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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"I would sum up my general suggestions so far by saying that the chief danger to be considered now is the danger of supposing the capitalist conquest more complete than it is... This sort of surrender to modern monopoly is not only ignoble, it is also panic stricken and premature. It is not true that we can do nothing... Put one spoke in their wheel, and you will soon see whether it is the wheel of fate... The modern commercial combine has a great many points in common with a big balloon... the smallest prick will shrivel the biggest balloon."*

The tyranny of Trusts from *"The Outline of Sanity"* by G.K.Chesterton

AUSTRALIA'S LUCKY ESCAPE by Jeremy Lee:

Although not due until November, the US presidential election has been in full swing for months. With the field narrowing down to seven favoured candidates, the circus-hype will be stepped up over the coming months. Because there is no compulsory voting, whoever becomes the President in November will get there with support well short of 50 percent of the nation. In fact, if previous presidential elections are anything to go by, less than half the people will bother voting at all.

Why?

Christopher Reed, writing in *The Bulletin* (25/1/2000) included these comments, disturbingly like Australia, although to a lesser degree:

".... A tiny fraction of super-rich citizens exercise vast political power, some of whom are the candidates themselves, running their own vanity campaigns on vast personal fortunes, while others exploit the political legacy of dynastic families."

"The pretence of a two-party system disguises what one opposition critic, mostly ignored by a subservient press, describes more accurately as 'two factions of the business party quarelling over the spoils'"

"It is here in early November that a new president and numerous senators and Congress members will be 'elected' at a total estimated cost in campaign funds of \$US3.5 billion (\$5.3 billion) – an increase of more than one-third since 1996. Most of this loot comes from the corporate world, where the desire for a free and representative democracy is not the motivation"

"The attention the media devote to candidates and opinion polls demonstrates their complicity; they treat with unquestioning earnestness a system where the outcome has been pre-ordained"

"US politics is ... in thrall to money, with campaign 'contributions' acting as open bribes in all but name"

Reed's research for his article comes in part from Noam Chomsky, a world-noted Jewish iconoclast whose findings seldom reach reviews in the mainstream US media.

And this was what the Murdochs and Turnbolls wanted for Australia. The influence of big money already exists, with most party politicians learning early not to get out of step with those who fund their parties.

But at least we don't have to go through this nauseating process to select our head of state! The monarchical system looks better by the moment.

AUSTRALIA'S SOVEREIGNTY UP FOR GRABS: A 'sub-committee' of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade is now taking submissions on Australia's relations with the United Nations. In its official advertisement for submissions the following comment is made:

" ... Of particular interest is the increasing demand for and the changing nature of peace-keeping operations; the implications of these operations for national sovereignty; the question of a standing army for the United Nations; an International Criminal Court; and reform of the structure and financial arrangements for the United Nations"

This raises huge issues for Australia. The current operation in East Timor is officially a United Nations one, although Australians serving there do so under their own commanders.

Much attention in the US has been drawn to the case of a young Marine, imprisoned because his oath of loyalty was to his own country – not an international military force.

Australia would be foolish to reduce in any way its own sovereign decision-making process over any use of its already inadequate armed forces. The record of UN peacekeeping operations since the end of the war, starting with its infamous role in the Congo and Katanga, has been a tawdry one. The current Secretary-General of the UN, Kofi Annan, has had to accept personal blame for the despicable use of so-called "peace-keepers" in Ruanda. The UN's behaviour – and defeat – in Somalia was just as infamous.

Another issue exists. Section 68 of Australia's Constitution says the the Governor-General, as the Queen's representative, is commander-in-chief of the armed forces. It is not for any politician to transfer command powers to any other authority without the consent of the Australian people.

It is essential that as many submissions as possible, raising these and other concerns, be submitted. The final date for submissions in February 21st – only four weeks away. They should be made to:

The Secretary, Sub-Committee on the United Nations,
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade,
Parliament House, CANBERRA, ACT 2600
(Tel: [02] 6277 2313; Fax: [02] 6277 2221; E-mail: jscfadt@aph.gov.au
Website: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/U Nations/UNIndex.htm>)

STOP PRESS: I wonder how much the various State governments would get for the Dandenong and Flinders Ranges??? Read the following report and wonder!! – Peter H Davies

Olsen off to sell seaports for \$500m, 23/1/2000: PORTS Corporation will be offered to Asian investors for an estimated \$500 million during a two-week overseas trade mission by the SA Premier, John Olsen.

The Premier, who will lead a top-level delegation leaving Adelaide on Tuesday, will:

- Meet with Mitsubishi officials in Tokyo over the future of the Tonsley plant amid fears up to 500 jobs could be in peril.
- Talk in Italy and Japan with two automotive components manufacturers about diversifying the South Australian auto industry.
- Inspect desalinisation plant technology in Dubai, which could have applications for opening tourism on Eyre and York Peninsulas.
- Open a trade office in Dubai – the gateway to the Middle East – to capitalise on the growing export opportunities, currently worth \$204 million to SA.
- Launch a tourism first with every post office in Japan used to promote South Australia as a holiday destination.

Mr. Olsen said the mission would be the basis for future exports and foreign investment, which were the key to SA's prosperity.

"It's about investment which equals jobs for South Australians as we rejuvenate and rebuild the economy," Mr. Olsen told the ***Sunday Mail*** from Port Lincoln where he opened the Tunarama Festival yesterday.

In Hong Kong, Mr. Olsen will meet Mr. Victor Li, who has bought the State's electricity assets for \$3.5 billion and is involved in the construction of the Adelaide-Darwin rail link.

The Government will urge Mr. Li to open a regional office in Adelaide to explore future investment opportunities in SA.

Mr. Olsen also will tell Hong Kong investors about the opportunities in SA, highlighting Ports Corporation which has been up for sale since last April and is worth an estimated \$500 million.

"Given the example of the Li Ka Shing's investment (in ETSA and the Adelaide-Darwin railway), clearly SA is a good investment destination," Mr. Olsen said.

In the Middle East, the Chamber of Commerce and seafood businessman Michael Angelakis will join the delegation.

They will aim to promote the automotive and aquacultural industry in Dubai.

The mission also will visit Cyprus and Greece, to strengthen the State's multicultural links between the two nations.

OH HYPOCRISY, THY NAME IS... by Alfred King:

The fact that the media/entertainment industry is so partisan can not have escaped the reader's attention. As an example, the recent 'blockbuster' movie *Saving Private Ryan* is typical of its kind. Made with seemingly unlimited resources, given almost unlimited positive publicity and accolades, it was guaranteed to make a huge impression on our national psyche. Fifty-five years is an awfully long time. Yet fifty-five years after the end of the war, we are still being subjected to the most extreme conditioning: the Germans are depicted as being all evil to a man and all are guilty of atrocities; usually against innocent,

helpless Jews. The reality is lost that in war both sides commit terrible acts. The Americans are depicted all good to a man, and if there happens to be a Jew in their ranks (which, being Hollywood, there usually is), he is depicted as being extra specially blessed in the goodness department. There have been many wars since 1945 (coinciding strangely enough with the existence of the UN), providing a great deal of potential material for film-makers, but these have passed by relatively ignored by the film industry.

Could this be connected with the fact that many of these conflicts have involved Communist aggression? What is the difference then between Communist and Nazi aggression? While there is no real difference in the two ideologies, making films about WW2 can be tremendously useful in generating guilt-support for, and increasing the power of Zionist-Jewry. While a film that probed too deeply into Communism, would have quite the opposite effect. Today, Communist regimes continue to kill and torture many more individuals than happened under the Fascists, but the media is strangely silent on this fact. Instead they urge us only to increase trade with Communist nations, i.e., support their existence. Witness China's recent admission to the WTO.

Which brings us to the Kalejs 'case'. The fact is that without consulting the Australian people, a large amount of our money has been spent investigating this 'case' and other similar ones, all of which allegedly happened in another country on the other side of the world, over half a century ago. The Special Investigations Unit into War Crimes was formed, and headed by Robert Greenwood, QC. The resources were made available (though not to the defendants of course). The only 'evidence' that has been produced is a photo of Kalejs in an SS uniform, and his stating that he had lead an Arajs Kommando Unit. For the media judiciary, this represents ample evidence because, when dealing with suspected Nazis, the presumption is guilty until proven innocent.

Mr. Greenwood argues that anyone leading a unit in the Arajs Kommandos from mid-1940 to mid-1942 "would have to be considered a serious suspect". This is then whipped up in even greater fervour by the likes of Gerard Henderson, the well-known Zionist front-man, whose main concern is not that all Australian citizens should be considered equally fairly by the legal system. He objects to the comments of Immigration Minister, Phillip Ruddock (January 4th) that Kalejs "*...is an Australian citizen and any Australian citizen is entitled, as a matter of law, to return to Australia*". Henderson argues in *The Age* that the problem with this response is that Kalejs is not like any Australian citizen because he did not fully reveal his role in the war when he arrived in Australia in 1950. Henderson's main argument is that war crimes are "...hot issue in North America and Europe" and that Australia must therefore show the rest of the world that it is doing all it can to bring any war criminals living in Australia to 'justice'.

Why then doesn't the righteous Mr. Henderson show the same outrage at the news last month that the British Solicitor-General has decided not to prosecute five Britons for spying for the Soviets in the 1950s? The evidence against them is much stronger than against Kalejs. The crimes of the Soviets are at least as abhorrent as those of wartime Germans. These five individuals were exposed by a KGB defector, Vasili Mitrokin, who published memoirs based on thousands of documents smuggled out of Russia in the early 1990s. One of them, Mrs. Melita Norwood, confessed in September to having passed nuclear secrets to the Russians shortly after WW2 and kept in touch with KGB contacts over four decades.

There is no need to send a taxpayer-funded team to Latvia to find a photo of Mrs. Norwood in a Nazi uniform – it is well known that she has been a proud member of the Communist Party for many years. She remains unrepentant, in December she underlined, "I know what I did was wrong in the eyes of the law, but I still believe that what I did was for the right reasons." No doubt Gerard Henderson's thoughts are, "*Bless her heart.*"

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