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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "In the original Greek democracies men were chosen for public office, not by competing for votes and power, and were held responsible, on pain of death, for results; and only free and responsible citizens might vote on matters of policy."

– Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs

## MELT DOWN OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM? by Eric D. Butler:

The nature of reality makes it certain that the bigger and more Australian any man-made system becomes, the greater the ultimate disaster. The international financial system has now become so complex and based on a debt structure so astronomical that it defies human comprehension, that it is not surprising that even one of the world's wealthiest men, Sir James Godsmith, warns that mankind is on a major disaster course. Goldsmith substantially increased his fortune by correctly foreseeing the 1987 share market collapse. Presumably he told his friend Kerry Packer, who took appropriate avoiding action, later also adding to his fortune. The current trade clash between the U.S.A. and Japan, and the headlines associated with this crisis, tends to mask a condition of the deeper malaise. The last meeting of the G7 nations, in Washington on April 26th, received relatively little publicity in the media, probably because the leaders of the world's biggest trading nations could offer no suggestions of what might be done to head off mounting problems. Probably the most significant statement at the conference was made by the Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin, who said, "**There was a clear understanding that each country must look after itself.**" Is it too much to ask Prime Minister Paul Keating and Opposition leader John Howard to heed this admission that the present international financial system is collapsing, and that national survival depends upon rejection of the whole philosophy of internationalism? Regretfully, there is no evidence to suggest that the men claiming to be the best qualified to lead the nation through the turbulent years ahead, are prepared to challenge the death wish of the internationalists. Labor Backbench Member Graeme Campbell is the only prominent Federal politician who appears to grasp what is necessary for national survival. That is why the widespread distribution of his book, *Australia Betrayed*, is essential at the present time.

Those Australian politicians who keep on insisting that Australians must virtually worship something euphemistically known as "the market", are saying that Australians are at the mercy of international financial manipulators. Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett is boasting that Victoria has been given a higher credit rating by Moody's of Wall Street. He is telling Victorians that the masters of International Finance approve of the restrictive policies he has imposed upon the Victorian people. Kennett, of course, hails this as a great success story. Politicians with a similar mind-set also boasted at the time of the Great Depression that the harsh programme they imposed at the dictates of visiting international financial representative, Niemeyer, had restored "stability", with a restoration of "credit-worthiness". This meant that they were permitted to engage in further borrowing.

While it is true that Australia's foreign debt was increasing under non-Labor governments, there has been a catastrophic increase over the years since Pual Keating became a major figure in Federal Government. Howard offers no alternative for dealing with the situation – except to argue that he can implement much more effectively the same programme being followed by Keating. The moment of truth is emerging for Australians, and they should carefully heed and act upon Canadian Paul Martin's statement, ".....each country must look after itself". The first essential is to bring the control of financial policy under the control of the elected representatives of the Australian people.

#### **BRIEF COMMENT:**

A prominent Jewish Community leader, Dr. Michael Sinclair, has (*Jewish Chronicle*, March 17th) warned that intermarriage is threatening the survival of international Jewish communities.

Zionist leader Isi Leibler has said the same thing. While Zionist leaders are in the forefront of the campaign to create multicultural societies and are strongly critical of any form of discrimination, they take action to protect the identity of Jewish groups. They are entitled to do this. But they are not entitled to urge that other people commit racial and cultural suicide. What right does Isi Leibler have to describe as "racists" those Australians who are opposed to mass non-European immigration which threatens their future and that of their children and grandchildren.

#### **CAMPBELL ATTACKED FOR ADDRESSING LEAGUE SEMINAR** by D. Thompson:

The appearance of Mr. Graeme Campbell at the League's Queensland State Seminar last weekend has generated another spate of anti-League hysteria. Mr. Colin Rubenstein, editor of the *Australia-Israel Review*, issued a press statement demanding that the A.L.P. national executive expel Mr. Campbell for "endorsing the most influential racist organisation in Australia". Rubenstein's arrogant demand, supported by the leader of the National Party, Mr. Tim Fischer, was reported in a front-page headline in Toowoomba's *The Chronicle* in huge type: "EXPEL HIM", on the morning of the Seminar. Mr. Campbell's response, and that of the League, was carried in an extensive and generally fair report in *The Chronicle* on Monday, May 29th. Campbell is quoted as saying: "I don't know who Mr. Rubenstein is; I actually thought he was a Polish piano player, but he's apparently a **commisar in the thought-police**. I suggest he addresses what I say, not to whom I am saying it." The League Seminar also attracted metropolitan television channels, and resulted

in reports on evening television news. The following are extracts from the extensive report published by *The Chronicle* (29/5/95) on pages one and two:

"In his speech to 100 people at the Range Motel on Saturday, Mr. Campbell attacked multiculturalism, immigration, Asianisation and political correctness, arguing for traditional Australian nationalism. The League was as dangerous and influential as the Fabian Society, Mr. Campbell said. 'I've made it very clear that I don't agree with much of what the League of Rights says, but they're a legitimate voice and they voice the concerns I hear all the time in rural Australia. I can tell Mr. Rubenstein et al that there are far more extreme voices and groups out there.'"

"League of Rights National Director Mr. David Thompson said accusations of racism and anti-semitism are 'nothing new' and derived from literature the League made available. 'We are offering people an opportunity to express themselves and present a wide range of background material and points of view that are not being given expression.'"

"Member for Groom Mr. Bill Taylor dismissed the League as a 'small, opinionated' lobby group. He said Mr. Campbell had a democratic right to talk to whoever he wanted, though he would personally decline such an engagement."

"Mr. Downer claimed not to know to whom he was talking when he spoke about constitutional matters at a League meeting in South Australia. But Mr. Campbell knew what he was talking about and to whom and launched an attack lasting nearly an hour on policies of his government."

"He accused his critics of attacking him personally rather than his arguments, a sentiment echoed by the League's National Director, Mr. David Thompson. Anyone who did not accept the integration of Australia into Asia argument was 'immediately searched for a pair of horns', Mr. Thompson said. 'There is a resentment building up in Australian politics, and there needs to be a forum to allow this to (be expressed) peacefully.'"

"Mr. Campbell said a battle was being waged by internationalists and nationalists for Australia, with **moderate nationalists being cast as extremists**. 'I argue that this intelligent, outward looking nationalism, which builds upon our traditions and strengths is the correct choice for Australia,' Mr. Campbell said. He attacked the 'woolly internationalism' which had taken over government, the lowering of tariffs, deregulation of banking, the republican push and high immigration levels."

"The policy of 'Asianisation' would turn Australia into a 'colonial satellite, a quarry and a construction dump for the benefit of foreigners, with the majority of locals a cheap labour pool...'"

"Spokesman for Australians Against Further Immigration, Mr. Denis McCormack, said Australia's population would be 25% Asian by the year 2020. 'They're changing the genetic make-up of our people . . . that's why we've got to get our hands back on the levers of power to change these policies.' Mr. McCormack said those whom the media labelled extreme right-wing were simply 'people who feared for their country'. (End *Chronicle* extracts, emphasis ours.)

**RESOUNDING SUCCESS:** The Queensland Seminar was a resounding success, with a significant cross-section of new people, and supporters from considerable distances. From the content of his address, there is mounting evidence that Mr. Campbell would, in fact, agree with the League on many issues.

**EUTHANASIA: THE HUMANIST ASSAULT:** The passage of the euthanasia legislation through the Northern Territory Parliament is nothing less than a piercing thrust toward the Christian jugular. For the human being to assume the power of judgement over human life or death, whether of the unborn or of the infirm, is certainly a blatant denial of the sanctity of human life, which the Christian believes is in the image of God. Further, it is the denial of the supernatural in that it spurns the Christian message of hope, and either completely dismisses the miraculous, or at best relegates it to a bygone age.

Proponents of euthanasia have difficulty in defending themselves from the charge that life is a Darwinian accident in the first place, and is no more than matter in motion. As such, the human being is no more than a piece of meat, or a noisy machine that can be thrown out or switched off if it becomes annoying.

Experience in other countries, like Holland, has produced thousands of cases of the **misuse of euthanasia**. Even here in Australia, a Melbourne woman diagnosed with untreatable breast cancer, and given **two days to live**, points out that as a terminal sufferer, she may have ended her life if this legislation was then available. Her unexpected remission appears to have given her a new lease on life, and provides a living treatment to the message of hope.

Quite apart from placing doctors in a dreadful position, the Northern Territory legislation begins a process with no visible end. It offers a 'merciful' death to the terminally ill for whom there is no possible (known) treatment. Can this be extended to, say, the terminally insane, who show no (visible) response to treatment? As with judging the terminally ill, who dares to judge the terminally insane? In the new age of humanism, could Christianity be regarded as a "psychological disease"? The former Soviet mental asylums full of the 'politically incorrect' undergoing 're-education' are well documented. Could euthanasia eventually be the humanist answer for those who "suffer" from terminal Christianity?

**BACKDOOR BEACH HEAD:** The fact the euthanasia legislation was pushed through the Northern Territory Parliament is in itself notable, carrying the stench of political intrigue. Could it be that a small parliament in one of Australia's most multicultural regions is not blessed with debate of sufficient rigour to deflect the humanist assault? Church and Right-to-Life protest groups in the southern States have little electoral "clout" in the Territory and the humanist agenda might more easily establish a 'beach-head' in Australian law at the weakest point of political, theological and social resistance.

In many respects the Northern Territory's euthanasia legislation will demand a similar response from the rest of Australia as Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen's elimination of death duties, and Queensland Premier Wayne Goss's new legislation which halves stamp duty on share market transactions. If the States are forced to follow the Territory's lead on euthanasia, the humanist virus has been successfully introduced to a heritage that was once overtly Christian.