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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The purpose of studying economics is not to acquire a set of ready-made answers to economic questions, but to avoid being deceived by economists."

– Joan Robinson, late Cambridge University and critic of orthodox economics.

The same can be said about a number of other academic disciplines in the modern uni-perveristy, including law.

TERROR COURT: COMING TO A PLACE NEAR YOU by James Reed:

Australia's top anti-terrorist 'cops' now want a terrorist court to deal exclusively with terrorist crimes – *The Australian*, 21/3/05. The court would operate not through the adversarial method, where lawyers would operate and critique before a neutral judge, but by having a judicial interrogation. Attorney General Ruddock was aware of the push by senior police, but was 'investigating before acting'. Ruddock believes that this separate commonwealth criminal court "would need to be more widely based (than terrorism crimes) in order to justify an increased level of expenditure". The police want a lowering of the standard of proof needed for a successful prosecution from the standard of "beyond reasonable doubt" to the civil standard of "the balance of probabilities". Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Kelty wants the terrorist court to be offshore and administered by an international body.

AUSTRALIA TO HAVE CLOSER MILITARY TIES WITH CHINA by Betty Luks:

Australians will rest easy in the sure knowledge their federal politicians are working, working, to ensure their security and safety from any would-be acts of "terrorism". How are they doing this? The latest is by inviting closer military ties with that Communist (but not averse to a bit of Capitalism) regime – China! The same regime, which, we are told, has a vast network of spies in our country busily spying out our military secrets as well as spying on Chinese individuals within our borders.

It seems that some of the Chinese folk don't measure up to the Communist regime's expectations of their behaviour in this land and the same spies are busily kidnapping them and whisking them back to China. And all under our noses too!

We, The People: Our 'illustrious' Defence Minister Robert Hill, on an eight-day visit will meet up

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with his Chinese counterpart National Defence Minister, General Cao Gangchuan (Adelaide Advertiser, 8/6/05). And what are they are going to discuss? Why Defence and Terrorism of course!

Like getting a wolf to look after your chickens!

They would have us believe it is the defence and security of you, me, us (understood collectively as the people) that is foremost on their minds. But it all becomes clearer in the translation of "The People".

From our Christian philosophical position 'the people' would translate as: You, me, us, the *real people*, considered collectively. We the *real people* would accept that it is the responsibility of a Commonwealth Minister of the Crown to ensure our safety and security within our own borders. But that is a Western Christian concept which is quite alien to Communists, whether of the old Soviet or current Chinese variety.

That is not how Communists translate the term, "The People". For them it is a vague abstractive term for "The State" which in reality means "Rule and Control By an Elite".

Why do I suspect the 'anti-terrorist' regime-network they are busily working to set up, will be a regime imposed by "The State" to enforce its harsh rule; to keep you, me, us, from daring to challenge "The People's Police State"? Already Australian 'peace forces' are scattered among the nations, busily sticking their noses into other nations' affairs. The question arises: is the time coming when Mr. Howard will invite Chinese 'peace keepers' into this land to help quell the protests of us – that is, you, me, we, the real Australian people – protesting at the direction he and his ilk are taking this nation? And will he describe the moves as part of the battle to "fight terrorism"?

MYTHS ABOUT SLAVERY by Andrew Ryan and Peter J. White:

One of the weapons used in psycho-political warfare against White people defending the integrity of their race is the argument from American slavery. It was racism that led to slavery and it was violent anti-racists such as Abraham Lincoln who ended this tyranny. In this essay we will, by use of excellent texts, refute these myths.

The War to End Slavery? The American "Civil War" was not a war to end slavery. Eighty per cent of Confederate soldiers and sailors were not slave owners. The losses of the South were by far proportionately greater than the US losses in World War II. Indeed if US losses were to equal the Southern losses, then the loss of American lives in World War II would not have been 300,000 but 6,000,000. It is incredible to suppose that such a war could have been fought for a small percentage of the population to keep slaves. **Rather, the war was a "War for Southern Independence" and thus a battle between two nations.**

The Northern invasion of the South was not based on high moral principles, but on a fear of economic loss. Lincoln when asked if the North should let the South go said: "Let the South go? Let the South go? Where then shall we get our revenues?" ^[1]

Slavery was abolished in the North for economic, not moral grounds, when the supply of cheap White labour ("wage slaves") in the North was sufficient to reduce its costs. Northern White workers viewed Black labour as a threat and barriers were erected against Black advancement so that many commentators of the time felt that Blacks were better off as slaves. Northern exclusion laws e.g. in

Indiana, Illinois and Oregon, prevented Negroes settling in those States. Lincoln said in Congress in December 1862: "But why should (an emancipated) South send free people North?... And in any event cannot the North decide for itself whether to receive them?"^[2] Hardly what one would expect from the great emancipator of the slaves.

As a matter of fact when laws were passed in the North granting freedom to slaves, this was only for slaves who had reached a certain age. For example, for a slave to become free in New Jersey the slave would have had to be born after 1804 and have reached the age of 21 years. Otherwise the black would remain a slave for life.

Ten years before the War for Southern Independence there were 236 slaves for life in New Jersey.^[3] This saved the North being deprived of slave property so that their slaves could be sold to the South!

Southern Slavery was Not a Tyranny: The relationship between White slave owners and Black slaves was generally good and mutual respect usually existed. Many freed slaves stayed on with families. Most slave owners worked alongside the slaves, and slaves generally did not work any harder than Whites.^[4] Ex-Black slave Elija Henry Hopkins said: "In slavery times, a poor White man was worse off than a nigger".^[5] Harrison Betty, a Black slave, wrote and published a pamphlet in 1861 entitled Slavery and Abolitionism, as Viewed by a Georgia Slave, which defended slavery. This slave could read and write, and contrary to Hollywood movies such as Roots, believed that American slaves were better off than they would have been in Africa.

Black Slave Owners and White Slaves: American slavery was not a racist institution. Larry Koger in Black Slaveowners^[6], states that in 1830 over 10,000 slaves were owned by free Blacks. Native Americans, such as the Cherokee, also owned Black slaves. Former Black indenture servants and American Indians came, in large numbers to own White bond slaves. In Virginia the practice was banned in 1670. George Washington himself owned White slaves.^[7]

White "indentured servants" did not differ substantially from African slaves and in many cases these White slaves fared worse than Black slaves.^[8] The majority of the original American colonists (perhaps as high as two thirds) came to America not of their own free will but were kidnapped, duped or arrived in chains.^[9] Early documents in the colonial times, including English parliamentary debates, referred to the Whites, not as indentured servants, but as slaves.^[10]

By 1627 sugar plantations in the British West Indies used White slave labour and there were few Black slaves until the mid-1640s. In the 1640s in Barbados, 25,000 slaves, 21,700 of them White, were brutally treated and worked to death. The main source of these slaves were Britain and Ireland.

In the 17th and 18th century American White "servants" and Black slaves did essentially the same work. This work was not designed to work the slave to death. Compare this situation with 19th century England where a Holocaust against poor Whites occurred. Children as young as four years became factory fodder for the satanic mills of industrial capitalism. Their small bodies were worked to death or mutilated in machinery. Old English cemeteries still tell the tale of the deaths of these children. Yet because they are White, no bleeding heart liberal sheds tears for them. In some British work houses the mortality rate for children was up to 90 per cent.^[11]

American slavery is thus used as part of a complex strategy of psycho-political warfare to demoralize White people. Elaborate myths have been constructed by both academics and Hollywood to produce an unending sense of guilt. In this brief discussion we have attempted to expose and criticize some of these myths. Readers desiring a more detailed treatment should consult the attached reference works.

Notes:

(1) J.R. Kennedy and W.D. Kennedy, The South Was Right! (Pelican Pub. Co., Gretna, 1997), p.50. (2) As above at p.55. (3) As above at p.75. (4) As above at p.83. (5) As above at p.97. (6) L. Kroger, Black Slaveowners (McFarland and Co., Jefferson, 1985). (7) R.M. Grooms, "A History of Race Mixing in the American Colonies", The Barnes Review, November/December 2001, pp.19-22. (8) Michael A. Hoffmann II, They Were White & They Were Slaves:... 4th Edition (Independent History & Research, P.O. Box 669, Libby Montana 59923, 1992). (9) C. Wilson and C.D. Wilson, "White Slavery: An American Paradox", Slavery and Abolition, vol.19, 1998, pp.1-23. (10) Hoffmann, p.11. (11) Hoffmann, p.19.

Editor's note: It is a dilemma for editors when articles, sourced from authors of other continents, have various 'English' spellings. As a general rule, the spelling for the League's journals is based on British Isles' English (UK), but there are times when spelling from the American continent 'slips in'. As an example, meter in UK spelling means "an apparatus for measuring, especially for quantities of fluid". Australians would also understand it referred to "an apparatus for measuring", e.g., the "water meter" in their front gardens. And metre means "the fundamental unit of length in the metric system".

Whereas, an American reader would understand the word meter to mean: "a fundamental unit of length".

Because **On Target** originates from Australia (but is now read world-wide), it is our policy to use UK spelling of English. So please keep this in mind when reading articles sourced from the American continent and the 'other' spelling slips in.

TELSTRA – DONE DEAL? from Jeremy Lee:

"Conventional wisdom contends that Telstra has already been stitched up amongst the big boys. But 'there's many a slip' The appointment of one Solomon Trujillo as the international ring-master to crack his whip when the globalised Telstra enters the ring hasn't gone down all that well with the average Australian. Whether they think the financial inducement to the new CEO – \$10 million annually – is too low, it's hard to say. But something is happening!

The first edition of HASCO's booklet "*Saving Telstra*" sold out in ten days. Orders for the CD are also pouring in. The next two thousand booklets are just coming off the printing press.

The next stage of the campaign – an Australian version of the Orange Revolution that proved irresistible in the Ukraine – is just getting off the ground. So far the campaign has not burst into the open. It may never do so. The national press may be able to close all chinks in the news. But steam is building up."

The National Farmers have come out saying Telstra should not be sold. All is not lost. Have you written your letter to your State's representative in the Senate yet? Remember the new Senators take their seats in July. We know others are in there fighting!

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