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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Before the political representatives of Money Power can take over the control of a community, that community's natural leaders must be knocked out and removed from the scene. The natural hierarchy must be destroyed before it can be replaced with an artificial one... The leftist propagandists who are the instruments of Money Power, have no answer to these eloquent men whose message, if it gets through at all, addresses itself to the deepest political instincts of the people. They have a magnetic effect, they 'mesmerise', as the London *Daily Mail* would say, because they are spiritually and intellectually 'in phase' with the community they address."

'GUIDED' DEMOCRACY by Jeremy Lee:

With the ever-increasing leakage of votes away from the major parties to independents and minor parties, a new factor has been thrown into the hitherto two-horse race. One Nation, the Greens and the Democrats are carving inroads into the ALP and the Coalition. The days when a major-party candidate could expect to win on primary votes are drawing to an end. There is no such thing as a 'safe seat' these days. Preferences are going to be increasingly vital in the elections of the future. That this is weighing heavily in the minds of major party strategists is obvious.

With this in mind, the following letter, which appeared in *The Goondiwindi Argus* (Qld., 11/7/01) raises disturbing questions:

"Sir, In the Weekend Press, the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister were quick to refute allegations that the police were under pressure from the main political parties as suggested by Pauline Hanson in regards to her impending charges by the Supreme Court.

If this is the case, I would like to hear their comments on the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) statement on the ABC 7.30 Report, June 12.

This report said that there would be no new parties registered until after the next election.

The reality is that new parties have been put on hold since early February.

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There are at least 10 new parties that meet the criteria set by the AEC.

Under the Bill of Rights Common Law, all politicians are quick to use section (9) which gives them free parliamentary privilege, but what of section (8) that says, 'election of members of parliament ought to be free.'?

If, under Common Law, elections ought to be free, someone please explain to me who authorized the bureaucrats in the AEC to stall registration of these new parties until after the next election?

Could it be possible the major parties do not want any more opposition to their comfort zone?

Under the sovereignty of the Crown, neither King nor the parliament is supreme. The people are sovereign.

In Australia, it seems somebody is holding democracy to ransom."
Narrabri, NSW.

Bevan O'Regan, 'Moema'

Bevan O'Regan is a former Councillor and Mayor of Narrabri, as well as a former Federal candidate. His letter tends to confirm the suspicion that there is manipulation behind the scene. With the ever-increasing importance of the Senate, and the possibility of some heavyweight candidates standing in different States, it is worth remembering that, under the Australian Constitution, writs for a Senate or half-Senate election are issued by State Governors, NOT the Governor-General (Sections 9 and 12). Although this has been slightly diluted by the 1977 referendum, the original purpose of the Senate still stands under the Constitution as a States' House, and with the future reduction of party corruption, may well emerge as by far the most significant Chamber in the Parliament.

GREASING THE GLOBALIST AGENDA: We have given details in *On Target* more than once of the huge investment by corporations in donations to political parties – large enough to place question-marks over the objectivity and independence of party politicians.

The point was emphasised recently by the warning from Mark Liebler over any preference deals between One Nation and the Liberals in Western Australia. Liebler said that any such deals could well affect fund-raising for the Coalition.

Now comes the news that a number of corporations with operational bases in Australia contributed heavily to the Republicans and Democrats in the US before and up to the presidential election.

The Australian Financial Review (1/8/01) in a lengthy article, said:

"....An Australian Financial Review analysis of the latest US disclosures of political donations shows the corporate empires of Rupert Murdoch, the Pratts and the Lowy family poured in a combined total of more than \$US1.3 million (\$2.57 million) while individual family members also put their shoulders to the wheel.

In addition, the offshoots and subsidiaries of some of Australia's biggest corporations – such as CSR,

the National Australia Bank and BHP – also donated money via political action committees (PACs) which allow bigger donations than individuals can give to federal candidates"

The article, covering almost a full page, went on to list the hundreds of thousands of dollars which found their way into political coffers. While the majority favoured the Republicans, many contributions went to both parties – the usual each-way bet for those making such business investments.

What price democracy, with such obvious international buying of favours?

REPUBLICAN STAR ON LIBERAL HORIZON: Malcolm Turnbull, former chairman of the Australian Republican Movement, says he is stepping down from his position as co-chair of Goldman Sachs Australia, and has accepted the position as honorary deputy federal treasurer of the Liberal Party. Speculation in the media says that this is a stepping-stone to the full treasurers' role as soon as the incumbent, Ron Walker, steps down after the election. From there, it is argued, Turnbull will seek pre-selection for a "safe Liberal seat".

A half-page article in *The Australian Financial Review* (27/7/01) described a luncheon held at Turnbull's waterfront mansion at Point Piper in Sydney, on the day his new appointment was announced at the Liberal's State Council. Among guests were Treasurer Peter Costello, Warwick Smith, executive director of Macquarie Bank and a former Howard Minister who lost his seat in the last election, Joe Hockey, Minister for Financial Services, and aspiring State Liberal leader in NSW John Brogden.

There is now scarcely-concealed jostling for the leadership of the Liberals following Howard's departure. The 'Abbott-and-Costello' bandwagon looks likely to be joined by the Turnbull move; all of which hardly inspires confidence in a party that once had Sir Robert Menzies as its leader.

TRADE ROUND NEAR COLLAPSE: The prominent Fabian and former Prime Minister for New Zealand Mike Moore, who now heads the World Trade Organisation, has made a public plea that the forthcoming Trade Round, scheduled to be held in Qatar in 100 days time, is in jeopardy and could collapse because of the entrenched position of the WTO's 142 members.

To which we can only respond, "Good". The WTO is emerging as one of the most totalitarian of Globalism's government departments. It seems an increasing number of nations are reluctant to put their own national sovereignty on the line.

Included in the up-coming 'Round' is the proposed GATS treaty (The General Agreement on Trade in Services), under which public services – from education to public works to health – will be 'privatised' and run under international – not sovereign parliament – rules. If accepted, multinational corporations will wield enormous power in the areas of health, public education, water delivery, telecommunications, road building and maintenance, as well as quarantine regulations and financial services. The jurisdiction of local, State and Federal Governments will be marginalized and controlled from outside Australia. The GATs Treaty will be negotiated by some of our top public servants, who expect the party-in-power in Canberra to 'rubber-stamp' their decisions.

The price to be paid is "the will of the people" in Australia, reflected in the democratic process under constitutional principles.

In his book *"A PACIFIC PARLIAMENT"*, published in 1982, Mike Moore had the temerity to suggest that such a programme would be a counter to the power of multinationals. He quoted (p.57) the report on multinationals by the Council of Europe:

".... Parliamentary democracy is beset today by many trials and tribulations. The intricacies of the major international and political tie-ups and the dramatic rate of change in every sphere leave the man in the street with a feeling of malaise and the impression of impregnable complexity. In these circumstances the influence of multinationals on national states could conceivably represent a massive threat to parliamentary democracy."

The many who approvingly quoted these sentiments 20 years ago now heads a global organization which aims to ease the path of multinational corporations!

The proposed GATs Treaty is probably the most dangerous threat to our parliamentary system so far.

FRANTIC PADDLING UNDER THE WATER: Despite all the calm assurances that the 'world economy' is improving, there is a frantic effort to play down the signs of disaster. The Asia recovery has faltered, and Indonesia is on a knife-edge. The US economy is sinking. Some forecasters are anticipating further falls in the Australian dollar. Howard and Costello are praying this doesn't happen before the next election.

The biggest threat at the moment is the imminent collapse, and default on debts, of Argentina.. The Government of that country has forced through cuts in pensions and wages, as well as raising taxes, in an effort to stave off default on government debt of \$US130 billion. Argentina's debt load is more than half total output of the economy.

A collapse in Argentina would, in the current situation, be more dramatic than that of Mexico a few years ago. The Mexican collapse nearly tipped the world into crisis.

MORE AFRICAN CARNAGE: A report in London's *Daily Telegraph* (14/7/01) described conditions in Kenya as approaching the disaster levels of Mugabe's Zimbabwe. Crime is soaring, and the few Europeans are stampeding to leave. The article said:

".....Its (i.e. Kenya's) economy is the second fastest shrinking in Africa after Zimbabwe's mismanagement by venal, corrupt politicians who have grown fat on the misery of the people. With 58 percent of Kenyans earning less than \$1 a day, it is little wonder that crime has soared Perhaps more than anything else it is the number of carjackings on Nairobi's streets, between 200 and 300 a month, that has brought home how dangerous the city has become. Many victims are abducted for several hours, roughed up and then dumped naked, sometimes bound, in forests outside the capital. Kenya's ill-equipped, corrupt and inept police are incapable of dealing with the problem"

As we've said so many times, Africa is now a charnel-house.

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