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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Disraeli practised the teaching of Christianity; he was not merely 'a baptized Jew'... 'I do without the slightest hesitation declare my humble disapprobation of persons in high authority announcing that upon the highest standard of England 'vengeance' and not 'justice' should be inscribed... I protest against meeting atrocities by atrocities. I have heard things said and seen things written of late which would make me almost suppose that the religious opinions of the people of England had undergone sudden change, and that, instead of bowing before the name of Jesus, we were preparing to revive the worship of Moloch. I cannot believe that it is our duty to indulge in such a spirit.'*

These words contain an allusion which reaches every Jew and Gentile. Talmudic Judaism is "the worship of Moloch" and Disraeli knew this when he chose the words... The god of love and mercy, the god of hatred, vengeance and human sacrifice: that was from the start the issue, and is today, and if Disraeli had lived a hundred years later Christendom might by this scion of Jewry have been spared the stigma of the Talmudic vengeance at Nuremberg."

As quoted in *"The Controversy of Zion"* by Douglas Reed, 1978

CONNIVING AT GENOCIDE by Jeremy Lee:

It seems almost certain that, despite Israeli barriers to any journalistic presence in the Occupied Territories, the eventual withdrawal of troops will reveal evidence of horrific massacres in the West Bank. Ironically, when 13 Israeli troops were killed by explosive-collapsed buildings in a Palestinian ambush in Jenin, the Israelis asked for a ceasefire to collect the dead and wounded – a normal request they themselves denied throughout the invasion to Palestinians, whose bodies lay on the streets and in gutted homes day after day. They were denied any succour from ambulances and medical staff, which might have saved some of them.

What has happened in the last week or so during the Israeli occupation is a terrible retribution of such darkness that the usual backlash would make it counter-productive, more than off-setting any dubious strategic advantage gained. Sharon must be depending on the Jewish predominance in the media to gloss over the details, coupled with the hope that an ever-expanding Middle East conflict will replace yesterday's news with today's.

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The Weekend Australian (13-14/4/02) reported: "....Soldiers yesterday blocked the UN, the Red Cross and journalists from entering the 'closed military area'. Some journalists were detained. One had his Press Card ripped up. Footage filmed by a television cameraman was confiscated. The few pictures that did emerge from the camp showed scenes of devastation.

"Refugees leaving the northern West Bank city talked of misery, horror and death inside the camp, which formerly housed 13,000 residents. They spoke of "countless dead bodies" and men being executed at close range An international group representing the UN, the Red Cross and the Norwegian government, which was given assurances it would be allowed inside the camp, was turned away.Reports from refugees include stories of executions of civilians and bulldozers piling dead bodies into a pit. The city is destroyed and there is no water"

It is against this background that President Bush has played a game of obvious obfuscation, making no comment on the Israeli invasion until it was far advanced and the bloodshed was too obvious to ignore. *The Australian Financial Review* (9/4/02) commented: ".... In all previous international interventions, the United States has either taken the lead or endorsed the leadership of others. But in this case the United States has shown little leadership and proved a stumbling block for the active involvement of the UN in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute"

In another article in the same issue the *AFR* reported: "US Secretary of State Colin Powell's mission to the Middle East faces deep Arab skepticism, with a widespread perception that Washington's new tone of censure towards Israel is a tactical manoeuvre which will have little impact.

"Spurred in part by increasing alarm among the pro-US Middle East leaders of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and even Turkey - countries that would be key in any future US campaign against Iraq - the US last week stepped up its diplomatic efforts to seek a resolution to the conflict and called repeatedly on the Israelis to withdraw troops from Palestinian territory.

"But Palestinian leaders and many Arab commentators believe that US President George Bush's calls on the Israelis to withdraw are intended mainly to give cover for Arab rulers scared that their populations will turn against them"

President Jimmy Carter's former Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski called George Bush's position "strategic incoherence". It is more likely that there was a pre-arranged agreement between Bush and Sharon to paint the invasion of the Palestinians as part of Bush' "war against terror". If so, it patently hasn't worked. Yasser Arafat is certainly not perceived as another bin Laden. His ambitions to be seen as a martyr figure have been enhanced. *The Australian* (3/4/01) described it thus: ".... It's one thing to apply the Bush doctrine - under which those who support terrorists are terrorists - to al-Qu'ida and another to try applying it to Yasser Arafat and suicide bombers.

"How can he criticize Sharon for attacking Arafat when the US has just bombed Afghanistan to strike back at Osama bin Laden?...."

There is more than enough reason for the complacent US to take belated action. Its pro-Israel bias is ever more obvious. Its propaganda is shred-bare. Its allies of nine months ago are deserting it. Across the world - including Australia - demonstrations of increasing size have been held against the Israeli invasion. In Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan and Morocco the demonstrations have been massive, the biggest numbering over one million.

But it's not only Islamic nations. In Europe, too, the protests have been growing. *The Australian Financial Review* (9/4/02) reported: ".... Slogans at the demonstrations have often compared Israelis with Nazis. Banners at a rally that attracted tens of thousands of people in Paris over the weekend proclaimed solidarity with the Palestinian people - and also included statements like 'Hitler has a son - Sharon'."

If between them, President Bush and Prime Minister Sharon imagined they could conveniently package the current invasion of the Palestinian terrorists with the events of September 11th and the "war against terrorism" they have miscalculated badly. In the process the US has alienated former friends and created the possibility of a much more united and resolute Islam across the world. The resulting dangers are incalculable. As Australia's Chief-of-Staff Admiral Barrie was reported to have said, "This could be the start of World War III".

OILS AIN'T OILS: The wily, brutal and hitherto impotent Saddam Hussein of Iraq, openly touted as President Bush's next victim in his holy war has thrown a further spanner into the Middle East works, with the declaration that he will embargo oil supplies to the West for 30 days, or until Sharon withdraws from the Palestinian territories. Although a major oil-supplier, Iraq's embargo could probably be sustained. The danger is if it spreads to other Persian Gulf oil suppliers. Already Libya has supported the idea, with the possibility that Iran will follow. *The Australian* (10/4/02) said: ".... Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil exporter, has said it will not use its oil supplies as a means of putting pressure on the West, but public opinion in the Arab world in favour of an oil embargo is growing"

Hugh Pope, commenting in *The Australian Financial Review* (10/4/02) wrote: ".... Saddam is attempting to present himself as a hero to those on Arab streets, taking action to defend Palestinians whose cause the Arab world has embraced. He was also careful to leave open the flow of oil to neighboring Arab states such as Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

"The move is especially vexing for US allies, such as Jordan and Egypt, who remain supportive of a US Government that is widely perceived by the Arab World as pro-Israeli but whose populations have rallied to the Palestinian cause. They feel the need both to take the street into account, and to stay in step with the US. They find themselves stretched between the two positions, and Saddam is increasing the stretch"

Wasn't it Joh Bjelke-Petersen who pointed out how uncomfortable it was to straddle a barbed-wire fence?

During January the United States imported the following quantities of oil from round the world: Saudi Arabia – 45.4 million barrels; Mexico – 40.6 million barrels; Canada – 40.3 million barrels; Venezuela – 38.6 million barrels; and Iraq – 30.8 million barrels.

All of which will make it even harder for the US to present itself as objective in any war against Saddam.

WILL THE ALP RE-DISCOVER ITS ROOTS? Writing in *The Australian* (10/4/02) the national secretary for the Australian Manufacturing Union, Mr. Doug Cameron, was realistic in pointing out how the ALP had moved further and further away from Australian workers. He also hinted – without being too specific – how financial policy was increasingly elevated over social concerns: ".... In the face of compelling evidence that the crisis in public health and education, research and development, salinity and environment degradation can only be resolved by the application of tens of billions of dollars of public funds the ALP mirrors the Coalition in committing unequivocally to balanced budgets.

"The ALP fails to distinguish itself from the Coalition in the minds of Australians when it comes to providing answers or leadership on issues surrounding the impact of globalisation, free trade, privatization, deregulation, and asylum seekers"

Mr. Cameron went on to point out: " Recent Australian Bureau of Statistics figures reveal that 87 percent of New jobs created between 1998 and 2001 pay less than average weekly earnings. Even more stark is the research by the Centre for Strategic Economic Studies which reveals that almost 90

percent of the jobs created in Australia in the decade to August 2000 were paying less than \$26,000 a year"

It's only a hop, step and jump from this position to accept there is no solution unless the financial system itself is examined, with special reference to how money comes into existence (about \$100 million each 24 hours) and how the debt system generates costs which place consumers in an ever-diminishing advantage when it comes to meeting basic needs. But it's the final jump before which most public commentators fail.

AFRICA: NOW A CHARNEL HOUSE by Phillip D. Butler:

The British explorer Dr. David Livingston, the first white man to see (and name after his Queen), Victoria Falls, would 'roll over in his grave' could he see the state of affairs in Africa today. He might even ask the question, "Has anything changed since I first went to the great continent?"

In the once prosperous and civilised central African country then known as Rhodesia, where 'meritocracy' enabled both black and white to achieve much and enabled both races to aspire to government and become members of the Rhodesian Legislative Assembly – all is in ruins.

All has been destroyed by the murderous thugs under Marxist Robert Mugabe.

Mugabe was assisted by the western world to come to, and cling to, power. In fact he was willingly assisted by the then leaders of Australia, Canada and the US. It was Zionist Henry Kissinger, who as US Foreign Secretary, convinced former Prime Minister, Ian Smith, to agree to place the final nails in the coffin of the nation we knew as Rhodesia.

Former Information Adviser to Smith, Ivor Benson, documents what took place in his books *Truth Out of Africa* and *The Zionist Factor*. (Both books are available from League book services).

Those who know the real story are still waiting for Mr. Malcolm Fraser to apologise to both black and white Rhodesians for helping to destroy that land. When Rhodesia fell, Canadian PM at the time, Fabian Socialist Pierre-Elliott Trudeau, declared: "Any good white Rhodesian will not wish to leave the country, therefore, Canada will not accept them as immigrants." The inference being these people were 'racists'.

Where is Malcolm Fraser's apology to the family of the white farmer Terry Ford who was butchered and then shot to death? Mr. Ford dared to protect his black workers and his farm against Mugabe's henchmen. Even the heart-wrenching photos of his dog 'Squeak' refusing to leave his murdered master's side (*Sunday Herald Sun*, 24/3/02) seems not to have raised the conscience of just one of the politicians who were, in part, responsible for bringing in this reign of terror.

Reports of rape, violence, intimidation and murder in this seemingly God-forsaken little land, now known as Zimbabwe, proliferate on the Internet. In a typical Marxist tactic, Mugabe is using food as a weapon to force submission. Where is Malcolm Fraser's apology to the black and white peoples of Zimbabwe?