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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "...his logic was a little lacking. Would the pure-minded visitors from Bongo-Bongo be hurrying up the hall to read what Adolf Collins has to say? Come to think of it, his logic was more than a little lacking because in the great majority of the Commonwealth countries, freedom of speech and human rights are as rare as cold beer in the Sahara.

Try opening your mouth wide in Ghana. Or Nigeria. Or Malaysia. Or Pakistan. In most such blessed lands you would end up in the clink or be fed to the crocodiles faster than you could say 'wealth' let alone 'Commonwealth'. Only in the United Nations itself could you find a greater group of pirates, killers, swindlers, scroungers and hypocrites.

Instead of being down on their knees giving thanks for the help they get from the West, the Commonwealth folk never cease howling that we've done them wrong..."

– "Here We Go Again: Battle Against Censorship", Doug Collins, 1998

WELL, WELL! SOLOMON ISLANDS, POLITICS AND SOCIAL CREDIT – *The Solomon Star News*, "Political party pledges to tackle poverty", 12/07/05 – by Moffat Mamu:

A newly established political party yesterday launched its manifesto, pledging to tackle poverty and other issues affecting youths and grassroots people. Solomon Islands Social Credit Party (SoCred) is headed by former Prime Minister and East Choiseul MP Manasseh Sogavare.

"Today, the majority of Solomon Islanders are standing in solidarity, reaching across borders, with the knowledge that we are living in poverty amidst plenty.

"For SoCred members to reach across borders is to subvert the financial structures that enslaved us and that must be dismantled for the good of our people," Mr. Sogavare said in a statement.

He said Solomon Islands will always be in poverty amidst plenty until we introduced a radical monetary reform in the country for the benefit of everyone.

Launching the manifesto, Mr. Sogavare said his party believes in working for the people mostly with the grassroots, youths and unemployed because they make the largest percentage of the population in the country and within the rural sectors. "We believed in principles to help these people. Our decision must be made in a way that best suit the future of the country. Our national framework must be

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designed in such a way that allows full participation in all sectors to eliminate poverty and boost development," he said.

Poverty is one of the pressing issues the country needs to address because while we are blessed with resources that can potentially be developed, Solomon Islands is one of the six Pacific islands being named as still living under the poverty line.

Poverty is a crime, which Solomon Islands has the right to fight, "Such issues must not fall on to deaf ears because it is a crucial one for the country to tackle in due time," the party leader and president, said. It doesn't make sense when the country is blessed with the resources worth \$20 billion if developed but yet being labeled as a least developed country. There must be policies and strategies the country needs to put in place to tackle these issues.

Yesterday's launching ceremony was preceded by a march that started from Burns Creek in east Honiara and the Borderline area to the Multi-Purpose hall. It attracted several hundreds of people marching together under the theme "Peoples March Against Poverty Amidst Plenty".

Mr. Sogavare said the march demonstrated by the members of the party is to show to the people of Solomon Islands what the party is standing for. "What you see here is a culmination of sweat, planning and observation," he said.

Mr. Sogavare said the country's 135-year history, which included the 85 years of colonialism and 27 years of independence, has been a trying period for Solomon Islands. Only a few changes in regards to development have taken place, he said.

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THE BUSYBODY WESTERNER: What a tangled mess the bleeding hearts and power-hungry elites have made of the western world and what harm they have done to peoples of other nations.

The London bombings can't be considered in isolation, and although Blair, Bush and Howard want to lay the blame on Muslim extremists, so far the news reports 'just don't add up' and, in fact, are even contradictory. It may be that the four young men accused of the bombing did carry out the ghastly acts – or it may not be. The dust needs to settle a little yet.

If it was Iraqi Muslim extremists, maybe they are now seeking revenge for what our so-called 'leaders' have done to them in our name.

"What!" I can just hear the 'do-good-to-them whether they want it done to them or not' brigade demanding to know, "What have we done?" What about:

- The former international economic sanctions imposed on both Hussein's Iraq and Afghanistan led to one million dead, including women and children, and countless refugees fleeing the economic sanctions.
- The illegal immigrants reaching our shores are largely the result of western-imposed policies against the countries from which they come.

What about two wars of aggression against Iraq?

- Local radio reports 25,000 Iraqi civilians have lost their lives since the commencement of the second war against Iraq. But no one really knows the true figure; it was admitted the Iraqi casualties are not counted – just the allied war dead and wounded. Is it that Iraqis are not counted as human beings?

Now it is all coming back to haunt us. The western nations are caught on the horns of their own pathetically unrealistic, politically-correct idealism, and the multicultural and multiracial fantasies.

We could have, as good neighbours, done our very best to support and encourage these peoples to build up their own lands and strengthen their own national sovereignty and not flooded our own lands with people who do not share our beliefs and culture. But no, we had to interfere in their affairs and act as "bully boys" - and fail dismally to grasp the fundamental importance of race and culture.

A VICTORY FOR MULTICULTI OVER COMMON SENSE by Mark Steyn:

The following article appeared in *The Daily Telegraph*, 19/7/05:

"It has been sobering this past week watching some of my "woollier" colleagues (in Vicki Woods's self-designation) gradually awake to the realisation that the real suicide bomb is "multiculturalism". Its remorseless tick-tock, suddenly louder than the ethnic drumming at an anti-globalisation demo, drove poor old Boris Johnson into rampaging around this page last Thursday like some demented late-night karaoke one-man Fiddler on the Roof, stamping his feet and bellowing, "Tradition! Tradition!" Boris's plea for more Britishness was heartfelt and valiant, but I'm not sure I'd bet on it.

The London bombers were, to the naked eye, assimilated - they ate fish 'n' chips, played cricket, sported appalling leisurewear. They'd adopted so many trees we couldn't see they lacked the big overarching forest - the essence of identity, of allegiance. As I've said before, you can't assimilate with a nullity - which is what multiculturalism is.

So, if Islamist extremism is the genie you're trying to put back in the bottle, it doesn't help to have smashed the bottle. As the death of the Eurofanatic Ted Heath reminds us, in modern Britain even a "conservative" prime minister thinks nothing of obliterating ancient counties and imposing on the populace fantasy jurisdictions - "Avon", "Clwyd" and (my personal favourite in its evocative neo-Stalinism) "Central Region" - and an alien regulatory regime imported from the failed polities of Europe. The 7/7 murderers are described as "Yorkshiremen", but, of course, there is no Yorkshire: Ted abolished that, too.

Sir Edward's successor, Mr. Blair, said on the day of the bombing that terrorists would not be allowed to "change our country or our way of life". Of course not. That's his job - from hunting to Europeanisation. Could you reliably say what aspects of "our way of life" Britain's ruling class, whether pseudo-Labour like Mr Blair or pseudo-Conservative like Sir Ted, wish to preserve? The Notting Hill Carnival? Not enough, alas.

Consider the Bishop of Lichfield, who at Evensong, on the night of the bombings, was at pains to assure his congregants: "Just as the IRA has nothing to do with Christianity, so this kind of terror has nothing to do with any of the world faiths."

It's not so much the explicit fatuousness of the assertion so much as the broader message it conveys: we're the defeatist wimps; bomb us and we'll apologise to you. That's why in Britain the Anglican Church is in a death-spiral and Islam is the fastest-growing religion.

There's no market for a faith that has no faith in itself. And as the Church goes so goes the state: why introduce identity cards for a nation with no identity?"

Cherie - nee Booth - Blair - defends the indefensible: "It was the Prime Minister's wife, you'll recall, who last year won a famous court victory for Shabina Begum, as a result of which schools across the land must now permit students to wear the full "jilbab" - ie, Muslim garb that covers the entire body except the eyes and hands.

Ms. Booth hailed this as "a victory for all Muslims who wish to preserve their identity and values despite prejudice and bigotry". It seems almost too banal to observe that such an extreme preservation of Miss Begum's Muslim identity must perforce be at the expense of any British identity."

Miss Begum's Bangladeshi origins: "Nor, incidentally, is Miss Begum "preserving" any identity: she's of Bangladeshi origin, and her adolescent adoption of the jilbab is a symbol of the Arabisation of South Asian (and African and European) Islam that's at the root of so many problems. It's no more part of her inherited identity than my five-year-old dressing up in his head-to-toe Darth Vader costume, to which at a casual glance it's not dissimilar.

Is it "bigoted" to argue that the jilbab is a barrier to acquiring the common culture necessary to any functioning society? Is it "prejudiced" to suggest that in Britain a Muslim woman ought to reach the same sartorial compromise as, say, a female doctor in Bahrain? Apparently so, according to Cherie Booth.

One of the striking features of the post-9/11 world is the minimal degree of separation between the so-called "extremists" and the establishment: Princess Haifa, wife of the Saudi ambassador to Washington, gives \$130,000 to accomplices of the 9/11 terrorists; the head of the group that certifies Muslim chaplains for the US military turns out to be a bagman for terrorists; one of the London bombers gets given a tour of the House of Commons by a Labour MP.

The *Guardian* hires as a "trainee journalist" a member of Hizb ut Tahir, "Britain's most radical Islamic group" (as his own newspaper described them) and in his first column post-7/7 he mocks the idea that anyone could be "shocked" at a group of Yorkshiremen blowing up London: "Second- and third-generation Muslims are without the don't-rock-the-boat attitude that restricted our forefathers. We're much sassier with our opinions, not caring if the boat rocks" – or the bus blows, or the Tube vaporises. Fellow *Guardian* employee David Foulkes, who was killed in the Edgware Road blast, would no doubt be heartened to know he'd died for the cause of Muslim "sassiness".

But among all these many examples of the multiculti mainstream ushering the extremists from the dark fringe to the centre of western life, there is surely no more emblematic example than that of Shabina Begum, whose victory over the school dress code was achieved with the professional support of both the wife of the Prime Minister who pledges to defend "our way of life" and of Hizb ut Tahir, a group which (according to the German Interior Minister) "supports violence as a means to realise political goals" such as a worldwide caliphate and (according to the BBC) "urges Muslims to kill Jewish people". What does an "extremist" have to do to be too extreme for Cherie Booth or the *Guardian*?

Oh, well. Back to business as usual. In yesterday's *Independent*, Dave Brown had a cartoon showing Bush and Blair as terrorists boarding the Tube to Baghdad. Ha-ha. The other day in Thailand, where 800 folks have been killed by Islamists since the start of the year, two Laotian farm workers were beheaded. I suppose that's Bush and Blair's fault, too.

I'd like to think my "woolly liberal" colleague Vicki Woods and the woolly sorta-conservative Boris Johnson represent the majority. If they do, you've got a sporting chance. But in the end Cherie Booth and Dave Brown and the Bishop of Lichfield will get you killed. Best of British, old thing."

THE BREAKDOWN OF BRITAIN by James Reed: The excellent magazine *Endeavour*, Journal of the British Australian Community (PO.Box 707, South Yarra, Vic., 3141), in its June/July edition reports on some startling crime statistics. In 1964 in England and Wales there were 72,000 burglaries. In 2003/4 there were 402,000. In 1964 there were 3,000 robberies; in 2003/4 there were 101,000. These results are part of a Civitas Study of the rise of crime in Britain which sees the cause as being a lack of shared norms. As *Endeavour* rightly observes: "Another word for the same thing is multiculturalism," a policy designed to fragment British values."