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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"The top echelon at the World Bank are brothers under the skin to the socialist dictators with whom they do daily business. Under the right circumstances, they could easily switch roles. What we have seen is merely a preview of what can be expected for the entire world if the envisioned New World Order becomes operational."*

"The IMF/World bank is the protégé of the Federal reserve. It would not exist without the flow of American dollars and the benevolence of American leadership. The Fed. has become an accomplice in the support of totalitarian regimes throughout the world... It should be abolished."

"The Creature from Jekyll Island: Second Look at Federal Reserve" by G. E. Griffin, 1997

FINAL OVERSEAS TAKEOVER? by Jeremy Lee:

The plunging Australian dollar, in what Treasurer Costello is pleased to call Australia's most prosperous decade this century, has opened the doors to a mop-up process of takeovers of remaining Australian resource companies.

We have already seen a battle between two multinationals, Anglo-American and RIO, for an Australian iron ore company.

The Sunday Age (Melbourne, 24/9/2000) reported:

"The backbone of Australia's mining, financial service and manufacturing wealth, including some of the nation's largest and best-known brand names, is under threat from overseas predators as the Australian dollar continues its plunge to historic lows."

"The cashed-up predators are looking at buys of a lifetime as the currency crash knocks billions of dollars from the value of Australian firms for bargain-hungry US and European buyers....."

"'At the end of the day everything's up for grabs', said ABN-Amro equity strategist Gerard Minack, who said foreign investors could take over even Western Mining or BHP"

"The threat to Australian companies could haunt the Government because of comments on the same"

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issue in 1996 by then Opposition Treasury spokesman Peter Costello when the Australian dollar was worth \$US74.29 cents as opposed to \$54.45 on closure in New York yesterday.

"The low Australian dollar is not just a symptom of our problem. It also serves to make Australian assets cheaper for foreigners to purchase," Mr. Costello said as he listed about 20 Australian companies that had just been sold overseas. They included Lifesavers, Allens, Tooheys, Brash's and Aeroplane Jelly"

It was the same Peter Costello who was involved in the "debt bus", which toured parts of Australia condemning the size of the overseas debt prior to the 1996 election.

WORLD GOVERNMENT – A CANADIAN REPORT: An article sent to us from Canada (*The National Post*, 7/9/2000) was headed, THE UN's PLAN FOR GLOBAL CONTROL and claimed the 55th annual gathering of the United Nations General Assembly in New York – the Millennium Assembly we have referred to previously – ".... is scheduled to take at least two actions to turn the corner from a world of sovereign nations to a world of disparate peoples subordinated to the supreme authority of the United Nations"

One of these was to be the adoption of the Earth Charter, an updated version of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Its advocates were hailing it as a Magna Carta of a new regime.

The other was described by *The National Post* as ".... a lengthy declaration, developed by 1,000 UN-accredited non-government organisations (NGOs) called Strengthening The United Nations For the 21st Century".

Among a host of demands was "....calls for a UN arms register of all small arms and light weapons, and 'peace education' covering 'all levels from pre-school through university'.

"The declaration demands UN 'political control of the global economy so that it may serve our vision', and 'integration' of the World Trade Organisation under UN control

"This declaration also calls for the UN to impose direct taxes such as 'fees on foreign exchange transactions (i.e. the Tobin Tax)'"

Will copies of these Declarations be available for ordinary members of the public? No doubt our Prime Minister and our redoubtable Minister for Foreign Affairs are fighting hard that this should be so.

SOME MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS: Mr. Isi Liebler, a long-time opponent and critic of the League of Rights, seems to have double standards on the issue of multiculturalism. Melbourne's *Herald Sun* (27/9/2000) reported:

"Melbourne Jewish leader Isi Liebler, a staunch defender of Australian multiculturalism, says the policy has no place in Israel.

"This is a country which was set up and created as a Jewish country for the Jews,' he told a Jerusalem newspaper.

"Mr. Liebler has previously said that multiculturalism in Australia was something that 'we are all proud being part and parcel of"

Mr. Liebler moved to Israel two years ago as chairman of the World Jewish Congress. He complains that post-Zionists are watering down the Zionist dream. The article went on: "....Mr. Liebler said *post-Zionists were pushing a universalist agenda in schools aimed at eliminating Jewish nationalism and creating a multicultural state*"

Funny how views change depending on the hat you are wearing. It doesn't look as though there is much future for Palestinians in Isi's view of things.

ZIMBABWE NEWS This poignant snapshot of life in Zimbabwe was received via Cathy Buckle's website (link below.) While reading it remember how much support Malcolm Fraser's government gave to the installation of the Mugabe regime. In 10 years time, will we think the same way about Keating's support for Mandela and his ANC successor?

"Dear family and friends,

Sorry for my silence and no letter last week. Aside from the fact that the telephone went down and the phone company was out on strike, we had reached the point where insanity was drawing frighteningly close so took ourselves off to Mana Pools for a few days to try and get our thoughts together and put things into perspective.

We have now very reluctantly made the final decision to leave our farm and will spend the next few weeks (assuming we have that long) selling all the remaining livestock, disposing of mountains of farm related bits and pieces which have accumulated to alarming proportions and generally closing our operation down.

This has been an incredibly painful decision but perhaps for the best as the future of commercial agriculture in Zimbabwe seems to be drawing to a close. Sadly we are not alone in our decision; our immediate neighbor has already left his farm, another plans to leave within the next few months and a third has started winding down his operation as well. It seems without doubt that this was the ultimate aim of the war veterans; simply wear us down, cripple our operations, drive us to the edge of bankruptcy until we gave up and now they have won.

Insane as it may sound, I am going to attempt to put our farm on the market. We have still not been listed for compulsory acquisition, have still not received the dreaded Section 8 letter informing us of impending government takeover. An estate agent has first to apply to the government for a Certificate of No Interest and it will be interesting to see what happens when they try on our behalf.

Our squatters are now living permanently on the property, driving vehicles across the fields and felling the timber, stripping its bark and piling up great heaps of prime gum poles. We are absolutely helpless and I find it hard to describe the feelings that churn in my gut as I see trees that I planted with my own hands, pruned over the years, weeded and protected for all this time and now have to watch as they simply take them.

Last Saturday a great crowd of people gathered in our fields and waited for the arrival of the Zanu PF MP for Marondera East to arrive. The esteemed gentleman had apparently sent word that he would himself be sharing out our farm on that day, but as the day wore on and he didn't arrive, people became restless. Finally a messenger came to say that the MP wouldn't be coming, he had rolled his brand new government Pajero five times a few kilometers from here and was dead. It obviously took the locals a couple of days to work out the implications before they must have realized that this now means a by-election; back to square one with the intimidation, the rallies, the beatings and finally the voting.

Three days after the death of our MP, the youngster who pulled a gun on me some weeks ago, moved onto our neighbor's land, started felling the trees on their 300 acre plot and building himself a hut in

their cattle paddock. Until now largely untouched by the WV's, our neighbors in their 70s have now to endure the rape of their land for the third time. They lost everything in the Mau Mau in Kenya, lost everything again in Nyanga in the Zim war in 1980 and now it starts all over again. We all begin to feel more than a little like the Jews who were stripped of their human rights, property rights and then their lives in Nazi Germany.

We can only hope and pray that for us we can get off our land with our lives and can remain in the country of our birth and try and rebuild.

Ethnic cleansing; such a strange term, how terrifying to be the victims of it. So now, for the first time in 10 years I am going to attempt to find a job; a scary prospect having been a boss for a decade. Even scarier the thought of living in a little box in a town, but after this six months of hell, even a small holding has lost its appeal as perhaps those little pieces of land will be next on the list. For Zimbabwe I weep. What is to become of her and her people when, by this time next year it won't only be diesel and paraffin they are queuing for but bread, sugar, maize meal, meat, etc. etc. etc. There are now so many farmers doing what we are doing. Agriculture has become untenable, there is no end in sight, there is no one that seems able to quell this utter insanity. How very very sad that it has come to this and to think of what it will be like in a few months from now. I apologize if I missed out answering anyone's letters these past few days. We continue to appreciate everyone's supportive and caring messages. Thank you."

Cathy Buckle is a farmer living in Zimbabwe. Her published letters about the plight of white Zimbabwe farmers can be found at www.1freespace.com/beetee/index.html (from Neil Baird's e-mail).

BLAIR TYCOON PAID JUST \$5000 TAX: The problem of the multi-rich paying too little in taxes is not exclusive to Australia. The problem of politicians being too close to the multi-rich is not an exclusive Australian problem either!

According to a report originally published by the *Sunday Times* (UK), the millionaire businessman credited with turning round the Labour Party's finances by raising up to £7m ahead of the last general election paid just £5,000 in taxes to the Inland Revenue last year. The well-connected Lord Levy, an accountant, is a close confidant of Britain's prime minister, Tony Blair. He was made a Lord by Blair in 1997 in recognition of his work in helping to raise money for the Labour Party.

The *Sunday Times* first revealed that Levy was a basic-rate taxpayer who paid about the same to the Inland Revenue in the 1998/99 financial year as someone earning the national average salary of £21,000. The leak came in the wake of a story which revealed how foreign-born Labour donors are cutting their tax bills by exploiting a £10 billion loophole through which they can claim not to be domiciled in the UK for tax purposes despite having lived and voted here for decades.

Levy's tiny tax bill will surprise his wide circle of friends and business associates, who include Ehud Barak, the Israeli prime minister and Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula 1 racing tycoon. They know Levy as a self-made millionaire who drives a Bentley, lives in a palatial London home complete with swimming pool and palm trees, and who boasts of having brought the pop-stars Chris Rea and Alvin Stardust to fame.

The tax bill would also appear to place a question mark over how much of Levy's wealth, if any, is held in the sort of tax avoidance schemes that Labour colleagues criticised so vehemently before winning office in 1997.

Lord Levy has now been appointed by Blair as his "personal envoy" to the Middle East. (*Irving website*)

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