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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"During the 19th century (as Dr. Kastein, again, records) the term 'anti-semitism' was born. As 'persecution' could no longer be said to exist, some new word had to be found, capable of intimidating Gentiles and terrifying Jews, the second purpose being more important than the first, and 'anti-semitism' was invented. 'Abracadabra' might have served just as well, for the term 'anti-semitism' is patently absurd in relation to people who are demonstrably not Semites and whose Law commands the extirpation of Semites (the Arab peoples of Palestine; any expression of sympathy with the Semitic Arabs, expelled from their native land by the Zionist intruders in 1948, in time came to be attacked as 'anti-semitism')."*

"Presumably the authors of this term desired to keep such words as Jew, Jewish and anti-Jewish out of the public controversy and counted on intimidating the mass-mind by the introduction of an obscurantist word...."

– Douglas Reed in *"The Controversy of Zion"* written 1951-56, published 1978

MORE COOKED FIGURES by Jeremy Lee:

Once again the Morgan Poll, Australia's oldest and generally most accurate poll, has drawn attention to the misleading statistics used by the Howard Government. It concluded: ".... The Roy Morgan Unemployment estimate for the March 2001 quarter is an estimated 10.5% of the total workforce seeking employment. This is up 0.9 points since the December 2000 quarter (9.6%) This is in stark contrast to the official Australian Bureau of Statistics unemployment estimates"

The reason for the disparity between official and true figures is that anyone who has been employed for one hour in a given week, but would accept a full-time job, is classified by the ABS as "employed". Those forced to accept "work-for-the-dole" are also classed as "fully employed".

A government which lies to the people may get away with it when things are reasonable economically. But in periods of recession the 'porkies' come out into the open.

The Morgan Poll concluded: " There is little doubt, with real unemployment at 10.5%, that Australia is now in a recession caused by the GST...."

The only people denying this, inevitably, are the politicians still clinging to the hope they'll be voted back at the next election.

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CAMPBELL JOINS HANSON: A radio news-flash this morning ((May 3) said that former federal member for Kalgoorlie Graeme Campbell has agreed to join One Nation with the possibility of standing in the forthcoming Federal Election.

There was understandable resentment when One Nation contributed to Campbell losing Kalgoorlie by standing against him when they had so much in common. It will be a real test of maturity for grass-roots supporters of both One Nation and Campbell's Australia First if they are prepared to bury personal differences and work together for the good of Australia. There is no doubt that Campbell's experience and knowledge will be a far more formidable force than the disruptive "two-Davids". If conservative, nationally-loyal men and women can provide a cohesive grass-roots base across Australia, it will bode ill for the myopic Liberals, the "policy-lazy" Labor and, above all, the self-indulgent Nationals. Linked to the emerging issue, picked up by AusScan, that a large majority of Australians see globalism as dangerous, with growing support for the Buy-Australian campaign, we can expect not just flips but double-somersaults from the major party players in the coming months.

GLOBAL PROTESTS CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN: News hitting the world headlines about the 25,000 protesters who took to the streets of Quebec City, followed by major protests at stock-exchanges throughout the western world on May 1st are causing growing consternation amongst the global elite. The Editorial in *The Guardian Weekly* (April 26th-May 2nd) began:

"Like veterans from a war, anti-globalisation protesters won another campaign medal last weekend. The army won its spurs at Seattle in December 1999, laid siege to Prague last September and has now claimed Quebec.

"The fact that tens of thousands of protesters turned up in a bid to stop a summit designed to pave the way for a free-trade area stretching from the Arctic Circle to Cape Horn is an indication of how hot an issue globalisation has become"

There is no doubt the global power-establishment does not know what to make of the new movement, or how to handle it. There seems little doubt they are considering new weapons to deal with protesters. One Internet report from someone attending the protests in Quebec told of a new "crowd-control" weapon in the form of an electro-magnetic type gun which will throw a ray 400 metres.

A major survey in *The Australian Financial Review* (Weekend, 28-29/4/01) said that nothing like the dimensions of this protest movement had been seen since the days of the Vietnam protests. It quoted *The Economist*:

"....Last September, The Economist, intellectual bastion of laissez-faire capitalism, stopped ridiculing the anti-corporate movement and started treating it as a serious threat. It editorialised: 'The protesters are right that the most pressing moral, political and economic issue of our time is Third World poverty. And they are right that the tide of globalisation, powerful as the engines driving it may be, can be turned back. The fact that both these things are true is what makes the protesters – and, critically, the strand of popular opinion that sympathises with them – so terribly dangerous.'"

Dangerous? To whom? Obviously, to those who are using globalisation as a means of grabbing world power.

NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS: In the midst of depressing stories about foreign takeovers, it is nice to be able to report on an Australian-owned success – the development of a collapsible shipping container.

More than 95% of world trade is done on ships. The transport of goods from one part of the world to another has by far the biggest impact on the environment. 30% of the cost of consumer goods is the freight to move them to market.

Increasingly, shipping is done in massive steel containers that dominate wharf-space, and have to be returned. Empty container repositioning costs are a major head-ache, involving a cost of about \$A24.8 billion annually. Worldwide there are now 16 million containers in operation. In excess of 25% of those are empty, with regional variations of up to 90%

As a sideline, one 'cargo' of empty containers is illegal immigrants. Recently a number were discovered to have suffocated to death in London. Canada's *Globe and Mail* (11/4/01) reported that 36 Chinese illegal refugees were discovered in a blood-and-urine-soaked container after being landed in Vancouver. They were in transit to Long Beach, California, where a similar container-load of illegals had been discovered earlier.

Now an Australian inventor, Geoff Richter, of Sandgate in Brisbane, has invented a folding container, which is attracting world-wide attention. But it is already in production in Australia, and is remaining Australian-owned. The demand is such that it may be given to overseas builders under Australian licence. It collapses to one third of its size – and cannot be used for smuggling people!

The start-up capital has been raised before public listing. Despite our politicians, Australia still has the ingenuity and courage to win this country back!

AND ANOTHER: A Cairns electrician Lou Brits, working with a mechanical engineer John Christie have developed an energy machine based on the electro-magnetic idea which has been around for some time. According to a newspaper report the magnet-driven Lutec 1000, should be powering Queensland households within a year, and was capable of replacing many traditional power sources in the next few years. The model displayed was slightly bigger than the usual back-up generator, but ran almost completely silently. It created power by the attraction and repulsion of magnets.

"We provide a pulse of electricity from a battery to get it started and then the magnets spin the motor," Mr. Christie said. "In a 24 hour period it can provide 24 kilowatt-hours of power. An average household uses 14 kilowatts a day, leaving an extra 10 which could be sold to the national power grid."

It would be nice to report that the Minister for the Environment, Senator Robert Hill, had rushed to see the new motor, which has the potential to solve the debate about air pollution and global warming. Helping with such inventions – and there are more than one – would do more good than all the Kyoto Conferences in plush hotels at taxpayers' expense.

THE TIMOR GAP: With the development of Timor as an "independent" nation, a new problem has arisen – whether Timor should be allowed rights over the huge oil and gas reserves within its territorial waters. The trouble is that Australia, in conjunction with international oil companies, has already done some development in the area, after agreements with Indonesia prior to Timorese independence. Timor now says that such agreements are null and void because Indonesia's occupation of Timor was illegal, and it naturally wants full control of its own territorial waters, as does Australia in its own case.

Does Australia's intervention on behalf of the Timorese extend as far as giving that troubled island full sovereignty as an independent state?

DNA TESTING? NEW ID CARD? CALL TO OUST MP: Senator Len Harris, of *One Nation*, is warning Australians of what the Liberals have in mind for them. In fact, Senator Len Harris has called on the voters of Herbert (Qld.) electorate to throw out their Federal Member Peter Lindsay at the next election for wanting to trample all over their civil rights by demanding every Australian citizen be forced to submit DNA samples to a data bank.

In January the Attorney General's Department presented a submission to a Parliamentary Justice Committee-National Crime Authority Inquiry calling for compulsory DNA sampling.

"This statement from Mr. Lindsay fits in with the Attorney General's plan for a new Australia Card as described in the submission," Senator Harris said.

"Mr. Lindsay is testing the water for Attorney General Daryl Williams for his planned introduction of mass testing later this year, probably just after the election," Senator Harris said.

"Mr. Lindsay holds his seat with the slenderest of margins, so the people of Townsville can judge him at the coming election. Mr. Williams probably regards Herbert as dispensable anyway given the public hostility towards the government." (One would think the Attorney General Darryl Williams also needs to be thrown out!)

Civil liberty and individual rights would be removed by this draconian and probably illegal proposition paving the way for the world's first government DNA data bank, which according to the submission would be operated by private companies.

Senator Harris said former Justice Minister Amanda Vanstone also mooted using DNA embedded into credit cards and that eye retina scans be fixed to the new Australia Card.

"This is worse than George Orwell forecast in his prophetic book, 1984." He said Australians already had a defacto ID, in the form of the Medicare Card that contained cross-referenced information from various government departments. "The Medicare Card should be sufficient proof of identity for people wanting to open bank accounts, deal with government departments or for identity on voting day."

Senator Harris said any form of compulsory DNA sampling could well be in contravention of the Commonwealth Constitution under Section 51 (xxiiiA) that disallows any form of civil conscription concerning medical and dental services.

TIME FOR PSML? This certainly looks like a very good case for **Putting the Sitting Member Last** on the ballot paper at the coming federal elections.

ISRAELIS TARGET JOURNALISTS from MID-EAST REALITIES: Targeting journalists by the Israeli Army is not accidental. This is one more means by which the Israelis try to control the Palestinian areas making it both difficult and risky for journalists to inform the world what is really going in.

A few months ago even CNN's Cairo Bureau Chief Ben Wedemann was targeted, shot, and hospitalized; but CNN pretty much covered it up.

This time the Israelis targeted Laila Odeh of Abu Dhabi TV. And though the intimidation does have a significant impact, many courageous journalists continue to cover, write about, and film, what the Israelis are doing to the Palestinians in order to enforce their apartheid-style policies and attempt to beat the Palestinians into submission. Website address: www.MiddleEast.org

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