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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"I would go so far as to say it was nationality above all that determined, for good or ill, the way the POWs lived and died, often whether they lived or died... The juices crushed out of the POWs were of course human in the most fundamental sense. But at the same time, all the way down to starvation rations, to a hundred pounds of body weight and less, to the extremities of degradation - all the way to death - the prisoners remained inextinguishably American, Australian, British, Dutch..."*

The Americans were the great individualists of the camps, the capitalists, the cowboys, the gangsters. The British hung on to their class structure like bulldogs, for grim death. The Australians kept trying to construct little male-bonded welfare states... (Unlike Americans) Australians could not imagine doing men to death by charging interest on something as basic to life as rice. That was blood-sucking; it was murder. Within little tribes of Australian enlisted men, rice went back and forth all the time, but this was not trading in commodities futures, it was sharing, it was Australian tribalism."

– Gavin Daws, *Prisoners of the Japanese* quoted in Paul Sheehan's *Among the Barbarians*, 1998

NATIONAL OUTPOURING OVER BOAT PEOPLE by Jeremy Lee:

Whatever else is said, the tightly-held 'politically-correct' lid on illegal immigration and racial issues has blown off. Backbenchers round the nation have received unprecedented messages in the form of letters, phone calls and E-mails. The huge majority have backed Howard's position, as have radio talk-back programmes and national polls.

Douglas observed that every action creates an equal and opposite reaction. The multicultural and immigration agenda has been created by a small coterie who knowingly designed a programme against the wishes of the great majority of Australians.

As far back as May 25th, 1993, the former Prime Minister Bob Hawke revealed there had been an implicit pact between the major parties to *"implement broad policies on immigration they know are not generally endorsed by the electorate. This has been achieved By keeping the subject off the political agenda. Mr. Hawke said The pact between the parties has been 'quite unique in Australian political experience.'...."* (*The Australian*, 25/5/93)

What Hawke saw as an enlightened" pact was, in essence, a betrayal of the Australian people and an attack on the democratic ideal. It suggested that politicians were wiser and more humane than those they governed.

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This, more than anything else, was the reason for the intemperate attack from the major parties on Pauline Hanson. She dared reveal what they were bent on hiding. While criticizing One Nation at every opportunity, Howard has seen the value in adopting its policies. As Geoffrey Barker noted wryly (*The Australian Financial Review*, Weekend, 1-2/9/01): *"Pauline Hanson outlined the One Nation approach to boat people when she launched her campaign for the Queensland State election earlier this year. 'You go out and meet them, fill them with food and water and medical supplies and say Go that way', she told a rally on the Sunshine Coast in February.*

"John Howard has embraced her policy completely. Australian SAS troops have gone out and met the 460 people on board the Tampa, filled them with food and water and medical supplies (and Portaloos) and told them 'Go that way'.

"No matter how the drama at sea and in international diplomacy and law plays out, the Coalition no longer has to worry about One Nation preferences in the coming federal election. They are in the bag"

But the saga is not over. The unique legal circumstances of the Norwegian ship are unlikely to occur again. What of the expected boats of the future that sail without sinking into Australian territory?

The Government will now deploy an additional five naval vessels and four P3 Orion aircraft to the existing coast watch operation. This, as Australian Defence Studies Centre director Anthony Bergin has pointed out, is a deployment of one-third of the Australian Navy. Obviously, more is anticipated than mere surveillance. Already, more than 95 percent of boat traffic is detected before proximity with Australian waters.

Legally, Australian jurisdiction extends 24 nautical miles from the high water mark of Australian territory. Any action beyond this point, except in the case of illegal fishing, can be interpreted as an act of piracy in international waters. Up until now intercepted boats have been escorted into Australian ports, where the boat people, whether illegal or genuine refugees, have been disembarked. Will added naval power alter this situation? If not, what is the point of the heavy additional costs involved?

In other words, is the Howard Government prepared to intercept boats in international waters and forcibly return them to their point of embarkation?

The test, in the debatable possibility that the Coalition is re-elected before the end of the year, is whether it will continue with a resolute stand against illegal immigration, or whether it will return to "back to normal" once the votes are in the bag. If the second occurs, it will have been the most cynical vote-grabbing exercise in Australia's history.

Figures produced in Queensland's *Sunday Mail* (2/9/01) show Australia's intake of refugees, per head of population, as second only to Canada, with 41 per 100,000 of the population (Canada, 45 per 100,000). Humanitarianism is obviously a factor; but each nation must be allowed to decide the point at which the refugee intake threatens the stability of local communities. The "take-every-one" brigade seldom have to suffer the consequences on a personal level. It is those who live in such communities as Cabramatta, without any say, who find themselves jostled and discriminated against, bearing the brunt of policies which don't work.

THE ETHNIC CRIME WAVE: Our report last week of the pack-rape of Caucasian girls by gangs of "Middle Eastern origin" in some Sydney suburbs has produced the expected and hysterical denial by the multicultural lobby, which insists that 'ethnic stereotyping' must not be allowed. They have been answered courageously by two teenage girls, who said publicly they felt betrayed by the fact that the evidence they gave was doctored before being read in court to censor out any references to ethnic factors.

In the trial the Judge, who handed out the mildest of sentences, said that no evidence of ethnic

involvement had been placed before her. The fact that such evidence had been removed before presentation could be called a miscarriage of justice.

The Sun Herald which, to its credit, has reported the facts without fear or favour, said in its Editorial of 26/8/01: "While our story has sparked considerable debate, not much has happened to give us – and the people most affected – hope.

"Instead of constructive discussion, many have wasted time and opportunity in an emotion-charged slanging match. Instead of communities being encouraged to come together to adopt a joint approach, they have expended their energies on tired tirades against anyone daring to link ethnicity with crime.

"The problem here, however, is that the two are indivisible. It appears gang rape has become a macho fad among one small but definable group of young men. Unless this is acknowledged, the problem can only get worse. It was important, then, that it was clearly understood who were the alleged perpetrators: Muslim youths of Middle Eastern extraction."

Thank goodness, a few writers are speaking up. Janet Albrechtson, a lawyer and writer, in an article headed IGNORING THE RACE FACTOR DOESN'T HELP (*The Australian*, 3/9/01) was blunt in pointing out the same problem had occurred in other countries: ".... Acknowledging the ethnic issue without hyperbole or overreaction allows police to do their job and allows the ethnic community to tackle a problem that Australia is not alone in facing.

*"Overseas, racially motivated gang rape has been flashing on the radar screen for some time. The approach taken in countries such as France and Denmark to this issue may serve to guide us in Australia. In France, public recognition of racially motivated gang rape by the police, the judiciary and crime experts has grown exponentially since the trial in Paris earlier this year of 11 young Muslim men accused of raping a 14-year-old girl in the cellar of a high rise apartment block in northern Paris. This case revealed what has become a disturbing phenomenon most prevalent in France's poor, migrant suburbs. Gang rape has become known as 'tournante' or 'take your turn' where a young girl is literally handed from one friend to the next for sexual gratification In Denmark last year the trial of seven immigrant youths for gang-raping a 14 year old girl highlighted what *The Copenhagen Post* called the 'growing social divide between young immigrant men and native-born Danish girls'...."*

What we are seeing is more than racial antagonism. It is the complete fragmentation of cultural standards everywhere. Rape is no more condoned amongst those of Islam than in any other religious or cultural society. But the economic and political onslaught against people in communities throughout the world is producing a new wave of young people who have been severed from their cultural and religious roots. Often, through no fault of their own, they are shiftless barbarians whose religion is survival and self-gratification. We have had rock music extolling the virtues of drugs, suicide, murder and free sex. How long until a new wave of rock extols pack-rape?

Many have concluded that the social order is past regeneration; that it must eventually collapse completely in the face of such despairing hedonism. Some communities may shield themselves by increasingly breaking from the mainstream, seeking both material and spiritual self-sufficiency.

It is striking that C.H. Douglas, long before the thinking minority had discerned the truth of the situation, had concluded that only collapse could be the prelude to the breakthrough a despairing humanity desperately needs.

CHRISTIANITY? To reinforce the above, *The Chronicle* (Toowoomba 7/9/01) under the headline **CHRISTIANITY IS NEARLY FINISHED: UK CARDINAL**, carried the conclusion of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the Archbishop of Westminster, echoing the view of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Carey, that "tacit atheism prevails" in Britain. The Cardinal said, "*Christianity no longer influenced the Government or peoples' lives, and revolutionary thinking was needed in order to reach*

lapsed Catholics, non-believers and young people He said that Christ was being replaced by music, new age movements, occult practices and green issues as the source of peoples' 'glimpses of the transcendent'."

The same is true of Australia. As we celebrate the Centenary of Federation, any vestiges of Christian principle have been erased from our governmental system. Yet at the 1897 Convention which helped design our Constitution, belief in God was paramount. South Australian delegate John Glynn, moving for the inclusion in the Constitution of a humble reliance on Almighty God, said:

"Right through the ages we find this universal sense of Divine inspiration – this feeling that a wisdom beyond that of man shapes the destiny of States; that the institutions of men are but the imperfect instruments of a divine and beneficent energy, helping their higher aims. Should not we, sir, grant the prayer of the many petitions that have been presented to us, by recognizing at the opening of our great future our dependence upon God?"

To which the great-grandfather of our present Foreign Minister, Sir John Downer, made reply:

"I don't know whether it has occurred to Honourable Members that the Christian religion is a portion of the English Constitution It is part of the Law of England which I think we undoubtedly brought with us when we settled these colonies"

Christianity as the Law of Australia? Now that would be a novel idea at this time of self-destruction! All we need is a church movement with some idea of how it could happen, and the faith to start.

HOW'S THIS FOR A TANGLED WEB? The following came from the United Nations Conference on Racism, September 5th, 2001: "The Palestinians, supported by the South Africans and Arab nations, insisted that their suffering be included in any declaration about discrimination. Israel, supported by the United States and European countries, insisted that it should not be the only country singled out for intolerance in a general document that condemns discrimination across the world.

Today, the Belgian foreign minister, Louis Michel, and the South African foreign minister, Dr. Nkosazana Zuma, were actively involved in the negotiations to eliminate the wording that Western countries have found offensive, officials said.

The United States, for instance, has objected to language in the conference declaration that describes slavery as "a crime against humanity," fearing that it might be faced with lawsuits by the descendants of slaves.

Some European countries have objected to the suggestion that they offer an "apology" for colonialism. India has lobbied against any mention of its "untouchables," the underclass that is sometimes deprived of land ownership and required to drink and eat from separate utensils.

But no other topic has been as sensitive as the question of whether Israel should be singled out for condemnation. It has been a contentious issue since February when officials gathering for a United Nations meeting in Tehran proposed a declaration that assailed Israel's treatment of Palestinians as "a new kind of apartheid."

The new negotiating team, which includes representatives from South Africa, Belgium, Norway, Namibia and the Arab League, plans to complete its deliberations tomorrow.

Today, Mrs. Robinson said she believed that a chance still existed to salvage the conference by coming up with some consensus on language describing the Middle East conflict. She said she believed that the team would develop a declaration against racism that could be supported by all nations." *from Rachael L. Swarns, New York Times.*