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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Let us make this point as clear as we are able, because it appears to lie at the root of widespread misapprehensions. World Politics are (irrevocably, we think) committed to the centralisation of Power. We are committed irrevocably to the decentralisation of Power to the limits of the capacity of the individual...There can be no greater practical mistake at the present time than to suppose that Social Crediters can engage usefully in what Lord Keynes called Essays in Persuasion, directed at the conversion of conscious opponents.*

"The die is cast; whether the phrase 'the war between Christ and Anti-Christ is taken to be symbolical or literal, one side must win. Now the practical effect of this is to put, to some extent, technical arguments into cold storage. Not the least of the fallacies of Fabianism was that Economics preceded and conditioned Politics. Precisely the opposite is true, and our task is, not to capture politics, but to fragment them..."

– "Conspiracy, Communism, Disaster" by C. H. Douglas reprinted in the Social Crediter, 1963

BOAT PEOPLE INVASION COMES TO A HEAD by Jeremy Lee:

At the time of writing a Norwegian cargo vessel with a crew of 27 and over 450 asylum-seekers rescued from a sinking vessel on board drifts aimlessly off Australia's Christmas Island. It has become the source of world attention.

Had the vessel originally carrying the boat people not foundered, it would have been escorted to Australian territory, where its passengers would have joined the detainees already causing such havoc with security and such consternation among Australians.

There has been overwhelming support for Prime Minister Howard, tempered by concern for the future of those on board the *Tampa*. John Howard has seized on the incident to tap into what is now a major issue in the minds of the public who will be voting before the end of the year.

The truth is that Howard's action is not decisive, and is years later than it should have been. He is simply dealing with symptoms, while ignoring causes.

The world's refugee crisis has the potential to overwhelm stability and law and order in a number of western countries. At the time of writing, Britain is caught up in its own crisis. ***The International***

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Express (28/8/01) reports that the Eurotunnel company, which manages the tunnel that links motor and rail traffic between England and France, is picking up as many as 400 illegal immigrants a night, but is still unable to prevent up to 800 a month slipping through. It is now taking legal action to have the French Red Cross center, from whence many of the illegals launch their bids, closed down. The center is surrounded by razor wire and search lights, which prove inadequate barriers to the floods who surge towards Britain. The report said: ".... *The latest figures reveal that the number of asylum seekers asked to leave the UK has trebled in just three years from 14,730 in 1998 to 43,465 in 2000. The number who actually left, however, was 3,540 in 2000 – only 100 more than in 1998*"

In other words, the Government has lost control of the situation. And the reported cases of violence, intimidation and pack-rape mirror those recently reported in Australia.

Both Canada and the US also have major refugee crises on their hands. In the US the crisis is of epidemic proportions in California, where wave after wave from Mexico has changed the entire demography, with millions of whites moving elsewhere. In Canada, refugees organized by people smugglers, routinely cross British Columbia's coast, making their way south into the US, or elsewhere in Canada.

In Australia's case, asylum seekers come from the following sources (**The Australian**, 31/8/01): Palestine, 3.8%; Syria, 0.3%; Iraq 24%; Iran 13%; Afghanistan 54%; Pakistan 0.3%; Sri Lanka 1.4%.

Looking at these figures, over 91% come from countries – Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan – suffering from economic sanctions applied through the United Nations, but really at the demand of the United States, with the official backing of the Australian government. The effect of sanctions on Iraq, with thousands of women and children dying each month, has become a global scandal which has forced the resignation of United Nations officials who were required to oversee the sanctions.

Almost 4% of those arriving are Palestinians, who are being pulverized in their former homelands by the Israelis – again, with the backing of the United States and Australia. If the horrific situation in the Middle East deteriorates any further, we can expect the number of Palestinians heading our way to increase dramatically. From the First World War and Lawrence of Arabia, whose promises to the Arabs were betrayed by the Balfour Declaration through the 1948 partition of Palestine which took place without any consultation for the indigenous Palestinians, and the never-ceasing expansion of Israel right through to the illegal and expanding settlements on the West Bank, the West's betrayal of the Islamic peoples has produced a white-hot reaction. The inevitable growth of Islamic fundamentalism, spreading in a crescent from West Africa, through the Middle East and southern Russia, down to Malaysia and Indonesia, will increasingly haunt the West in the months and years ahead. Significantly, Indonesia is the largest Islamic nation in the world, with over 200 million, 10 times the population of Australia.

The hatred among these Islamic peoples for the West – and for Christianity, which they see as synonymous with the West – is palpable. We have only to look at Afghanistan, where two Australian aid workers face possible death sentences for allegedly preaching Christianity. Whatever else is said, it is hard for those to whom Islam is all important, to believe that Christian nations have lost their faith.

In reality, Christianity now has almost nothing to do with domestic and foreign policy in western nations, having become impotent and often the object of derision. Western governments are secular, humanistic, and driven solely by the Almighty Dollar and "the bottom line".

Boat people from the areas mentioned are mainly flown by airline to Jakarta in Indonesia, where the logistics of dispersing them to boat embarkation is conducted by increasingly powerful and well-organised smuggling gangs. **The Australian** (31/8/01) reported: ".... *Those who control the trade*

issue special identification cards and deal with boatpeople in lots of 300. They are even taking Pakistanis into Afghanistan and coaching them on how to lie about being persecuted by the Taliban"

There is no doubt that Pakistan is one of the main supporters of the Taliban in Afghanistan. Yet Pakistan and Indonesia are both direct recipients of foreign aid from Australia. Indonesia received a direct grant of \$121 million in 1999-2000. In addition, Australia is now paying Indonesia for refugee camps housing thousands of passengers from refugee countries in the hope that they won't end up in Australia.

It is a myopic state of affairs, to say the least, that Australia supports economic sanctions against countries that are the source of over 90 percent of the refugees arriving in increasing numbers; and the provider of aid to the countries directly facilitating the transit of the illegal immigrants..

It is only the technical matter involving the rescue of people in international waters who would otherwise have proceeded without hitch to Australia that has prompted Howard to make a statement about a threat to Australia that should have been addressed long before the present flood reached current proportions. If the Norwegian *Tampa* stand-off is resolved, will it be "business as usual" for the many boatloads still to come?

What more realistic measures could Australia take? Firstly, it could remove direct foreign aid from Indonesia until that country refuses to provide transit facilities for asylum seekers. There is no doubt Indonesia could stop overnight the landing of planes with queue-jumpers on board. Indonesia could also clamp down on boat-builders and illegal people smugglers.

Additional pressure could be applied by stopping Indonesia's airline Garuda from flying to and from Australia. Garuda is just on the point of starting a new two-day-a-week service to Sydney.

Finally, Australia should bring out into the open the question that haunts western governments, but which none dare publicly mention. If international treaties and conventions finally militate against the interests of the people in sovereign nations, domestic interests must come first. When the International Treaty on Refugees was signed, the problem was manageable. The 20 million and increasing refugees in the world now – largely caused by the foreign and economic policies of western nations, the oil cartel and international bankers – is a problem so huge that nations are being implicitly asked to sacrifice their own communities for the sake of an impossible humanitarian ideal, largely sponsored by those who don't personally have to live with the results of their policies. Somewhere in the world this must be openly addressed. Nothing so far in the actions of John Howard and his Foreign Minister Alexander Downer indicate they are prepared to say publicly that they put Australians first. As Australia's foreign representative, Alexander Downer could publicly inform the United Nations that Australia is being forced into a situation where it will have to withdraw from the International Treaty in the interests of its own people. Somehow, we're not hopeful! Tonight's news (31/8) suggests that Australia has asked East Timor to help take the problem off its hands. If there is any truth in the report – which so far has not been officially confirmed – it indicates just how pathetically short-sighted and compromising the Howard Government really is.

So far a massive and overwhelming majority of Australians have indicated support for Howard's initial position. But Howard has a tiger by the tail. If his resolution does not extend as far as solving the illegal boatpeople crisis once and for all, the public could turn and savage him.

The man who has come out best in this ongoing saga is Immigration Minister Phil Ruddock. He has aged visibly in the last two years. But he has stuck manfully to his guns, against great media hostility, in a situation where much more responsibility could have been taken by his colleagues. Our own

assessment is that he has earned a measure of respect from the Australian people that is not shared by other party politicians.

Why do we have the feeling that this issue has been identified by the Howard government as one with a lot of heat across the nation, and that it will be played on until the election? Despite recent bribes the Government is still lagging badly in the polls. The Nationals – and particularly deputy PM John Anderson – are like dead ducks in the water. A dramatic foreign policy issue which polarized the nation might well help the sagging Coalition. But only for a time

There is no doubt that the whole issue of illegal immigration, the emergence of cultural conflict in our major cities, the pathetic situation in the detention centers and the tattered shreds of multiculturalism present Australia with as big a problem as it has ever encountered in its history.

IS AUSTRALIA AT WAR? by Phillip D. Butler:

What is the difference between the stand-off of the 460 boat people on the MSS *Tampa* and their unarmed assault on Australia's sovereignty and the attempted armed assault of Australia by the Japanese during WW2? Isn't it 'war by other means'? Isn't it 'invasion by other means'?

At least Australians during WW2 stood together to defend their country – and politicians wouldn't have dared to do what they are now doing!

Books by George Orwell 1984 and Jean Raspail's *Camp of the Saints*, although both at the time of publication considered 'over the top', have proved to be prophetic. Both are apocalyptic novels, dissecting the erosion of Western civilisation as a direct result of the character of the small-l liberal thought and sentiment. Finally, it is hitting home to Australians that we are in deep trouble with the threat of further 'boat people invasions'. John Howard and Phillip Ruddock should be supported in their resolve to stand their ground – now that they have 'drawn a line in the sand'.

The following responses to the *Herald Sun* polls on the issue sums up what the majority have been trying to get through to their politicians for many years.

Question – Tuesday, August 28th:

"Should Australia turn away the disputed boatload of illegal immigrants?"

14,187 calls – YES: 95.6%. NO: 4.4%

Question – Wednesday, August 29th:

"Should Australia relent to international pressure and accept the illegal immigrants?"

12,358 calls – YES: 7.3%. NO: 92.7%

Question - Thursday, August 30th:

"Was Australia right to seize the *Tampa* and order it to leave our waters?"

10,134 calls – YES: 94.6%. NO: 5.4%

It is my experience people just don't 'happen to be in a particular spot, to board a particular boat, at a particular time' unless the operation is well organised. These people 'just happen' to fly to Jakarta from Iraq, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, come together as a group in Indonesia where they find a boat awaits them to set sail for the sunny land of Australia. Let's get real!

Acknowledge, we are being invaded and take the appropriate steps to safeguard ourselves. We need to take a good hard look at the situation in which the Canadians now find themselves as a direct result of the same small-l liberal thought and sentiment.

Turn the TV and radio off, get pen and paper out, or e-mail ready, and let your politician know in no uncertain terms what you think he should be doing!

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