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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Upper Houses are a constitutional safeguard. Anyone who doubts the value of Upper Houses as a part of the Constitutions of Australian State Governments should recall the fact that the 1944 referendum, at which the electors of Australia overwhelmingly rejected Dr. Evatt's demands for sweeping powers for the Canberra planners, was mainly the result of the Tasmanian Legislative Council's refusal to be a party to the Tasmanian House of Assembly's proposal to grant powers (to Canberra) without reference to the Tasmanian electors."*

"Steps Toward the Monopoly State" by Eric D. Butler, 1949

AUSTRALIA SURRENDERS ITS SHORELINE by Jeremy Lee:

The issue of illegal immigrants has turned from a dangerous disgrace into a fiasco.

A feature article in *The Bulletin* (14/12/99) made the following points:

".... Of the 70 boats that have arrived illegally this year, 47 carried people from countries where the ruling regime is known by Australia to torture, persecute or murder its citizens – countries such as Iraq and Afghanistan In this era of the dispossessed, when as the UNHCR estimates no less than 13 million people are on the move at one time, refugees choose us. Queue-jumping, backdoor arrivals – it's all the same. People are seeking homes in countries like Australia, Canada, the United States and in Europe Of the 14 boatloads that arrived in November, most have been chased out of their native land for political or ethnic reasons: most of them come to Australia via Iran – where they fled from Iraq but are now being forced out of as relations between these two countries thaw only 8,257 people sought asylum in 1998-99 ... while 51,795 went to Britain, 986,444 fled to Germany and 427,135 sought refuge in the United States"

Comparisons between Australia and northern hemisphere countries are invidious. We have no way of knowing how many have escaped detection. Far more worrying is the fact that Australia's soft policies are providing no deterrent for a rapid escalation in the boat trade.

With Port Hedland, Curtin and Woomera full and overflowing, the Immigration Department's budget is \$150 million over spent, simply because of illegal immigrants. Each person in one of the detention centres is costing \$115 a day.

The latest development is disastrous. Queensland's *Courier-Mail* (28/12/99) wrote:

"The Federal Government's decision to grant three-year "protection" visas to boat people and send them to cities other than Sydney and Melbourne is a bid to cut the cost of illegal immigration For each person assessed as a refugee and released on a three-year protection visa, the Government saves \$115 a day Most of those granted the special visas will probably stay in Australia for ever. The refugees know it, so do the people smugglers. For that reason the move will do little to stem the tide of boat people heading this way. On the contrary, it will probably give boat people and those who arrange their transport new incentive to press ahead"

The article went on to point out that, while these new arrangements for illegal immigrants would not provide enhanced social security benefits, they would receive the Special Benefit (or dole equivalent) and access to Medicare. The Government will provide them with a special bus ticket to Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth, fondly hoping they will not move from those destinations to Sydney or Melbourne!

This policy is sheer lunacy, guaranteed to ensure a continuing escalation of illegal immigrants. What is the point of beefed-up surveillance to our north if the most that happens is an escort to an Australian harbour and a bus ticket to a smaller capital city for a three-year stay? We might as well import red carpets from Iraq or Afghanistan to lay out for illegal immigrants!

The Australian (7/1/2000) reported the arrival of the first group to be released under the new arrangements in Perth:

" Instead of being pleased with their release from detention, the 31 Afghans and seven Iraqis railed against the Federal Government's new restrictive policy on illegal immigrants"

Australia is now caught on the horns of its own pathetically unrealistic small-l liberalism and so called humanitarianism. Persisted with, this policy simply gathers fuel for a subsequent fire of reaction from ordinary Australians who are being pummelled enough as it is.

Both Iraq and Afghanistan are currently subject to international economic sanctions, largely at the instigation of the United States. The humanitarian results in Iraq are horrifying, with up to one million dead women and children since Desert Storm.

Australia should immediately withdraw its support for such sanctions. The illegal immigrants reaching our shores are largely the result of inhuman policies against the countries from which they come.

In 1998-99 Australia granted \$120 million in aid to Indonesia and a further \$55 million to China. Such aid should immediately be suspended until the countries in question show they have ceased to participate in people smuggling.

The Bulletin article referred to explained: *" Mostly they fly from Jordan to Jakarta where Arab-speaking people-smugglers wait at the airport to persuade them they can get them safely into Australia. The fact that these people are getting visas to transit through Indonesia is causing much chagrin in Australian immigration circles, with the strong suggestion that the Indonesian government is facilitating the arrivals as a payback to Australia for its role in East Timor"*

And we still dish out aid to friend and unfriendly alike as though Australia was Father Christmas.

The illegal immigration racket is set to be one of the most explosive issues as the new century begins. It will be a test of the Australian character – with little evidence of the necessary qualities in the present Federal Government!

PROBLEM OF THE UNDERGROUND FLOOD by Tom Fielder:

"...When the host tree dies, the parasitic mistletoe dies also..."

Large cities are by their very nature parasitic on the adjacent food bowls that supply the life-blood in the form of raw materials for food, clothing and housing. The modern large city could not produce one day's food in a whole year. Due to faulty financial pressures administered from the main population centres, food production has been concentrated in the irrigation areas of the Murray-Darling basin.

The irrigation food-bowl of the Murray-Darling basin is doomed, and was doomed for extinction from the very beginning, even before the first pump was installed and the first channel dug to divert river flow on to the dry inland plains. A proper study of the history of other irrigation systems down through the ages would make this clear.

The final calamity will be sudden and irreversible. The Murray-Darling river-basin will be little more than salty marshland with only the higher spots above the water table. Within a few generations city populations will fall into a rapid decline. The highly developed infrastructure will fall into decay and once tidy suburban gardens will revert to bushland and kangaroos.

The irrigation areas of Australia are doomed because of three main factors: Financial, Political and Ecological.

The first two are man-made polices and the third the inevitable result of the first two. So, one is driven to the conclusion that someone, somewhere wants the result that we now see. This smells of the socialist ploy to **create a problem, declare a crisis, and advocate the wrong solution for political purposes**. It is easy to predict that the 'water crisis' will be well worked over by the mass media until we hand over ownership of water to a United Nations agency.

word salinity will become a trigger-word demanding our immediate acquiescence to political programmes instigated by 'our financial masters'. Salinity is an effect, not the cause. Salinity is readily observable and is a highly emotional subject. On the other hand, **'the underground flood'** in the ecological sense, is the real cause.

But, being invisible and not receiving proper recognition and treatment by any of the 'so-called experts', we can expect that the farmer will be made to pay for completely useless solutions. This article, by an irrigation dairyfarmer of 35 years experience, seeks to throw some light on this part of the problem. When stored river water is applied to the land a sequence of events take place:

1. Plant and animal life take up their requirements
2. Some water is evaporated by the sun

3. Some surplus water runs off into the surface drainage system
4. Some water will always seep down through the soil profile below the root zone.

When water is evaporated by the sun, whatever salt was dissolved is left on the surface. Drainage run-off water has gradually increased in salt content in recent years. Some drainage water is reused to supplement river storage. But eventually drainage water re-enters the rivers to add to the salt burden carried to the lower reaches.

Because of financial pressures, irrigation systems have now become dependent on supply quotas beyond the storage capacity in low rainfall years. The combination of financial pressures, reduced supply at the same time as increased need has led to the present crisis where it is predicted that Adelaide water taken from the Murray will be unfit to drink in the near future. **But there is worse to come!**

The main irrigation areas reached crisis level about 20 years ago when the accumulated ground water (water that had seeped down through the soil profile) rose to one metre or less from the surface. Only the constant use, of an estimated 2000 pumps, has kept this situation 'more or less' under control.

But water seeping down through the soil profile does not merely remain in the area beneath the irrigation districts. It percolates into every crevice from the bed-rock upwards and penetrates the sand beds of ancient river systems that extend for hundreds of miles through the silt beds of the river flood plain **beneath the existing river systems**. The result, it has been discovered, is a water table at about three metres from the Queensland border right through to South Australia.

If present irrigation policies continue, it is only a matter of time before the water table will be so close to the surface that normal agricultural production will not be possible. The emphasis on '*efficient irrigation practices*' can only have an influence on the time scale – **not the end result**.

When water actually comes to the surface and is evaporated by the hot summer sun, the salinity trade-mark of salt crystals on the surface will be plainly visible as will be dead trees and destroyed crop land, giving the politicians ample scope to 'beat the drum' of their secret agenda.

To those who have availed themselves of the information of the MEA Tape Library this secret agenda is not so secret at all. Quite plainly, it is designed to destroy the financial sovereignty and ownership of private property. Then the sovereignty and independence of nation states and in the process causing a world food shortage as a rationale for population reduction.

Social Crediters and other readers of *On Target* will recognise the stupidity of two crazy solutions already being widely promoted; i.e. "*We need production for export markets*". And the second, "*Make water so expensive that farmers cannot afford to grow grass for cattle to eat...*" Where does the second fool think meat and dairy produce come from? Readers who tend to see some value in either of these ideas (in italics) should write immediately to the author of this article for further information.