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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"The people who are most discouraged and made despondent by the barbarity and stupidity of human behaviour at this time are those who think highly of Homo Sapiens as a product of evolution, and who still cling to an optimistic belief in the civilising influence of progress and enlightenment. To them, the appalling outbursts of bestial ferocity in the Totalitarian States, and the obstinate selfishness and stupid greed of Capitalist Society, are not merely shocking and alarming. For them, these things are the utter negation of everything in which they have believed. It is as though the bottom had dropped out of their universe. The whole thing looks like a denial of all reason, and they feel as if they and the world had gone mad together."*

– Dorothy L. Sayers in *"Creed or Chaos"*, May 4th, 1940

THE 'SOCIALIST' AND 'CAPITALIST' SPIRITS: Journalists will keep pushing the idea that Socialism/Marxism and what today could be referred to as Super-Capitalism are at the opposite ends of the political spectrum, as did *The Age's* journalist Virginia Trioli in her report of the Melbourne launch of the Sydney-based "Lowy Institute for International Policy", a 'think tank' foundation, set up and funded by "Australia's second-richest man, Westfield chief Frank Lowy". (Melbourne *Age*, March 27th, 2004.)

The reporter was obviously impressed with the gathering of the high-powered movers and shakers of Melbourne which included such notables as mining magnate Hugh Morgan, Commonwealth Games' chief Ron Walker, even former ACCC head Allan Fels as well as Ian McFarlane of the Reserve Bank.

She writes: "A night such as this is a portrait of the careful and measured way in which the powerbrokers of Melbourne listen to each other and are heard; how they measure the weight of an issue and find their place in it..."

Victoria's Premier Steve Bracks was invited to pay homage to the illustrious gathering with a speech the reporter described as a: "... new apotheosis of banality."

Can we sum up the interests this gathering of movers and shakers represented at this meeting? Easily. International finance-banking, business, law, politics – what Ivor Benson referred to as 'the new imperium' (see overleaf).

If the reader will look closely at the *categories* of people represented, he will note that not one category actually *produces real wealth himself*!

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They are all part of C.H. Douglas' "black-coated theorist's brigade". They have never grown a carrot, they have never tended the soil around an apple tree – *they* have never produced a useful article in all their lives. But through the social convention of Super-Capitalism's *financial system* they have gained unto themselves the power to direct (and reward or punish) the *producers of real wealth – the real producer-capitalists*.

The Lowy Institute, funded solely by Frank Lowy, Sydney billionaire-capitalist, "asserts itself as independent, which at first blush seems an impossible claim," writes Miss Trioli, but "...the makeup of its apparently left and right-leaning staff tempers that scepticism."

Some of our Victorian readers should free this reporter of the erroneous idea that Socialists and Capitalists can't work together and don't share long-term goals.

THE 'CAPITALIST SPIRIT' – system, expediency and calculation: How did this *alien* capitalist spirit permeate our western *Christian* thinking and where do we look for the original source? *The Intelligence Survey*, September, 1983, recorded how Werner Sombart ("The Hapsburg Monarchy") directed his readers to the earlier development of the 'capitalist' spirit within the western *Christian* world. Sombart wrote that all the *elements of Puritanism* which really contributed to the growth of this Capitalist spirit, in what was the western Christian world, were drawn from the Jewish religion...

Business is business – system, expediency and calculation their guide: Sombart laid down the principle that the man of business can have no other object than the making of profit. System, expediency, and calculation are his three guides. These fundamental postulates of capitalism (alien to the traditional, historical *Christian* outlook or world view...*ed*) are to be found in the Jewish religion..."

Distributist and social creditor, Anthony Cooney, in "*Social Credit – Aspects*" went on to follow this stream of history through to the early days of the United States and the *Puritan element* which grew to such positions of power within that nation. The six hundred families which now constitute an American 'aristocracy' can trace their descent back to the *Mayflower's* passenger list.

In the chapter "Myths of the Mayflower" he presents evidence that the so-called 'pilgrims' of the *Mayflower* voyage fame, left not England but Holland where the Puritans were already enjoying power, and their purpose was not to escape religious intolerance but to establish it in the New World. ("*Social Credit – Aspects*")

Eric Butler in "*The Enemy Within the Empire*" traces the movements of the same forces into England and eventually Australia. Easily identified when one knows what to look for.

Anthony Cooney summed it up thus: "The triumph of Puritanism in America through the *Mayflower* myth is still resonating. Hybridized with secular Liberalism your common or garden Puritan of today need have no Christian beliefs whatsoever..." Or he might identify himself as a Judaeo-Christian!

Essential reading: "*Social Credit – Aspects*" by Anthony Cooney; "*The Enemy Within the Empire*" by Eric D. Butler.

N THIS AGE OF CONFLICT: The outstanding writer Ivor Benson in his book *In This Age of Conflict* helps us to understand how these groups have gained such power.

"Knowledge can be of two kinds: knowledge of the world outside ourselves, the macrocosm, and knowledge of the kingdom within, the microcosm, both of them boundless.

The better we know ourselves the easier it will be to know the world; alternatively, the better we know the world, so much easier it will be to know ourselves and our deepest and most enduring needs.

It is not more and more knowledge that we need for the purpose of strengthening our position as individuals, but only knowledge of a kind that holds together and makes sense. We need a coherent interpretation of the history of the age in which we live and an insight into what it is that we must have if we are to be physically well and in good spirits.

The following paragraph from a book by three university historians, published in 1949, will serve as a starting point for an exploration of what they describe as "this age of conflict":

Two world wars and their intervening wars, revolutions and crises are now generally recognised to be episodes in a single age of conflict which began in 1914 and has not yet run its course. It is an age that has brought to the world more change and tragedy than any other in recorded history. Yet, whatever may be its ultimate meaning and consequence, we can already think of it and write of it as a 'historic whole'.

An age of conflict that must be thought of "as a whole" must also be capable of being explained and understood as a whole; therefore, it is a highly condensed and simplified synopsis of the history of our century that we must have if the seemingly interminable succession of "episodes" of conflict and tragedy is to be seen as a whole and understood.

The method I have chosen is to begin with a list of categorical statements which can be developed and expanded later and supported with an extensive bibliography. Here they are:

- Our century of conflict is the product of an alliance of money and intellect, with intellect almost invariably subordinate to, and at the service of, money; money being in the 20th century the primary source of great power.
- We need to find and identify the changes which have occurred in the realms of money and of intellect, changes which have made this century so different from all others in recorded history.

The change which has occurred in the realm of money is this:

- Constellations of finance-capitalism which had been separate and nationally oriented were absorbed into a greater constellation of finance-capitalism serving a different set of long-term interests.

The change which occurred in the realm of intellect is this:

- Christian orthodoxy was replaced by an ideology of socialism as the basis of a consensus intellectual frame of reference and system of values. This socialism or secular religion has given rise to what the psychologist Carl Gustav Jung has described as a "psychic epidemic" now afflicting the educated classes in the West.
- The changes which heralded our century of conflict were first clearly visible in South Africa in the late 1890s, producing the Anglo-Boer War (the first of three great fratricidal wars in the West), the beginning of the end of the British Empire and the beginning of a new and unprecedented kind of world imperium – money-powered, race-oriented, Zionist national-socialist.
- These changes in money and intellect have drawn the peoples of the West into a dialectical trap, with money as thesis, socialism as antithesis and the new imperium as synthesis; money incessantly concentrates power, socialism promises the total dispersal and distribution of power; the resolution of this contradiction supplies the new imperium with its dynamic."

Super-Capitalism and Socialism may have their differences and their oppositions of interest but these are unimportant when compared with what they have in common. What did Virginia Trioli write of the Frank Lowy meeting in Melbourne?

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We see the dialectical charade being played out in our Parliaments every day: Money (Liberals) as thesis, socialism (Labor) as antithesis and the *policies of the New Imperium* as synthesis. A ghastly reminder of the *fruits* of the policies of the New Imperium was beamed around the world via TV just this week: "That of the burned American bodies, mutilated, dismembered and hung in triumph over the Euphrates River." – Paul Kelly, *The Australian*, 3-4/4/04.

BLAIR GOVERNMENT SELLS WEAPONS OF MASS TORTURE TO ISRAEL – Journalist and author John Pilger has disclosed (*New Statesman*, March 19th, 2003):

The "Blair government has secretly authorised the sale of vast quantities of arms and terror equipment to Israel. These include leg-irons, electric shock belts and chemical and biological agents. No matter that Israel has defied more United Nations resolutions than any other state since the founding of the world body. Last October, the UN General Assembly voted by 144 to four to condemn the wall that Israel has cut through the heart of the West Bank, annexing the best agricultural land, including the aquifer system that provides most of the Palestinians' water. Israel, as usual, ignored the world."

GLOBAL WARMING PREDATES INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE Human activity – according to a report by a UN panel – made the 1990s the warmest decade in a very long time. Furthermore, the report implies that human activity has been the only source of climate variability over the past millennia.

However, according to David R. Legates – Director of the Center for Climatic Research at University of Delaware and Research Fellow at the Independent Institute – the UN IPCC report rests on a seriously flawed analysis of global temperatures.

In a new study, Legates and his colleagues, Harvard astrophysicists Sallie Baliunas and Willie Soon, found strong evidence for significant temperature variation over the past thousand years. "After examining more than 240 individual proxy records analyzed by nearly 1000 researchers, we concluded that taken individually, proxy records offer strong support for the widespread existence of both a Medieval Warm Period (~A.D. 800 to 1300) and a Little Ice Age (~A.D. 1400 to 1850)," writes Legates in a new op-ed for Tech Central Station.

Legates, Baliunas and Soon also found several flaws in the influential study, by University of Virginia scientist Michael Mann, that argued that global mean temperatures were flat for the past millennium but then rose sharply over the last century – like the shape of a hockey stick.

"Mann's curve shows a 0.95°C warming during the 20th Century – a figure that grossly exceeds the IPCC assessment of a 0.6°C warming during the same time period," Legates writes. "Mann's claim that the 1990s were the warmest decade becomes completely unfounded if the IPCC figure is used instead (as Mann had used on some of his earlier graphs). Mann's claim is also unfounded if his own proxy reconstruction or the satellite-based temperature record (which shows only a slight warming during the late 1900s) is used."

In addition, some of Mann's results could not be reproduced and relied on insufficient or inappropriate proxy sources. (For example, four of the twelve proxy sources he used to construct a temperature curve for the Northern Hemisphere were taken from the Southern Hemisphere.)

Concludes Legates: "We must take a closer look at the science of the 'hockey stick' and, in this case, ask the question, 'How much of the warming of the 20th Century was 'man-induced' and how much of it is 'Mann-induced'?"

See "***A Scientific Stick Check***", by David R. Legates (Tech Central Station, 23/3/04)
<http://www.independent.org/tii/news/040323Legates.html>

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