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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"People want guidance and are deprived of it by 'the treason of the clerks', the orthodox academic intellectuals who can pick holes, analyse, quote each other, snigger at now unorthodox traditional values, but too often are happy in a purely negative way and boast that they can give no coherent inspiring message. Though Milton meant the words in a very different sense to mine, they are most appropriate today:*

*"The hungry sheep look up and are not fed,
But swoln with wind, and the rank mist they draw,
Rot inwardly, and foul contagion spread."*

– Sir David Kelly in *The Hungry Sheep*

PAULINE HANSON THE CATALYST by Eric D. Butler:

Unlike even some of my more respected fellow political commentators, I have consistently maintained that Queensland Independent M.P. Pauline Hanson, is a genuine political phenomenon, not merely a creature of the mass media. It is clear that the mass media is determined to ensure that the much more politically experienced Graeme Campbell, leader of the Australia First movement, is given the minimum of public exposure for his views and activities, which means that those groups promoting internationalism strategy against Australian sovereignty regard Campbell as the greater long term threat to their strategy. But in the short term they are faced with the dilemma of what to do about the emergence of Pauline Hanson as a type of lightning rod for a large number of concerned and frustrated Australians who are looking for some way to indicate their strong feelings.

There is probably no strictly logical explanation of the Pauline Hanson phenomenon. During the latter stage of the Labor Government in Victoria, an unknown small businessman from the Victorian Wimmera centre of Warracknabeal, Danny Johnson, wrote a passionate letter to the *Mail Times*, published in Horsham. Danny Johnson was deeply concerned about what was happening to the traditional Australia for which his father had fought for at Gallipoli. The editor of the Horsham paper featured the letter. There was a massive response, and when Danny Johnson made what appeared to be a bizarre suggestion that those who thought as he did should march on the Victorian Parliament during the summer holiday, seasoned political observers predicted that there would be little response. But 50,000 people defied logic by jamming Bourke Street, Melbourne. But having acted as a catalyst for the creation of an army of deeply concerned Victorians, Danny Johnson could give them no clear cut directions for constructive action. Little has been heard of Danny Johnson since.

It is a combination of events and circumstances which sometimes produces a type of social explosion such as the Pauline Hanson phenomenon. The fact that she is an attractive and courageous woman has much to do with her widespread appeal. But to fully grasp the significance of the Pauline Hanson phenomenon, it is necessary to look at the issues she has raised and the identity of those leading the nation-wide anti-Hanson campaign. The re-generated Socialist movement has bluntly said that Pauline Hanson must be denied the right to free speech. Matured students of history are not surprised to find that representatives of Big Business have openly joined the Marxists in urging that Hanson be destroyed. Under the headline, CRUSH HANSON, BIG PARTIES URGED, *The Weekend Australian* of August 2nd-3rd, carried a story by Nicholas Way in which former C.R.A. chief executive Sir Rod Carnegie is quoted as saying that the two major political parties must unite to ensure that Pauline Hanson is defeated at the next Federal elections. *The Weekend Australian* of August 22nd-24th carried the headline, BUSINESS LEADERS LEAN ON HOWARD TO TOPPLE HANSON. Nicholas Way reports that "A groundswell of opinion in the business community is demanding that John Howard ensures Pauline Hanson is defeated at the next Federal elections". Mr. Mark Petersen, Chief Executive of the Australian Chamber of Commerce, is listed as one of the business leaders calling for the defeat of Hanson. Way writes, "The intervention of such senior business figures will increase pressure on the Liberal Party to direct preferences against Ms. Hanson."

It is now no secret that senior Liberals, including Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett and Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer, are urging that Pauline Hanson be listed below Labor on Liberal how-to-vote cards. Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser has also been strongly advocating such a policy for some time. Responding to Malcolm Fraser's latest attack on her, Pauline Hanson has demonstrated that she has a sense of rather earthy humour with her suggestion that Malcolm Fraser should concentrate on keeping his pants on. If an open alliance is formed between the major political parties to defeat Pauline Hanson, once again Pauline Hanson will be seen as a catalyst demonstrating what a growing number of Australians feel: that there are no basic differences between the present major parties. This will be a striking confirmation of what the League of Rights has been saying for many years.

And now comes Pauline Hanson's latest contribution to the clarification of what are Australia's roots. Pauline Hanson clearly believes that those roots are Christian. Her comments have produced a renewed torrent of abuse. Last weekend witnessed a violent condemnation of Pauline Hanson by former Victorian Labor Premier John Cain and a number of ethnic leaders, whose abuse of the Queensland M.P. highlighted the fragmenting effect of "multicultural" on what was previously a reasonably coherent Australian nation. Claiming to represent a quarter of the world's population, who are Muslims, a Mr. Cheland warned that Nazism started in Germany with the type of rhetoric being used by Pauline Hanson. Mr. Cheland said that Pauline Hanson should "shut her mouth". Government Senate leader Robert Hill is quoted as saying that Pauline Hanson was becoming "more extreme", and that any reference to religion was "evil".

With that breathtaking arrogance for which he is noted, Zionist leader Mark Leibler launched a bitter attack on Pauline Hanson because of her reference to Christianity. Mr. Leibler did not point out that Zionist Israel practises the most discriminatory policies concerning immigration and religious teaching in Israel. Any suggested Christian missionary work in Israel is strongly opposed. According to the multiculturalists, any suggestion that Australians should discriminate in favour of their own traditional culture, and that migrants should be expected to learn some English and to be prepared to integrate into mainstream Australia, is a manifestation of "racism".

As I have said on numerous occasions, Pauline Hanson has not as yet advanced any coherent policies to overcome Australia's problems. But her party political critics have, over the past quarter of a century, not only failed to solve Australia's problems, but have added to them. Acting perhaps as an unconscious catalyst, Pauline Hanson has made a major contribution towards clarifying some of the basic questions which Australians must face if they wish to survive as a sovereign nation. While I have expressed my doubts about her decision to get involved in party politics, I have reached the conclusion that, at the risk of finishing with the proverbial egg on my face, if her opponents continue with their mounting campaign against Pauline Hanson, they may well ensure that she is re-elected at the next Federal elections. She has announced that she is going to re-contest the seat of Oxley in the House of Representatives. Australians traditionally warm to a fighter prepared to stand up to the "Big Battalions". And I believe that if her main opponent electorally is former Queensland Premier Wayne Goss, this will prove an added advantage for Pauline Hanson.

If she has done nothing else, Pauline Hanson, the "uneducated" fish and chips woman from Ipswich, has played a major role in changing the nature of Australian politics and in clarifying the lines on which the basic battle for Australia must be fought. Let us be grateful for even minor miracles.

THE CONSPIRACY TO "PRIVATISE" EUROPE by David Thompson:

Figures produced by a French economics institute INSEE indicates that around 12 percent of households in Europe live in poverty, with the highest poverty rates being in Portugal (18.9%), Greece (17.7%) and Italy (12.9%). The figures for Britain showed that up to 23% lived in poverty, but their accuracy was disputed. There is no indication from the statistics whether European poverty was increasing or decreasing, but neither is there any evidence available to suggest that the European Union has helped to reduce poverty in any single member nation.

In fact, the truth about how Europe has been organised over the last decade and more is only now slowly beginning to emerge. Most of the "unification" of Europe has been done by subterfuge and betrayal of the interests of the peoples involved. A recent report by Colin Hines in *The Guardian* (London) that was reproduced by *The Sydney Morning Herald* (23/8/97) makes a number of fascinating revelations.

Hines reveals that for more than a decade national parliaments and politicians have had almost no control over how Europe was run. Most of us already knew this, assuming that the Brussels bureaucracy was in charge. But not so, according to Hines. Those responsible are "a little-known group of trans-national corporations called the European Round Table of Industrialists (E.R.T.)".

Hines is quoting from a report, *Europe Inc.*, published by the Dutch-based Corporate Europe Conservatory, who have investigated E.R.T. documents, and conducted interviews at the highest levels among trans-national corporations. Hines writes:

"The evidence shows that the E.R.T. was the driving force behind the E.E.C's. internal market in the 1980s, the 1991 Maastricht Treaty and the social welfare-cutting single currency.

"Founded in 1983, the E.R.T. is made up of 45 business leaders from large European trans-national corporations whose combined annual turn-over approaches \$880 billion. They include Shell, B.P., Daimler-Benz, Fiat and Siemens.

"The E.R.T. was set up with the intention of reviving European integration and shaping it to the preferences of European trans-nationals. The key to its success is the financial power of its members, and hence its ready access to decision-makers at national and European level . . ." (Our emphasis)

GLOBAL CONSPIRACY: Colin Hines' report does not mention the word "conspiracy" at any point, but it is made entirely clear that the re-organisation of Europe has been achieved by a group of executives of huge multinational corporations for one reason only: **to enhance their own power and influence**. It is most significant that the E.R.T. regards a European "competition policy" as essential to their own interests. It was under the A.L.P. that Australia's National Competition Policy was adopted. The Coalition has never challenged this **Market-driven** policy. Hines writes:

"The E.R.T.'s. greatest and most environmentally-threatening achievement has been to get national governments and the E.U. to institutionalise international competitiveness as their primary policy objective. This narrow emphasis was clear at last month's meeting in Amsterdam, where the follow-up to the Maastricht Treaty was agreed . . ."

"Having secured the required political framework, the corporations shifted their emphasis to the creation of a European transport infrastructure to speed the progress of the single market. Again, working closely with the (European) commission, the E.R.T. successfully argued for the channel tunnel and the trans-European networks, the largest transport infrastructure in history, involving 12,000 kilometres of new motorways, a series of high-speed train lines and numerous airport extensions . . ."

While it is the financial clout of the multinationals that gives them power, there is no mention of any banking groups. But it is certain that it is the banks that are at the very centre of the E.R.T. operation. Many of the interlocking directorates of the big multinationals are also a "who's who" of the global banking multinationals – especially in Europe.

It is also evident that the unification of Europe is not being achieved for the benefit of **individuals in the countries involved** in Europe. The single market, single currency and single parliament is obviously for the benefit of the multinationals, arranged by the multinationals through their European Round Table.

As talk of Australia being integrated into Asia escalates, there is no discussion of how it will benefit the individual in Australia. But there is plenty of talk about how it will benefit big business. In fact, careful attention should be paid to the key figures who condemn Pauline Hanson for her "Asian racism"; the "big business" figures are the key to it. Sir Rod Carnegie, Bill Gurry (Warburg Bank), Don Mercer (A.N.Z. Bank), Mark Patterson (Chamber of Commerce) are the types who insist that Hanson must be "destroyed".

The globalisation of the world is not being achieved for the individual's benefit, but for the trans-global power groups who have organised it. If the word "conspiracy" is appropriate, then we should use it.

Recommended reading: *"Europe's Full Circle"*, by Rodney Atkinson, \$27.00, or \$30.00 posted; *"Treason at Maastricht"* by Atkinson & McWhirter, \$27.00, or \$30.00 posted: from League Book Services.