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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Political parties divide and are concerned not to decentralise power but to capture power and to increase their holding of power in order to perpetuate themselves. Political parties do violence out of expediency to sound principles, i.e., they distort reality for the purposes of their own survival and expansion.*

They do violence to true science, and political parties by their inherent nature do violence to true Social Credit when they act in its name.

Social Credit itself is a science – the science of understanding and utilizing the principles of association in order to generate positive increments (as opposed to decrements) of association.

Political parties are the object of opportunism for those who seek personal gain from political office through securing of special privilege. They are a focus of power which is susceptible to infiltration and diversion from original aims – the dangers of which have been demonstrated consistently by parties purporting to take up the 'Social Credit' cause.

Some men and women of character do enter political parties – but they are soon weeded out if they place principle above power."

– Wallace Klinck, Canada, September, 2004

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS ARE UPON US by Betty Luks:

I thought during this moment in our nation's history, it would be good for us all to take time out to consider what could be our long-term future if we can't change its direction. Individually, *personally*, we must take responsibility for the votes we are about to cast.

A question concerned Australians will ask themselves – as they bring to mind the whole corrupted system -- is summed up in a question form from the second verse of the Royal Anthem:

How do we... "Confound their politics and frustrate their knavish tricks?"

We need to be reminded of some important lessons from history. To this end, I offer a portion of a speech a Roman soldier made to the Roman Senate during the worst of Rome's licentiousness, corruption and decay.

As a professional soldier, he had served his nation in many parts of the Empire before finally retiring to

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his family estate near the capital of Rome. He was so appalled at the state of his nation on his return, at the risk to his own freedom and life, he felt compelled to address his fellow Romans thus:

"In this very Senate, not many years ago, a senator was done to death because he spoke the truth. Not by knife or sword or spear was he murdered, and not by honest stones. No honourable hand struck him down, for there was no honourable hand here. He spoke of Rome. He cried out that Rome was no longer a republic, and that she had become a bloodthirsty empire, ruled not by men of wisdom and not by law, but by Caesar and his legions, and his generals and his rapacious freedmen and his palace politicians.

That senator was a young man with a bright eye and a heart like a sacred bull, fired by his love for his country. A brutal young man, who used no polished phrases and had no elegances. He had only love for his country. A passionate young man who believed that truth was invulnerable, and that lies were as fragile as a spider's web. But, you see, he only loved his country, and only fools love their country. "For greed", that young senator cried to you, "the mobs in this city supported evil Caesars, who lusted only for power, because those Caesars promised them loot from the public treasuries.

Venial senators supported those Caesars, for profit and power.

The lying Caesars spoke to the mobs and told them that our country could not defend itself against barbarians without allies, who must endlessly be bought and cajoled and flattered.

And the traitorous Caesars plotted against their nation, mad with the lust to be gilded like gods by the whole world, and to be acclaimed by millions of thieves and beggars and wrestlers and freedmen men and the pusillanimous, who never felt a pulse of patriotism in their vultures' hearts!"

"Look at my scars, the evidences of my wounds," said the old Roman soldier. "You senators, you scoundrels, you perfumed liars, look at my wounds! You sleek rascals who bed in silk to the strumming of lyres and the murmurs of prostitutes and dissolute women and bought concubines - look at my wounds!

Are they on your smooth flesh? Are similar wounds in your hearts, you who betray Rome with every breath and lead her to hell with every law? ...

Bow no longer to false Caesars, who, defying our very Constitution, issue mandates against the welfare of Rome and place themselves above the law which our fathers formulated, and for which they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honour...

Rome was conceived in faith and in justice, and in the worship of God, and in the name of the manhood of man. Return our country to the rule of law and strike down the rule by men. Restore the treasuries. Withdraw our legions from foreign lands which hate us, and will destroy us at a moment's notice when it serves their interests. Repeal the taxes which crush those who work hard and industriously... Drive from the Palatine itself the masses of toadies and self-seekers and thieves!...

Romans! In the name of God, in the name of Cincinnatus, the Father of his Country, in the name of heroism and peace and manliness and freedom and justice, I beg of you to restore yourselves as the guardians of Rome, to cast out the usurper of the powers which rightfully belong to you, to impeach and to punish those who seized those powers in order to pervert the laws of our fathers!

Let your Roman hearts speak and your Roman spirits cry out against the expedient and the corrupt,

against the vainglorious and the traitors, against Caesars who anoint themselves as gods and hold court for the depraved and the ambitious and those who would dissipate the strength of our people, our Constitution and our traditions!

If you turn from your country, then she will die, and a thousand, thousand legions shall not save her and a thousand bloody Caesars will vainly shout to the winds."

SOLDIERS TOLD TO RE-ENLIST OR FACE DEPLOYMENT TO IRAQ: *As you read the following news report, ask your self: How many children from the Bush, Cheney or Blair or Howard or Downer families are enlisting to fight their wars? These wars are not in genuine defence of our own nation. Why should my children be maimed and killed in their wars for more power and control?*

According to the Colorado Springs *Rocky Mountain News'* reporter, Dick Foster, September 16th, 2004 – American soldiers from a Fort Carson combat unit say they have been issued an ultimatum – re-enlist for three more years or be transferred to other units expected to deploy to Iraq. Hundreds of soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team were presented with that message and a re-enlistment form in a series of assemblies last Thursday, said two soldiers who spoke on condition of anonymity. The effort is part of a restructuring of the Army into smaller, more flexible forces that can deploy rapidly around the world.

A Fort Carson spokesman confirmed the re-enlistment drive is under way and one of the soldiers provided the form to the *Rocky Mountain News*. An Army spokesman denied, however, that soldiers who don't re-enlist with the brigade were threatened.

The form, if signed, would bind the soldier to the 3rd Brigade until December 31st, 2007. The two soldiers said they were told that those who did not sign would be transferred out of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

"They said if you refuse to re-enlist with the 3rd Brigade, we'll send you down to the 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment, which is going to Iraq for a year, and you can stay with them, or we'll send you to Korea, or to Fort Riley (in Kansas) where they're going to Iraq," said one of the soldiers, a sergeant. The second soldier, an enlisted man who was interviewed separately, essentially echoed that view.

"They told us if we don't re-enlist, then we'd have to be reassigned. And where we're most needed is in units that are going back to Iraq in the next couple of months. So if you think you're getting out, you're not," he said.

The brigade's presentation outraged many soldiers who are close to fulfilling their obligation and are looking forward to civilian life, the sergeant said. "We have a whole platoon who refuses to sign," he said.

A Fort Carson spokesman said Wednesday that 3rd Brigade recruitment officers denied threatening the soldiers with Iraq duty. "I can only tell you what the retention officers told us: The soldiers were not being told they will go to Iraq, but they may go to Iraq," said the spokesman, who gave that explanation before being told later to direct all inquiries to the Pentagon.

Sending soldiers to Iraq with less than one year of their enlistment remaining "would not be taken lightly," Lt. Col. Gerard Healy said from the Pentagon Wednesday.

"We realize that we deal with people and with families, and that's got to be a factor," he said.

"There's probably a lot of places on post where they could put those folks (who don't re-enlist) until their time expires. But I don't want to rule out the possibility that they could go to a unit that might deploy," said Healy.

Under current Army practice, members of Iraq-bound units are "stop-losses," meaning they could be retained in the unit for an entire year in Iraq, even if their active-duty enlistment expires.

A recruiter told the sergeant that the Army would keep them "as long as they needed us".

Extending a soldier's active duty is within Army authority, since the enlistment contract carries an eight-year obligation, even if a soldier signs for only three or four years of active duty.

The 3rd Brigade recruiting effort is part of the Army's plan to restructure large divisions of more than 10,000 soldiers into smaller, more flexible, more numerous brigade-sized "Units of Action" of about 3,500 soldiers each.

The Army envisions building each unit into a cohesive whole and staffing them with soldiers who will stay with the unit for longer periods of time, said John Pike, head of the defense analysis think tank Global Security.

"They want these units to fight together and train together. They're basically trying to keep these brigades together throughout training and deployment, so I can understand why they would want to shed anybody who was not going to be there for the whole cycle," Pike said.

But some soldiers presented with the re-enlistment message last week believe they've already done their duty and should not be penalized for choosing to leave. They deployed to Iraq for a year with the 3rd Brigade last April.

"I don't want to go back to Iraq," said the sergeant. "I went through a lot of things for the Army that weren't necessary and were risky. Iraq has changed a lot of people."

The enlisted soldier said the recruiters' message left him troubled, unable to sleep and "filled with dread".

"For me, it wasn't about going back to Iraq. It's just the fact that I'm ready to get out of the Army," he said.

Soldiers' choice at Fort Carson

WHAT THE FORM SAID

• "Elect not to extend or re-enlist and understand that the soldier will be reassigned IAW (in accordance with) the needs of the Army by Department of the Army HRC (Human Resources Command) . . . or Fort Carson G1 (Personnel Office)."

WHAT IT MEANS

• Soldiers who sign the letter are bound to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team until December. 31st, 2007.
• Soldiers who do not sign the letter might be transferred out of the brigade and possibly to Iraq.
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