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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"I took steps to have my own oxen and to ascertain from first-hand experience, the reaction of well chosen and well fed animals to diseases like rinderpest, Johne's disease, septicaemia, foot and mouth disease and so forth which are common in India. My animals duly came in contact with other oxen suffering from, among other things, foot and mouth disease. I have myself seen my oxen rubbing noses with foot and mouth cases. Nothing happened. The healthy, well-fed animal reacted towards this disease exactly as improved and properly cultivated crops did to insects and fungi - no infection occurred. These ideas were put to the test during the next twenty-one years at three centres in India, at all of which I had to manage large areas of land and look after numerous oxen... In the course of this work it was soon discovered that the thing that matters most in soil management is a regular supply of freshly made humus, prepared from animal and vegetable wastes, and that the maintenance of soil fertility is the real basis of health..."*

– Sir Albert Howard in ***"Medical Testament"***, 1939

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND HEALTH by Betty Luks:

As one watches the dreadful television scenes of the burning pyres of animals in the UK and realises just what losses the farmer is incurring, not only losing his herd that would have taken many a year to build up, but also his financial losses, the question is asked – WHY? As a layman, it is hard to understand let alone explain what is going on. After all, the farmers were heard to say they have done all that was legally required of them.

Not all readers would be aware of the work done by League supporters in the field of health for soil, animals and humans. You could say that generally League supporters favour a study of health rather than a study of disease. Frank Bawden, the South Australian State Director of the League from 1946 to 1991, was one of the founders of the Soil Association in Australia and was instrumental in bringing out to Australia such pioneers as Lady Eve Balfour of the UK.

Lady Phillis Cilento appeared on many a League platform as she promoted the concepts of healthy diets and living. Peter Bennett promoted the health of the soil and Dr. Ziema McDonell has spoken on League platforms a number of times over the last year.

As recorded in **Thought for the Week**, Sir Albert Howard gained much of his knowledge in this field by observation and experience, and Andre Voison *Soil, Grass and Cancer* based much of his work on the observation and interpretation of research in many parts of the world and the evidence he presents in his book is striking.

He establishes the methods in which mineral elements of the soil condition the organic matter of the vegetable cell and govern its metabolism. He goes on to show that the influence of the soil is transmitted to the cell of the animal, thanks to the grass, the basis of the animal's feeding and that the metabolism of the cells of human tissues is secondarily affected by the same factors. He wrote in 1959, "When certain soil elements become modified, disappear or are exaggerated, cellular metabolisms become disordered and illness appears."

Nature is unforgiving (we can disobey natural laws but cannot ignore the results) and, sadly, the British farmer (if Albert Howard and Andre Voison are correct) will have to rethink his approach to health and disease.

QUEENSLAND LABOR TO RUSH 'HATE LAWS' THROUGH by Betty Luks:

The Queensland Labor Government will now rush 'anti-hate' laws through parliament according to ***The Sunday Mail***, March 4th, 2001. Premier Peter Beattie has confirmed the Cabinet will give the go-ahead for 'anti-vilification' legislation and such legislation will carry a $5,000 fine or up to six months in jail.

The editorial in the paper, while it laments the fact that such legislation will have the "potential to intrude on all our lives", advises the readers to "direct their anger at the purveyors of hate and the disciples of violence who openly abuse our hard-won and cherished freedoms of expression".

Does this mean that people such as Mrs. Pauline Hanson will be able to take Senator Ron Boswell to the Human Rights Commission for all the hateful things he has had to say about her and One Nation? Methinks there are interesting times ahead!

THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENTS by Antonia Feitz:

The real problem in Australia is not the Federal Government, but that we don't have an effective Federal Government.

Globalisation is emasculating governments. Globalists believe that the role of governments now is "to explain the inevitability of change and its benefits for the community and to recognise there are losers to be looked after as well as winners". Thus spake ***The Australian's*** economics editor, Alan Wood (20/2/01)

For learning his globalisation catechism so well, Prime Minister John Howard should surely get a gold star. Listen to this: "...I have frequently said and I'd say again that managing the impact of change is the biggest challenge that governments have in liberal democratic societies such as Australia." Queensland's Bob Borbidge sings the same song: "... we have been lousy managers of change."

Clearly 'governing' is out, and managing the people's discontent while unrestrained markets and multinationals wreak social and economic havoc in Australia is in. It's beyond belief that they still don't get it. They still think if they just explained things better we dolts would see the light and agree that destroying Australian society is really a Good Thing.

To claim that man hasn't the wit to establish a just and decent society because he is subject to market forces beyond anybody's control is a dismal, arrogant and profoundly immoral viewpoint. It's nonsense too. All that's lacking is the political will to take control, and that's why members of the Business Council of Australia are getting so agitated. They know there is an alternative to this reckless destruction of civil society for all their lies about 'inevitability'.

Of course, the alternative might mean that multinationals won't get to establish their borderless utopia for maximising profits and to hell with the majority of the world's population, the 'losers'. But when even billionaire financier George Soros says there's no such thing as a "market society", why do our elites persist in trying to bring about such a thing? When will they accept the political reality that the Australian people simply will not tolerate a society of pre-ordained winners and losers – i.e., a "market society"? It's non-negotiable.

We know from authoritative sources like ***The Australian's*** Davos-attending international editor Paul Kelly that Australia was a test case for globalisation. What happens if / when it fails?

<u>CHERNOBYL AND OUR WORLD-CASINO ECONOMY</u> by William Krehm Editor, ***Economic Reform*** (Toronto, Canada), wkrehm@intemet.look.ca – *from ERA Newsletter*, March-April 2001:

<u>Their Shared Mathematics of Destruction:</u> In November both the American and Canadian election campaigns were run on the assertion that an unprecedented level of prosperity and budgetary surpluses had been achieved. Only when the American balloting was finally disposed of did the disturbing truth burst into the media: the boasted New Economy was in tatters. Its glories, we now learn, had been based on an unprecedented burden of debt that has begun backing up like neglected plumbing.

Almost at the same time, 14 years after the nuclear meltdown of the Chernobyl reactors in the Ukraine, the final reactor was finally shut down. And the world press carried a resume of its staggering costs: a fifth of the entire territory of the Ukraine was so heavily poisoned with radiation that it will be unsuited for human life or agriculture for countless centuries. The victims of the disaster have been more numerous than those of the Hiroshima bomb. The wretched hospital system in the Ukraine is clogged with the resulting cancer patients and the deformed children.

The lethal clouds covered a good part of Europe where their affects are less readily monitored. For years the reactors, known to be deadly, were kept working because the mouse-poor country needed their power output, no matter at what human price. The grieving over the shutdown of the final reactor was as much for the irreplaceable jobs as for the loss of life.

<u>Ultimate indictment of enthroned greed:</u> Such catastrophe in the heart of Europe can only be compared with the condition of sub-Saharan Africa. There is the same spread of disease from AIDS to the revival of tuberculosis. Average life-spans are dropping precipitously and child mortality is rising. Population is declining. Two areas that historically provided the slaves (as in "Slavs") for much of Europe and the Americas are now threatened with being left unpeopled. Cities have been abandoned to moulder and fall apart. Africa, the Ukraine and Belarus are the ultimate indictment of enthroned greed.

There is a reason for the similarity of results in the two areas. The Chernobyl reactor and New Economy of which Africa is the principal victim are based on the same exponential mathematics, the significance of which still has to be grasped by economists. Forget about models where the compounding takes place at fixed interest rates... (The common mathematics of our New Economy and nuclear physics is attested by the use of the spreading importance of the term "derivatives" borrowed from mathematics and physics by high finance little more than a decade ago.)

<u>The future is cut up and appropriated:</u> All this is by-product of a society, where the enhancement of shareholder equity is the priority to which, as wheat to the scythe, everything else bows. Not even the rules of accountancy are exempted. The future is cut up and appropriated, as were the commons in early sixteenth century England to serve as deer-parks. The 16th century, the "Age of Plunder", moved from the enclosure of the commons, to the privatizing of the pillage of the monasteries, to the piracy on the seas by which much of the Spaniards' loot from their conquests ended up in England.

In the process no stock can fall short of the exponential curve built into such a model without paying a ruinous penalty. But do stock-market jocks command the freshman maths to dig all this? They don't have to. It is all incorporated in the graphs that usually accompany analyses in our financial press.

When you see these graphs standing up vertically like a Viagra ad, you know that their alleged record has been exponential, and exponential it must continue. And if you have overlooked the exponential pattern on the way up, you have plenty of opportunity to catch it on the way down.

These days it is not unusual for outstanding high-tech shares to lose more than half their market evaluation in a matter of weeks. And each time this happens money which today is exclusively credit is destroyed throughout the economy.

The consequences are beyond the concerns that have suddenly taken over orthodox commentary about whether the cyclical "landing" of the economy will be "soft" or "hard". The fact is that the globalized, deregulated economy is without landing gear. And it has little to do with the traditional "cycle".

The financial institutions of most of the world are immobilised with capital losses reaching as far back as the seventies. Those cycles are flatter than a Firestone tyre. To borrow from political lingo "there has been no = closure".

The load of bad debt inherited from the financial crises has not been made good. It has merely been translated into ever more crushing debt taken over by governments, and the general public. The fractured societies of east Europe and Africa will not revert to where they were 10 or 20 years ago on their own.

There is moreover an important sense in which the economics of the Western world are in worse shape than the Soviets were at the time when those Chernobyl reactors went berserk.

The clean-up workers sent into what had become atomic furnaces were without protection and were clueless about the danger. But in the same Soviet Union there was a profession of physicists who could stand comparison with that of the West. It knew exactly what Chernobyl was about. That contrasts with the cluelessness of the officially recognised economics profession in the West.

Most economists get their doctoral degree without knowledge of Keynes or the relevance of the laws of freshman high-school algebra to economy. That is why we are headed into what can be the greatest bout of deflation with central bankers who have taken vows never to mention "deflation", with countries whose laws prevent them from incurring a deficit even in times of depression.

The toll in human lives of that can easily outstrip that from the Chernobyl disaster.

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