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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"That the elucidation of the structure of DNA can be used, and has been used, to increase our respectful understanding of living organisms is very true, but its chief attraction to many lies in the power it offers even more crudely and suddenly than heretofore to manipulate and mould life into forms which happen to suit our trivial, short-term purposes.*

"Those who press forward with the exploitation of such power are characterised by a certain arrogance. They have a power-fever exceeding the gold-fever of the mine field, and it shows in their contempt for those who retain the humbler attitude to nature which was engendered by the Christian religion – the matrix from which modern science grew."

– Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs, *"On Planning the Earth"* Part II, 1989

ONE NATION STUMBLES INTO RECONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITY by Q.B.:

While the newspapers have been full of the de-registration of the One Nation Party in Queensland, and its intention to re-apply for registration within a week or so, none are yet seeing it as an opportunity to reconstruct One Nation's bizarre constitution.

Very early in the Party's history, lifetime control was effectively placed into the hands of David Oldfield and David Ettridge, provided that they supported each other. Even Pauline Hanson is powerless to remove either if he's supported by the other.

Pauline Hanson's reaction was reported in *The Courier Mail* (21/8/99) as follows: *"It's all a conspiracy against One Nation, she says. She dismisses Terry Sharples, who instigated the Queensland Supreme Court action which resulted in Wednesday's finding by Justice Roslyn Atkinson that the Party's State registration was invalid because it was 'induced by fraud or misrepresentation', as just another disgruntled former member."*

The cost to the party of its "Two David's Rule, Okay?" policy is that credible candidates declined to run for the party that nobody, but nobody, could influence unless the two Davids permitted it.

Candidates worthy of respect, tend to have too much self-respect to submit unashamedly to such narrow and undemocratic scrutiny.

Why Pauline Hanson herself submitted in this arrangement is usually seen as either a character deficiency or a mystery. It has cost One Nation quality candidates everywhere.

The remaining One Nation State members in Queensland have a golden opportunity to place the Party on a different basis when it is re-registered. Will they take it?

They have had the opportunity to put forward legislation that the people want (but the Parties don't), since being elected – but none is in evidence. Forcing the major parties to vote against a good CIR Bill would have been a propaganda victory. Bills to protect local industry would have been popular if well presented. Unfortunately, the quality is not there to handle it, apparently.

One Nation's contributions to Australian politics so far have been to -

1. Eliminate all others attempting to represent the protest at the disastrous bi-partisan policies destroying Australia, and then,
2. Eliminate themselves – both from intelligent policy proposals, and from a credible existence.

Pauline Hanson identified a large number of people who were ready to support pro-Australian policies. Total submission to Messrs. Oldfield and Ettridge is not the way to organise this.

The bell has rung on the lost opportunity to get it right. If they don't, the Australian Nationalist movement will have to outlive some years of demoralisation.

FORMER FEDERAL CABINET MINISTER RECOMMENDS BOOK: A primary producer in NSW, Mr Neil Allen of Barraba, has financed the mailing of Jeremy Lee's latest book *"How Bright The Vision?"* to every State and Federal Member of Parliament – some 900 representatives.

With each copy was included a personal letter written by former Federal Cabinet Minister the Hon. Clyde Cameron, AO, reproduced with his permission. It read:

"Dear Mr Lee – Many thanks for your latest book Australia 2000 - How Bright The Vision? which I have read with great interest.

You put the position in proper perspective when you write that globalisation has, by an induced programme for 'international monopoly' divided the world, economy by economy, into super-rich and destitute, and that while a third of Australians live in poverty, wealth at the top end of town is staggering.

In Chapter Three you give a superb account of the way Chartered Trading Banks can 'create' additional money in the form of credit and that from December 1997 to December 1998 the aggregate amount of money in Australia increased by \$25 billion and of this amount \$23.5 billion was created by the private sector Trading Banks!

This is not a one-off occurrence – it occurs every year, with the banks claiming ownership of the 'new' money on which they charge interest plus charges for handling the various accounts.

Regrettably, Labor's Parliamentary Party forgot, or lacked concern, for the intended role of the Commonwealth Bank when they decided to hand it over to the private banking cartel.

However, as you correctly point out, there is nothing to stop the Commonwealth Government from directing the Reserve bank of Australia to establish trading bank branches throughout Australia, and by competition compel the 'gang-of-four' to bite the dust. It is incredible that Australia's five biggest banks were able to squeeze \$10.324 billion from customers in fees and charges over 12 months, and lift non-interest income by more than 17 per cent, and can spend over \$400,000 every 24 hours in advertising.

I find it regrettable that you can record the fact that it was the Hawke-Keating 'Labor' Government that made it possible for foreigners to obtain ownership of Australian assets of \$344.5 billion, and that the 'per-capita' average of foreign ownership at the end of 1996-97 was \$27,000 or \$108,000 for the average family of four. And that was allowed to happen in spite of Labor's Platform!

You are correct when you assert that there is no such thing as national sovereignty without national control of finance – something that is lost when nations are globalised.

I share your concern about the future of those calling for Australia to become a Republic without addressing the need to amend Section 51 of our Constitution. It means that there will be nothing to prevent a repeat of the 1975 constitutional coup by a President or Governor-General – whatever the case may be.

You are to be complimented for drawing attention to the fact that a Labor Prime Minister in the thirties allowed the representative of the privately-owned bank of England to bamboozle himself and the six State Premiers into plunging us into the Depression resulting from the Premiers' Plan to meet the cost of Australia's contribution to the First World War to save Britain's ruling caste from losing their wealth.

It is frightening to be reminded that our Current Account Deficit increased by over \$8 billion in the last quarter of 1998, and was the highest in our history. I am glad you have exposed the current extent of political bribery called 'donations' to the major parties. We should be realistic and accept the fact the Corporate sector did not hand over \$25,448,392 in donations to ALP and the Liberal Party if it didn't expect many times that amount in tax benefits etc. etc. When Ben Chifley was Prime Minister, the Corporate sector would not have wasted thirteen pence, much less \$13 million, as the donation the Labor Party received from the Corporate sector.

Your criticism of Premier Olsen's move to privatised ETSA reminded me that Labor's NSW Premier was tarred with the same brush. It is incredible!

I am glad you have dealt with the Multilateral Agreement on Investments

Yours very sincerely, Clyde R. Cameron.

*(Jeremy Lee's booklet **Australia 2000 - How Bright The Vision?** obtainable from all League bookshops, \$12.00 posted).*

MORE ILLEGAL BOATS: Yet another boat, this one containing 140 Iraqis, has been apprehended at Christmas Island. The boat itself was owned and manned by Indonesians, and well equipped.

A strong Editorial in *The Australian* (16/8/99) summarised what many Australians are thinking:

"Illegal immigration is proving to be more than a one-day wonder and the federal government program to curb it is repeatedly being exposed as insufficient Immigration authorities frequently point out that while the boat people are subject to the greatest volume of publicity, it is illegal immigration through the airline systems that causes greater concern. Even so, if policy is fashioned to stop illegal immigration then the repeated attempts by foreigners, either independently or using people-smuggling syndicates to reach our shores illegally by boat are a continued reminder that the deterrent message is not being absorbed continued arrivals mean the current policy is not working...."

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LIES AND MORE DAMN LIES by Alfred King:

In a leading page-one story this week, the *Australian Financial Review* (AFR), states that the Commonwealth Government debts will be eliminated within three years, followed by large surpluses, which will result in income tax cuts for all. Furthermore, that *"the elimination of debt has been brought about by tight fiscal policy in recent years, stronger than expected economic growth and the proceeds from privatisations"*. Huh? What are they telling us?

I thought we were hopelessly in debt, a debt so huge that we can't even meet the interest payments. I am having *déjà vu* as I remember Paul Keating, shortly before his demise as PM, looking straight into the TV camera and telling all Australians that there was no national debt, that Australia had net assets!

Then, shortly after this, the Liberals were elected and found, oh! my! there is a huge debt. In fact, the black hole is far bigger than could have possibly been imagined beforehand – but don't worry, John Howard has just returned from worshipping at the altar of the IMF, and the gurus there have pointed us the way of salvation. We were all going to have to go without some more, but it's only for a short time, and then everything will be perfect. Well, it looks like the promised Utopia is upon us: in the same article the Federal Treasurer, Peter Costello, is quoted favouring *"income tax cuts as a way to deal with the huge budget surpluses after Commonwealth Government debt is eliminated within three years"*. It sounds like the current Liberal term has given us an Australia that is strong, independent and tax-free. Who will hold Mr. Costello accountable in three years time for these promised budget surpluses and income tax cuts?

A clue is given by the grinning Treasurer himself. The *AFR* quotes him as saying that he likens the task of running the government to that of a corporation. *"When the financial position of a company is strong, it rewards the shareholders through higher dividends. Australian taxpayers are shareholders in Australia and they will benefit through income tax cuts as government debt is eliminated."*

Personally, I strongly disagree with the concept of our country being run as if it were a business. The lives of Australians cannot be measured merely in dollars and cents. The needs and physical capabilities of Australians should control the monetary system. It is a satanic, perverted system where the opposite happens. However, if Costello and his ilk are sincere about running things like a corporation, then let's not be half-hearted. To start with, I want to know if Peter Costello or Jeremy Lee is telling the truth. Let's publish a full set of audited financial statements, at least bi-annually. This will show how much debt we do have, who we owe it to, how much of this country's total expenditure is made up of interest and dividend payments to overseas interests, and how this proportion has changed over time.

Actually, the more you look into this, the more potential there is. The shareholders should be able to review the Memorandum and Articles of Association to decide exactly what 'business' Australia is allowed to carry on. For example, would it include UN military action overseas in issues that are not our concern? This review would also decide the limits of the powers of the executive. Ultimately, we would have the power to call an extraordinary meeting of shareholders at any time and dismiss any individual member of the executive who did not have our confidence. Would Mr. Costello be smiling so broadly then?

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