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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "How are people to be loyal to God? On this matter of sovereignty nothing could be clearer. Turn to the chapter 23 of the Gospel according to St. Matthew and start reading from verse 8 'Call no man your father upon the earth, for one is your Father, which is in Heaven. Neither be ye called master, for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that shall be greatest among you shall be your servant'.

"Here is a call for loyalty. This is the starting point for practical political activity it is useless to start from any other point. Unless people accept loyalty, and act on it with absolute integrity all action will fall to the ground and come to nothing."

— John Mitchell in "*World Government Is Anti-Christian*"

MULTICULTURALISTS DISPLAY THEIR VENOM by Eric D. Butler:

Both during and after the Federal elections, the multicultural zealots have made clear their deep concern about what they correctly perceive are clear signs of a growing revolt against the whole concept of multiculturalism. The multiculturalists fear, with good reason, that numbered amongst the Coalition Members are a number who are extremely critical of all aspects of what Independent M.P. Graeme Campbell describes as the "multicultural industry". The re-election of Campbell, with a sweeping majority, is seen as a major disaster which could trigger off even greater disasters. The *Financial Review* regards developments so seriously that in a major editorial in its issue of March 5th, entitled RACISM THE WORST PART OF ELECTION, called for firm action by the new Prime Minister, John Howard.

After referring to the massive electoral support for Pauline Hanson, Bob Katter, Graeme Campbell and others, the *Financial Review* comments that "an even bigger effort needs to be made to overcome the deep-seated racial prejudice which obviously exists in parts of Australia". A much wiser person than the writer of the *Financial Review*, the great Edmund Burke, observed that prejudice is often the wisdom of the unlettered man. As C.H. Douglas said, a basically homogeneous society can, given time, solve its problems. The fragmentation of the homogeneous society through multiculturalism makes it increasingly difficult to solve problems and creates the conditions in which subversive activities can flourish.

The *Financial Review*, one of the bibles of the multiculturalists and economic rationalists, goes on to make the ominous comment that "Mr. Howard should rethink his opposition to the previous Government's Racial Hatred Bill. While there are legitimate reasons for questioning aspects of that legislation, the bill as a whole has the potential to stand as a symbol of this country's official rejection of racism in all its manifestations." John Howard is warned that unless he makes "the task of building social cohesion in a multicultural society a major responsibility, the racist overtones of the next federal election could be even worse than the last".

As Professor Geoffrey Blainey said on the eve of the recent election, the double standards and hypocrisy of prominent "anti-racists" has led to an explosive situation where minority groups feel that they can make the most outrageous charges against representatives of the majority of Australians. Such representatives can be termed "red-necks", "neo-Nazis" or "extremists". During the election campaign the self-righteous and self-opinionated Gerard Henderson, who has weekly columns in *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, was complaining that the statements by Bob Katter and other Nationalists meant the National Party couldn't "shake (the racist) smell". Obviously the electors in the electorates being contested by these "racists" don't read Gerard Henderson's columns and proceed to elect them with big majorities. This led to another wringing of hands by Henderson, who charged that "intolerance" was making a comeback, stating that "Outside the ranks of the Coalition's leadership, Graeme Campbell, Bob Katter and Pauline Hanson are the star performers of the campaign".

It is perhaps too much to expect the Hendersons and others, including Robert Manne of Australia's leading literary magazine, *Quadrant*, to display a little humility and attempt to discover why, when given the opportunity, Australians are increasingly rejecting multiculturalism. It would be instructive to hear the explanation by these pseudo-moralists why large numbers of Aborigines in Campbell's electorate vote for him. And why the big Aboriginal vote for Bob Katter. And are the electors, most of them working class, who voted for Pauline Hanson, and suffering from the effects of economic rationalist policies, the right to say that they feel that they are being discriminated against in favour of a minority, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

Australians, still predominantly Anglo-Saxon Celtic, as pointed out by Graeme Campbell, are a basically tolerant generous people. They support the traditional "fair go" for all Australians, irrespective of their backgrounds. As pointed out by genuine Aborigines, men like the Rev. Cedric Jacobs, it is the very welfare system being lavished upon them by white do-gooders which has done so much damage to the Aboriginal people. It is the Graeme Campbells who have warned against the basic causes of racial and other frictions throughout Australia. Unless those basic causes are dealt with constructively, any attempt by John Howard to heed the advice of the *Financial Review* is going to lead to more social friction. It is legitimate to ask are their groups promoting even if only indirectly, such friction in order that further doses of totalitarianism can be administered to the long suffering Australian people.

COURAGE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT UNPOPULAR VIEWS by David Thompson:

The proposal by Queensland Aboriginal groups to attempt to pursue the newly-elected Independent Member for Oxley, Pauline Hanson, over her comments concerning Aborigines simply threatens to intensify the backlash against 'political correctness'. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service proposes to have Hanson hauled before the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, and to investigate the possibility that a formal complaint under the new racial vilification laws might be successful.

It is ironic that it is the very principles upon which the Human Rights Commission was supposedly based, to which Pauline Hanson appeals in her comments concerning Aborigines. She points out that it is a denial of such principles as equality of opportunity that produces special privileges for people on the basis of their racial background; that Aboriginal people could qualify for benefits unavailable to non-Aboriginal people. Hanson places her critics, Aboriginal and others, in difficult position by pointing out that she is not motivated by hatred, but is merely telling the truth.

The legislation which provided the basis for the Human Rights Commission is the 1975 Racial Discrimination Act. Some lawyers, politicians and constitutional authorities point out that regulations and Acts of Parliament like the Native Title Act **contravene the principles** of the Racial Discrimination Act because they legislate to offer privileges to some sections of the community **on the basis of race**, culture, etc.

CAMPBELL STEPS IN: Upon hearing that Pauline Hanson was being hounded by press and minority lobby groups, and had actually gone into hiding in fear for her security, W.A. Independent M.P. Graeme Campbell took the unusual step of sending a member of his staff to Ipswich to assist her. He defended her comments on Aboriginal privileges, saying that they were not "racist".

"Political correctness has gone mad," said Campbell. "She was attacking the Aboriginal industry, which is what I have been doing for years, not the Aborigines." (*Sunday Times*, 10/3/96)

The possibility that Campbell may form some sort of Parliamentary alliance with Pauline Hanson in Canberra is certain to provide further cause for heartburn for Prime Minister Howard. The fact that the Liberal Party's dis-endorsement of Pauline Hanson was a massive error of judgement, and that the issues she raises have received massive attention and public support, is a source of considerable embarrassment for the Liberals. If Hanson and Campbell are able to support each other by seconding each other's motions in the Parliament, the Coalition may be forced to take part in some extremely interesting Parliamentary debates.

ABORIGINAL LEADER HOLDS LABOR ACCOUNTABLE: A W.A. Aboriginal leader, Mr. Ken Colbung, claims that the Labor Government was partly to blame for "increasing racism"

because of a perception that Aborigines occupied a favoured position in Australian society. In his remarks, Colbung perhaps unconsciously supports Pauline Hanson's contentions, for which she has been the target of abuse from Queensland Aborigines. In a report in *The West Australian* (5/3/96) Colbung is quoted as saying "Mabo has become the crucifixion place for Aboriginal people".

"I think the backlash is bigger than I've ever seen it. It's going to stick for a long time because native title has turned the tide against us."

Colbung also noted that the Labor Government's failure to keep a tight rein on spending, and Aboriginal people's reluctance to speak out on a lack of financial accountability had allowed abuses in Aboriginal organisations to go unchecked. He said non-Aboriginal people had been **afraid to discuss abuses openly for fear of being labelled a racist.**

Pauline Hanson is the victim of the circumstances described by Colbung. As she speaks out about the disparity in benefits available to different racial groups, she is, in effect, representing the views of responsible and moderate Aborigines. Radical groups and the politically correct press are hounding her, not the vast majority of grassroots Aborigines.

W.A. LIBERALS RENT BY DIVISION: The election of two former Liberal Party Independents to the Federal Parliament has further exposed divisions within the Liberal Party in W.A. The Party had invested heavily in the campaigns against Paul Filing and Allan Rocher, both of whom were successful. The endorsed Liberal Party candidate who stood against Mr. Rocher was Mr. Ken Court, brother of the W.A. Premier Richard Court. Despite the very public support from his brother, Ken Court was soundly defeated.

In Mr. Filing's seat of Moore, the endorsed Liberal Party candidate suffered a swing against the Liberals of something like **30 percent**. This was previously a safe Liberal Party seat, and the message to the Liberals is clearly that they can take nothing for granted.

THE NEW LIBERAL REPUBLICAN SENATOR: Further signs that the W.A. Liberals are losing their political grip, include the endorsement and then the election of an avowed republican, Dr. Alan Eggleston, on the Liberal Party Senate ticket. Eggleston now intends to lobby other Liberals in the Federal Parliament, in an effort to form a Liberal Party republican group. He intends speaking to **Senator Baden Teague**, and the Minister for Finance, **Mr. Fahey**, both of whom are known to have republican views. It is perhaps significant that supporters of the deposed former Senator Noel Crichton-Brown were attempting to have Dr. Eggleston replaced as the third nomination on the Liberal Senate ticket with Michael Huston, the former Liberal M.L.A., who was defeated by Independent Liz Constable in the State seat of Floreat in 1991. It appears that Dr. Eggleston's nomination was seen as a victory for the 'moderates' of the W.A. Liberal Party. If the 'moderates' in W.A. reflect the same philosophical position as the Liberal Party 'moderates' in the eastern States, then this is a sure sign that the W.A. Liberals are also in advanced stages of decay.