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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *"Is the West justified in surviving? Does the West retain within itself what alone in life and history ever justifies the survival of anything, and which is ultimately a play of creative force whose test and whose mandate is that it impels men to die for it, not because they wish to die, but because they feel its shaping power so completely that they would rather die than live without it. So long as men identify themselves with that force to the point where they will die for it, it is living and provides that inner certitude, greater and more instant than any idea of reasoning, which holds nations upright as they pick up momentum in the terrifying slopes and turns of history.*

*The moment that men in masses begin to question that force, at that moment it has begun to die. However long the tremor of its decay may take, time will henceforth be no more than delay. Every civilisation embodies a certain truth to which it gives reality. When that truth, which, in turn embodied in a faith held religiously whether or not it is wholly religious - when that faith loses its power to inspire men, its downfall is at hand."*

— Whittaker Chambers in *Cold Friday*

## **OUT OF THE DARKNESS** by Jeremy Lee:

No matter how elaborately the truth is concealed, sooner or later it will catch up with the deceivers. President Bush and the liars around him are in desperate trouble. So are Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Australia's Prime Minister John Howard. Too many people are defying the propaganda blanket, and speaking out come what may.

In March 2002 FBI translator Sibel Edmonds was sacked from her job because she had publicly stated that she had had firm evidence that the 9/11 attacks were planned, that they would involve aircraft and that the terrorists in charge were in the country. She passed the warning on weeks before the attack happened.. With the evidence in her hand she sued the FBI for wrongful dismissal. United States Attorney-General John Ashcroft used the "state secret privilege" to abort the case. But Sibel Edmonds charges are now appearing in the media.

This has followed a series of hugely embarrassing blunders now confronting the Bush administration. The US chief weapons inspector, David Kay, publicly stated that after exhaustive searches, there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. This was followed by Hans Blix, Kay's UN counterpart, who

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confirmed that there had never been any WMDs, and that, if the United States had merely waited for the United Nations team to complete its mission, there need not have had to be any war in Iraq.

This was then followed by the revelation in Britain that both the US and the UK secretly "buhhed" ambassadors attending the UN Security Council and Secretary Kofi Annan himself.

And finally, a former head of counter-terrorism in three US administrations – Reagan, Bush and Clinton – as well as 'Dubya' has written a book detailing how President Bush was "obsessed" with Saddam Hussein and Iraq from the moment he entered office, looking for any pretext to invade. In the first four weeks after publication it sold 150,000 copies, and is currently selling about 10,000 a day. None of this is likely to help Bush's re-election. Bush has been forced to throw National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to the wolves. She now is being forced to testify publicly in answer to Sibel Edmonds documented charges.

**MORE LIES ABOUT THE SO-CALLED IRAQI TAKEOVER ON JUNE 30th:** The world is being told that the Americans plan to hand over to a new Iraqi administration at the end of June. The constitution is in place and has been accepted.

Which hardly explains the upsurge in violence in Iraq, where black-uniformed Shiites are now openly confronting US and other troops in brutally violent head-to-head confrontations.

What, of course, we have NOT been told is that the US is 'reserving' certain fields of operation in Iraq for itself. These include:

- After June 30th all reconstruction programmes in the current \$18 billion programme (i.e. electricity, water, oil, communications, courts and justice) will be run NOT by the new administration but from a heavily fortified and massively-staffed US Embassy in Baghdad for 5 years.
- Fourteen (14) US military bases housing 110,000 US troops, will remain indefinitely.
- The Iraqi Army will remain under the command of Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez of the US.
- The US will appoint a National Security Adviser (Condoleezza Rice? Paul Bremer?) for five years.
- Hospitals and health, in contrast to the rest, will be handed over to the Iraqis.

This why the US is not the most loved of occupiers, despite all the claims to the contrary.

**PRIVATISING THE SEA OF DEBT:** By a combination of the highest tax levels in Australia's history, and a massive sell-off of national assets, the Federal Government has been able to reduce its own debts significantly. Treasurer Costello will no doubt be crowing about this in the lead up to the Federal Election.

What he won't be so keen to boast about are the unprecedented levels of private debt, much higher than ever before in Australia's history.

*The Daily Telegraph* (Sydney, 27/3/04) under the heading WE'RE MORE IN DEBT THAN EVER BEFORE, said: "A Christmas spending spree by Australians has pushed the average household debt to \$97,650 .... Households borrowed an extra \$31.2 billion (i.e. during the year – ed.) bringing Australia's total household debt to \$742.6 billion. The level of debt in every household has risen almost 18 per cent in the past year to the highest level on record ...."

What a record! It only needs to be added that at a modest interest rate of 5.5 per cent, the average Australian household pays \$100 a week in interest.

If the lenders knocked on every front door in Australia each Monday morning, and asked for a hundred dollars to meet this week's rent there would be a revolution within a week, and quite a few justifiable homicides.

One result is the findings of a Senate Committee Report just released, which tell us that four million Australians are living in poverty – *in the richest per-capita country in the world!*

**THE COMING FEDERAL ELECTION:** When it will be is anyone's guess. It's got to be before Christmas. An educated guess might suggest that it won't be long after the May Budget. The process of pork barrelling has begun in earnest. Tax-cuts and other goodies will be handed out by Santa Howard and Tooth Fairy Costello.

A leading article by London's Economist claimed that the Australian economy looked suspiciously like that in the US just before the bubble burst: *".... Australia is sometimes decribed as a Cinderella economy, transformed from a poor scullery maid to a glittering princess. Look closer, however, and the Australian economy is not Cinderella, but America's ugly sister...."*

The reason's given? Australia's current account deficit has swollen to 6 per cent of GDP, even bigger than America's. Australia has a negative savings rate and the biggest household debts on record.

All this will be hidden before the election – if possible. After that, whoever gets in, watch out for the roller-coaster ride!.

**NOW IT IS AMERICA'S TURN:** Nearly sixty years ago Eric Butler wrote that "as a result of the Pacific War, China was being developed and modernised by huge loans from Jewish financiers in America (just as they helped build up the Soviet Union...*ed*), working in close collaboration with their financial allies (in China) the Soong family... There is little doubt that China with her teeming millions... is ideal for the Jewish-inspired planners to build up into a powerful force in world affairs. The last has not been heard of China."

The major role played by the Jewish financiers and revolutionaries in communizing the Soviet Union, leading to the deaths of millions of innocents, is now well known. What is not so well known is their influence in the communizing of China.

Look up <http://www.paulnoll.com/China/History/history-China-Noll-part2.html> for the story: "The key man in China, from the Soviet Union, was a Jew. Mikhail Markovich Borodin (1884-1951); a Soviet advisor; he was originally named Mikhail Gruzenberg. A Riga, Latvia, Jew; he worked as the chief adviser from the Soviet Union to communize China."

Just like the British Empire before her, America is now being brought to her economic and financial knees – her debt now tops US\$32 trillion. Once she has served the One Worlder's purposes, she will be chewed up and spat out and left desolate. Any chance of the Americans realizing what fate awaits them?

**WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY** – from Philip Benwell MBE, National Chairman, Australian Monarchist League:

"Ever since the defeat of the Republicans at the Constitutional Referendum of 1999, the purpose of the Australian Monarchist League has been to confront and defeat republican plays, whether they

stem from a State or Federal Parliament – such as the Senate Inquiry into a Republic – or from the media as evidenced by the several recent phone polls.

Whilst recognising that Republicans have the right, under our Constitutional Monarchy, to express their views, we resent the extreme bias of the media and we dispute the use by republican politicians of public resources to promote an agenda for constitutional change, particularly following the rejection of this issue by the People in 1999.

From its inception, we opposed the Senate Inquiry into a Republic established by the socialists who dominate the Upper Chamber. We requested people to put in submissions objecting to the Inquiry and opposing a republic and I am pleased to be able to advise that out of the five hundred odd submissions received, the majority were against a republic. This means that whatever decisions the Inquiry makes (or have already made because all the sitting members are republicans!) is nullified by the submissions. In January we sought the assistance of supporters to respond to the phone poll organised by Channel 9 on the question "Do you want an Australian Republic" resulting in a 61.5% NO vote.

This week we hurriedly requested people to respond to yet another phone poll, this time by Channel 7 which was promoting the question of an Australian Republic and even though the Australian Republican Movement were actively involved in this poll, they were again defeated with 52% of the callers voting NO.

**We have a Constitution which made Australia the best country in the world:** We will continue to defeat republican initiatives, provide we are all prepared to stand up and be counted. Whilst we do not have the media with us and whereas our support in the Parliaments is limited, what we do have is a Constitution which has made Australia into the best country in the World in which to live. Furthermore, unlike anywhere else, including the United Kingdom, the Australian Constitution denies the Parliament total Authority and places control of Constitutional Change in the hands of the People."

**DON'T FORGET THE USA/AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT INQUIRY:** We have been advised, Members of the Senate Select Committee are: Senators Boswell, Brandis, Conroy, Cook, Ferris, Harris, O'Brien and Ridgeway.

**Terms of reference are:** To examine impacts of the agreement on Australia's economic, trade, investment and social and environment policies, including, but not limited to, agricultural, health, education and the media.

**Closing date for submissions is 30/4/04. Submissions to be sent to:-** Secretary, Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the USA, Suite S1.30.1, The Senate, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT, 2600, or e-mail [FTA@aph.gov.au](mailto:FTA@aph.gov.au)

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