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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Last Sunday a visitor at a church service at Dunbarton Chapel at Howard University put it to the American empire with eloquence and grace. The occasion was Jamaica's 43rd Independence Day and the sermon was delivered by the Lord Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, the Right Rev. Dr. Alfred C. Reid. Among his eloquent comments as he reflected back on the days of official slavery and colonialism: "Globalisation is a new name for an old obscenity." "We have seen hegemonic powers come and go. And I emphasize GO."

"A holy nation is one where blood is more valuable than oil..." "The measure of a man's greatness is not the number of servants he has but the number of people he serves." "...false gods of materialism, hedonism, and power."

One simply doesn't hear such stark truths at the official largely white pulpits of Washington including the National Cathedral on Wisconsin Avenue and the National Shrine at Catholic University.

– BlogWashington.com, August 11th, 2005

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW AND AUSTRALIAN SOVEREIGNTY** by Ian Wilson LL.B.

The July-August 2005 edition of *Quadrant* contains an interesting article by I.D.F. Callinan, Justice of the High Court of Australia, on International Law and Australian Sovereignty. The article was originally delivered as the Sir John Latham Memorial Lecture at the "*Quadrant Dinner*", May 3rd, in Sydney this year.

Callinan pointed out that the external affairs power, Section 51: xxix of the Commonwealth Constitution has been broadly read by the High Court, a Court which is more readily influenced by international instruments than the US Supreme Court.

Callinan indicates that he is sceptical of this legal trend: "Globalisation, as they call it, is not a licence for the dismantling of national sovereignty or democracy." Further, not all "international" concerns are "external" in the constitutional sense: "The fact that throughout the world people in different countries may have some, doubtless many, of the same aspirations does not mean that those aspirations are converted into matters of international concern to provide a foothold for internal legislation directed towards the control of Australians, of their conduct, and of Australian assets".

Interestingly enough Callinan mentions that in the infamous Tasmanian Dams case, where an international convention was used by the Commonwealth to prevent the building of the Franklin River Dam, an

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argument was advanced by Tasmania that the listing led to the State losing valuable property rights, contrary to the just compensation Section 51 (xxxix) of the Constitution. The argument was rejected by the High Court.

Callinan has said judicially in *Smith v ANL Limited* (2001) that the Commonwealth did acquire valuable property. If the approach of those judges was accepted "private citizens, under the external affairs power" could have their rights to private property "sterilised" "and you might not get a brass razor for it".

Callinan is also concerned that there has been an erosion of the principle that conventions would only be law if enacted law by the parliament. The *Teoh* case involved the deportation of a convicted drug dealer, who had three children in Australia. *Teoh* challenged the deportation order under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which had been ratified. The High Court held that although the provisions of an international treaty do not form part of Australian law unless enacted as such, still the ratification gave rise to a "legitimate expectation" that the Minister should still abide by the treaty/convention. Callinan says that this doctrine needs reconsideration. That is putting it mildly.

In summary then, Callinan is one of the better judges of the present High Court. His opinions are usually sound and tempered by conservative wisdom, in contrast to the free-wheeling radicalism of Justice Michael Kirby.

### **THE AGENDA BEHIND THE GLOBAL WARMING HOAX** by James Reed:

A recent article in *New Scientist* magazine, May 7th, 2005, by Anna Gosline was entitled "Where Will They Go When the Sea Rises?" The subheading said it all: "Rich nations might think twice about wrecking the planet if they had to take more environment exiles".

The article featured the thought of Sujatha Byravan and Sudhar Chella Rajon, who argued within the pages of the highly respected science journal *Nature* (24/3/05) that refugees should be taken in proportion to emissions.

Thus the US and Australia get the most, developing countries, exempt under the Kyoto Treaty apparently get none. In an on-line article at the Common Dreams News Centre ([www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)) reporting on the *International Herald Tribune* (11/5/05) article, Bryavan and Rajan have included China and India into the list of the top greenhouse emitting nations to receive – wait for it – up to 2,000 million environmental refugees by 2080.

There is no mention by these journals of the fact that the developed West through industry and technology allowed the massive populations of the Third World to reach the levels that they have today. Pollution has been the result not of the sole accumulation of the idle riches – although that has occurred to an extent – but because an advanced civilisation has been created which ennobles such academics to have the time to engage in their moralising. The subtext of the *New Scientist* article is the naïve environmentalist complaint that rich nations have "wrecked" the planet merely to selfishly accumulate riches. This philosophy of Western guilt ignores the fact that the very clothes which most of these refugees have on their backs are the products of Western technology and culture. A culture which now must be swamped in a 21st century version of "The Camp of the Saints". This we must resist!

### **THEY WOULDN'T DO IT FOR THAT REASON!...WOULD THEY?** by Betty Luks:

These days my cynicism of politicians knows no bounds. Sifting through material from the United Australia party (UAP) ([www.unitedaustraliaparty.com](http://www.unitedaustraliaparty.com)) and copies of theirs and others correspondence with politicians throughout the land, it begins to dawn on one, that maybe, just maybe, the motivating force behind the push to flog off the rest of Telstra is their own unfunded pensions claims.



Referred to in the material as *The Canberra Group* (the numerous civil servants, politicians and, in part, members of the judiciary) this class shares a general structure of pay rises, promotions and pensions and has its own permanent structure of reviews, increases, adjustments and accounting records.

All very cosy. No worries here of prices going up and incomes coming down. This group lives off the fat of the land that you the farmer, the small business man, the builder, the baker, etc., etc., provide for them. They even receive a three-monthly *advice slip* showing the amounts of their *accumulative benefits*, which, *on paper*, must appear quite impressive. But just like Mother Hubbard when she went to the cupboard, they have discovered there is nothing there, other than these 'promises to pay'.

The UAP explains: "All appears quite correct and in accordance with prior representations until one comes to the *Report of the Auditor General* which notes that there is an unfunded amount in the pension entitlements of \$91 billion!

"Put in simple language there is nothing there" and the means "to pay these pensions is absent, except, of course, for the promise."

**The Future Fund:** What would self-funded retirees have to say to this Group as they struggle to live on their present retirement funds – fast losing purchasing-power because of government charges, monetary inflation and poor returns on the stock market, etc., etc.

This matter of the 'cupboard being bare' was noted when the unfunded liability of the Public Service Superannuation Scheme was \$72 billion, but nothing was done about it, "other than to factor in the annual claims as part of current Government Expenditure, a few billion a year..."

**Over-burdened taxpayers please take note:** If the UAP have got it right, from "this Labor/Liberal debacle of 'empty promises' has arisen the Future Fund to be funded from Government (unstated) surpluses".

**Are you beginning to get the picture?**

With a gaping empty hole of \$91 billion in their pension funds, and the projected price for the sale of Telstra being \$32 billion, the Future Fund would receive a welcome down-payment of \$32 billion – if they can flog off Telstra.

The Australian people know full well what it is like to be given empty promises. They have received them from politicians for so long that most Australians regard them with the greatest of distrust. Looks like 'they' might be getting some of their own medicine back.

Further, the UAP informs its readers the Annual Report of the Commonwealth Bank shows "20 shareholders own 40%" of the bank.

**Don't let them do to Telstra what they did to the Commonwealth Bank!**

**ARE YOU SURE THE SUN AND THE PLANETS STILL CIRCLE THE EARTH?** "Mathematics are the tools of the trade for the engineer and the mathematics Douglas would be introduced to at Cambridge would be the *New (circa 1880) Mathematics of Boolean Algebra*, essential in the designing of switching circuits and the logic-circuits and "gates" of computers. The effect of the New Mathematics, however, went beyond technology. There are still extant three-dimensional models constructed in the 1880's to illustrate Boolean concepts. They are remarkably like Modernist sculpture, such as that of Henry Moore. The concepts made possible by Boolean Algebra have influenced not only the plastic arts, the shifted perspective and multiple images of Modernist painting for example, but also the new syntax of post-Poundian poetry which brings a multiplicity of Idea Sets into instant relationship.



Modernism is the *style* of a changed perception of the space-time continuum made possible by the New Mathematics. The Douglas insight of *price* as a ratio between production and consumption, subject to a rate of flow, **and of society as a set of dynamic relationships centred upon the person – is a "glimpse of a portion of reality" and is part of that whole ferment of energy and ideas which we call "Modernism"**.

In contrast, the Old Economics and the Old Sociology are static, postulating abstractions of "Value" and "Society", epitomized in their idee-fixes, the gold standard (even if it be only "paper gold") and the "Comprehensive Plan". Much of the difficulty which the Old Economists have in comprehending Social Credit lies in their mind-set. Like the Ptolmaic astronomers of old they are still trying to solve algebraic problems by arithmetic. As a result they insist upon the equivalent in economics of the notion that the sun and the planets circle the earth."

Taken from Anthony Cooney's *"Clifford Hugh Douglas"*, 1996.

**LADY RENOUF'S VISIT TO ZUNDEL:** The following is a report from Lady Michele Renouf, the courageous British investigative journalist, lecturer, model and arts patron, who visited political prisoner Ernst Zundel in Mannheim prison recently.

"I am glad to deliver the greetings sent to you from Ernst Zundel whom I had the honour of visiting yesterday (Thursday, July 28th) in Mannheim Prison.

He looked very well (due, he says, to an hour's walk daily in the sunlit yard) though he regretted the seeming effect upon his memory of an unhealthful withdrawal of his herbal medicines these past three years as part of his punishing kidnap and incarceration. Still, he was of good cheer, even high spirits – not least in the knowledge that his dishonest accusers rate (and berate) his real history investigations so substantively!

When I arrived he had just seen his new solicitor and was pleased with the female intuition she brought to the understanding of his position. We were not permitted to discuss his case. However, I was able to confirm I had put Adrian Davies (David Irving's Appeals barrister) in touch with Mr. Reiger. This is in case Adrian can be of help (as he has offered) once the Zundel Case reaches the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

During the course of an hour's conversation, Mr. Zundel impressed on me that he considered himself, essentially, a hostage for the closure of a USA based website. He is prepared to sit out the five years of further imprisonment hanging over him rather than bargain away its public right-to-know integrity. I am urging those investigative journalists who occasionally get lucky to cover Ernst's fight and plight. It is a matter of defending open debate and practicing media democracy.

A new policy allows him to send and to receive only two letters per day in a five-day week. Ernst asks for his friends to understand his recent limits.

And finally, Mr. Zundel expressly wished those who would hurt him by casting unfounded doubts upon his wife's fund-raising integrity, if they would kindly appreciate that he can vouch better than anyone for just how straight, wholesome, without guile, deeply trustworthy, and due great respect is loyal Ingrid Rimland."