and there is none in the offing.

## MASS DESTRUCTION

The so-called economic reforms - Mikhail Gorbachev's between 1987 and 1990, then Mr. Yeltsin's from 1992 to 1995 - are another problem.

Having noisily proclaimed the slogan of perestroika, Mr. Gorbachev was probably concerned with smoothly transferring party personnel into the new economic structure and safeguarding the party's own funds. He took no steps to create small- and middle-level private manufacturing, though he did wreck the system of vertical and horizontal links in the existing Communist economy, which, though it worked badly did work.

In that way, Mr. Gorbachev opened the door to economic chaos, a process further improved by Yegor T. Gaidar's "*reform*" and Anatoly B. Chubais's "*privatization*".

Genuine reforms are a co-ordinated, systematic effort combining numerous measures aimed at a single goal. But from 1992 on, no such program was ever declared. Instead, there were two separate actions, which were not co-ordinated with each other, let alone with the economic benefit of the country.

The lack of any competitive environment meant that the monopolistic producers could inflate costs of production while at the same time reducing its volume and the outlay for it. This sort of "*reform*" quickly began to destroy production and, for much of the population, made consumer goods and many food items prohibitively expensive.

## \$25 BILLION A YEAR FLOWS ABROAD INTO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS!

The other action was the frenzied privatization campaign. The campaign's first step was the Government's issuing of vouchers to each citizen that supposedly represented his "share" of all the national wealth accumulated under the Communists. In reality, the total value of all the vouchers represented only a small fraction of 1 percent of that wealth.

The second step was the sell-off, not to say give-away, of a multitude of state enterprises, including some gigantic ones. Those enterprises ended up in private hands, most of the new owners people seeking easy profit, with no experience of production and no desire to acquire any.

Organized crime was never nipped in the bud and is constantly stealing the country blind and accumulating enormous new capital. The gap between the rich and the impoverished majority has now assumed proportions unlike anything seen in the West or in pre-revolutionary Russia. Each year, no less that \$25 billion flows abroad into private accounts.

The destructive course of events over the last decade has come about because the Government, while ineptly imitating foreign models, has completely disregarded the country's creativity and particular character as well as Russia's centuries old spiritual and social traditions. Only if those paths are freed up can Russia be delivered from its near fatal condition.