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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "C.H. Douglas, Social Credit and the Purchasing-Power 'Gap' (A+B Theorem): ...Douglas said, we seek to enter into a new type of Civilization. Social Credit seeks a *genuine* social and economic transformation: it constitutes the 'Revolution Absolute', in the words of the American Prof. Gorham Munson.

"One can never understand these things unless, e.g., as Prof. Gorham Munson stated in his *Aladdin's Lamp: The Wealth of the American People* (Creative Age Press: New York, 1945), we throw off the ingrained and erroneous mental habits of a lifetime of thought and rethink things as we have never thought before. We have been blinded and corrupted by living in a system of false values and ideas about life - and the false economic policies which have proceeded from these misconceptions.

"We Social Crediters are travelling to a very different destination and we recognize that we will never arrive there if we confuse and corrupt our means of getting there by admixing Social Credit and orthodox ideas and policies..."

- Wallace M. Klinck, Canada, November 27th, 2002

GIVE US THE MONEY AND WE'LL LET YOU DO THE FIGHTING by Jeremy Lee:

Israel is nothing if not opportunistic. Sharon is now asking - as Israel did during the first Gulf war - for large financial handouts from the US if it shows 'restraint' during the anticipated resumption of conflict.

The Australian, 29/11/02 reported "Israel wants \$US4 billion in new military aid and up to \$US 10 billion in loan guarantees from Washington in part for assurances it will show restraint if attacked by Iraq

"This is similar to the loan guarantees of a decade ago,' an Israeli source told *The New York Daily News*, referring to financial incentives it received in exchange for restraint during the Gulf War in 1991..."

This is diplomacy with a new twist. Why should Australia not apply for similar assistance if we promise to keep out of any war with Iraq? And now we've withdrawn SAS troops from Afghanistan, we should be good for some military assistance on that account as well.

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If Israel was required to shoulder the political and economic consequences of her own position in the Middle East, instead of relying on a never-ending aid supply from the US, it might be forced to show more restraint towards the Palestinians. Which in turn would do more to resolve the "war on terrorism" than all the draconian and fearful measures, as the West confronts one incident after another in different parts of the world.

With people desperate enough to become suicide bombers in the US, Europe, the Middle East, Indonesia and Africa, there is no 'counter-terrorism' measure that will stop it, however much is spent and however vast the scope of intelligence and surveillance.

Until the causes are dealt with, so that the indigenous people of each country are prepared to rid themselves of terrorism, instead of being sullen by-standers watching the West become continually more frantic, the dangers will increase. Israel's belligerence is the biggest single problem. Until it offers the Palestinians a place in the sun, the terrorism war will continue to threaten all of us. So will the refugee crisis.

BRACKET CREEP: Fleur Anderson, writing in *The Herald Sun* (5/11/02), explains graphically what we have been pointing out for some time; that the tax cuts promised in return for the GST have never materialized, and that wage increases have lifted many unsuspecting wage earners into the highest level of income tax, giving the Federal Government a windfall. She pointed out: *"... Australians pay more income tax under this government than ever before. Taxpayers paid \$82.4 billion, 16.4 percent of Australia's economic output, in income tax.*

"They can expect to pay 17 per cent of GDP, or \$127.3 billion, this financial year. The Federal Opposition said yesterday it would reduce the impact of bracket creep if it won the next election"....

The hope that Simon Crean and his merry men could, or would, gain office and reduce the overall tax burden is as elusive as the tooth fairy!

Fleur Anderson went on: *"University of Melbourne economist Professor Norman Neville said taxpayers lost money because they did not understand tax policy.*

"He said Australians suffered the worst bracket creep on incomes in the world. 'Fiscal drag equals fiscal misunderstanding and Australia is worse than anywhere else in the world,' he said.

"He said a considerable amount of extra Commonwealth tax revenue was raised through bracket creep.

"Over the past five years it has become tougher for middle-income earners to get ahead after paying taxes and losing some family tax benefits, a recent study says.

"The number of Australians who lose 60 cents in tax for every extra dollar they earn has doubled in five years.

"The National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling has found a larger proportion of the population face higher effective marginal tax rates in 2002, compared with 1997.

"And a smaller proportion of taxpayers enjoyed a 'zero' effective marginal tax rate in 2002. The report's author, Gillian Beer, said the result was somewhat surprising given the overhaul of the new tax system."

Which only goes to show how naïve some economists can be. All this was quite predictable when Howard and Costello introduced the GST (after promising not to) and assured us it would be counter-balanced by equivalent tax cuts in other areas. What absolute baloney this has proved.

"Heavy, progressive, graduated income tax" was one of ten points insisted on by Karl Marx in *The Communist Manifesto* as a means to socialize the economy. Other points included abolition of private property, a state monopoly of credit, and abolition of the right of inheritance.

The "tax reform" continually boasted about by Coalition leaders such as Treasurer Costello is one of the greatest confidence tricks ever played on the Australian people. The result is an ever-growing number who only survive temporarily by getting further and further into debt.

ELECTIONS SHOW INCREASING VOLATILITY: There has been an unprecedented swing to an incumbent Bracks government in Victoria, the like of which has not been seen since the heady days of Bjelke-Petersen in Queensland.

Meanwhile, there has been a revolutionary changing of the guard in ATSIC, the aboriginal parliament, where many of the Councillors have been cast into the outer darkness, and even chairman Geoff Clark looks to be in deep trouble. His fate will not be finally decided until December 19th, when many of his old henchmen won't be there to see him home.

Among the new measures insisted on by Minister Phillip Ruddock is that those on the ATSIC Board may have no interests in companies and associations that receive ATSIC money. There will be howls that this is yet one more form of discrimination. But it should have been the case from the beginning.

THE TRIAL OF HENRY KISSINGER: www.trialofhenrykissinger.org/charges.html

If killing hundreds of thousands of innocent peasants by dropping million of tons of bombs on undefended civilian targets is not a war crime, then there are no war crimes. If Kissinger is not responsible for these crimes, then there are no war criminals. (Fred Branfman in Salon).

An indictment of Henry Kissinger for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes would include (but not be confined to) the following:

VIETNAM: Kissinger scuttled peace talks in 1968, paving the way for Richard Nixon's victory in the presidential race. Half the battle deaths in Vietnam took place between 1968 and 1972, not to mention the millions of civilians throughout Indochina who were killed.

CAMBODIA: Kissinger persuaded Nixon to widen the war with massive bombing of Cambodia and Laos. No one had suggested we go to war with either of these countries. By conservative estimates, the US killed 600,000 civilians in Cambodia and another 350,000 in Laos.

BANGLADESH: Using weapons supplied by the US, General Yahya Khan overthrew the democratically elected government and murdered at least half a million civilians in 1971. In the White House, the National Security Council wanted to condemn these actions. Kissinger refused. Amid the killing, Kissinger thanked Khan for his "delicacy and tact".

CHILE: Kissinger helped to plan the 1973 US-backed overthrow of the democratically elected Salvador Allende and the assassination of General René Schneider. Right-wing general Augusto Pinochet then took over. Moderates fled for their lives. Hit men, financed by the CIA, tracked down Allende supporters and killed them. These attacks included the car bombing of Allende's foreign minister, Orlando Letelier, and an aide, Ronni Moffitt, at Sheridan Circle in downtown Washington.

EAST TIMOR: In 1975 President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger met with Indonesia's corrupt strongman Suharto. Kissinger told reporters the US wouldn't recognize the tiny country of East Timor, which had recently won independence from the Portuguese. Within hours Suharto launched an invasion, killing, by some estimates, 200,000 civilians.

IN TIMES OF GREAT CRISIS NATIONAL PRAYER COUNTS: Queenslanders will remember the cynicism and scorn poured on the former Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen when he issued a state-wide call for prayers for rain during a drought in his time. To the embarrassment of his detractors, the day of prayer, which he led in his home church in Kingaroy, was followed with widespread relieving rain.

Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's second prime minister. Had a "Boke of Praer and Praise" containing over 400 prayers for the Constitution and Australia's future.

During World War II King George VI regularly called for special days of prayer, which drew a large response throughout the Commonwealth. At the conclusion of the war he called for prayer in each Commonwealth country for ensuing peace.

In earlier times a drought such as Australia is now suffering – the worst in over 100 years – would surely have prompted leaders at national level, perhaps the Governor-General or the Prime Minister, to call the nation to prayer.

The same is true about some of the other seemingly insoluble crises facing Australia – the threat of terrorism, the deteriorating race relations and the debt of our nation's households which have so many stressed and anxious. Are we now too proud and 'modern' to consider such a course? Nations as well as individuals are not above the need for repentance. Our present Governor-General, despite the controversy he has been through, is both a church and national leader. Could he be prevailed upon to give Australia a lead in the right direction? He, and other leaders, might be surprised at the response such a call would receive.

OLGA SCULLY – "HOLOC-AUST-DENIER" by Antonia Feitz:

After the Federal Court ruled that Olga Scully was in breach of racial vilification laws and must stop distributing 'anti-Semitic' material, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry's president Jeremy Jones commented, "We can feel a true sense of satisfaction that justice has been achieved. This reaffirms that Australia is a tolerant society." (*Jewish Chronicle*, 6/9/02)

To the contrary, many Australians will be shocked that Olga Scully's right to free speech has been judicially curtailed because what she says might 'offend' somebody.

Olga Scully's leaflets allegedly claim that the Holocaust didn't happen and that the world banks and media are part of a Jewish conspiracy. So what? Most people probably think Olga Scully is a harmless crank. So why the persecution by the Council of Australian Jewry?

People are surely free to make up their own minds about the six million Jews killed figure, especially when few Gentile or even Jewish scholars accept that figure these days. It's not widely known that the six million dead Jews is now an embarrassment. The figures just don't work out – which is what the so-called revisionists claim.

Our right to free speech has never been absolute. There are defamation laws and other constraints, but the plethora of anti-vilification laws has greatly restricted free speech especially in the English-speaking countries.

Before WW2 scholars freely investigated historical events. No longer. Even though history clearly shows that contemporary governments lie and that the victors get to write history, WW2 remains off limits. That the *Jewish Chronicle* jokingly referred to Olga Scully as a "Holoc-aust-denier" – she's an Aussie you see – says heaps. Why make a joke of what allegedly has caused great pain?

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