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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The Prince reflects widespread concern about the uneven effects of globalisation,...he described the whole concept as 'deeply flawed and utterly unsustainable' unless 'we can find ways of achieving a much wider acceptance that responsible corporate behaviour includes the need to address these issues comprehensively, in partnerships with Governments and civil society.'"
– David Lorimer in *"The Radical Prince"*, 2003

***News Flash* DAVID IRVING ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA:** The historian David Irving has been arrested while on a one-day visit to Vienna. According to a BBC report he is being held in Austria under laws against denying the Holocaust.

An interior ministry spokesman said police in the province of Styria acted on a warrant issued in 1989 to arrest him last Friday.

An expert on Hitler's Third Reich, he had been invited by courageous students to address an ancient University association in the Austrian capital.

He chose as his subject the secret negotiations between Adolf Eichmann and the Jewish leaders in Budapest, Joel Brand and Rezső Kasztner, the so-called "trucks for Jews" deal, and British knowledge of the scheme from codebreaking.

He has researched the topic extensively in Allied archives for both his Churchill and his Himmler biographies.

Despite precautions, the Austrian political police are believed to have learned of the visit by wiretaps or intercepting e-mails. Mr Irving had privately visited his embattled friend the German playwright Rolf Hochhuth on the way to Austria; they had not met for twenty years because of travel restrictions imposed on each of them.

SORRY FELLOW AUSSIES, YOU WERE SOLD OUT LONG AGO by Betty Luks: Australian workers are expressing their unease and concerns about the proposed workplace changes by the Howard regime by staging mass rallies in the main cities around the land. *The Australian*, November 16th, 2005, reported on the mass protests with the headlines, "Howard shrugs off mass IR protests". In other words no matter what, this regime is going to force the changes through.

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It is of great interest to those who have studied the push for The New World Order that neither the Unions nor the Labor Party have mentioned the fact that these changes in work place relations were worked out many a year ago, the workers were just not told about it; except by such groups as the Australian League of Rights.

That great writer and lecturer Jeremy Lee put it all together in a book published in 1997 – "Australia 2000 – What Will We Tell Our Children".⁽¹⁾ Under the rules of the game, Australian governments must prepare the way for the further imposition of The New World Order, by, not only reducing barriers to trade, but any standards – environmental standards, health standards, high wages – anything that could be considered impediments to trade.

WHO IS DOING IT? The three institutions are the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) now known as the World Trade Organisation.

WHO BENEFITS? Jeremy quotes Dr. Susan George of the Transnational Institute, Amsterdam: "The World Bank is in charge of imposing this economic doctrine, the International Monetary Fund is in charge of imposing structural adjustment... and GATT (now the World Trade Organisation) is involved with reducing not only barriers to trade, but any standards – *environmental standards, health standards, high wages* – that could be considered impediments to trade."

She insists that the "undemocratic nature of these institutions will mean that a whole new world order is put into place and that it is an anti-democratic, authoritarian order run by the elites of the rich world **on their own behalf...**" (emphasis added...*ed*)

A banking gathering: "Dr. George is right," says Jeremy. "Even the so-called G-7 is only a banking gathering not subject to the parliaments of their respective countries. So it is a near-perfect world for the international banking fraternity.

- Theirs is a borderless world,
- Their loans pave the way for the multinationals they control,
- Lending risks are transferred to taxpayers,
- and they are sheltered from the public gaze by GATT (now the World Trade Organisation), the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund,
- which they control through their directorships."

WHY AREN'T THE UNIONS AND LABOR SPEAKING ABOUT IT? Why aren't the Unions and Labor telling the people about this? Because they also have been pushing for a New World Order! How can they explain to their fellow Australians they support policies "reducing not only barriers to trade, but any standards – environmental standards, health standards, high wages – that could be considered impediments to trade," and yet are "fighting for workers' rights"?

The average Australian hasn't a 'snow flake's hope in hell' of fitting the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle together, including the forced sale of our national communications system, TELSTRA, and the reduction of their living standards to the level of the Third World nations, without a clear understanding of what this push for a New World Order implies.

We at the League cannot exercise other Australians' freedom for them – if we could they would be living in a 'fascist' state. Australians must exercise their own freedom by bringing their own representatives to account for the decisions taken.

Have you written to your parliamentary representative and insisted he come against this horrendous legislation? If not, why not?

[1] *"Australia 2000: What will we tell our children?"* available from all League Book Services. \$15.00 including postage.

HOWARD GOVERNMENT, IRLAWS AND COST/PRICE SPIRAL by Kenneth Grundy: With the Howard Government's Industrial Relation laws in the headlines, more people are once again asking whether a wage rise ever delivers sufficient purchasing power to catch up to rising prices. At this point the age-old debate between employer and employee is set in motion. The employer claiming the need to raise prices because his costs (wages, fuel, electricity, materials, taxes, levies etc.) have risen. The employee claims the need for a wage rise because his cost of living has risen. He finds that his bills for food, rent, fuel, electricity, water, school fees and medical services have all risen.

Which one has the legitimate claim? Both claims are legitimate. Until the groups stop blaming each other and look beyond the square for an effective answer, the cost price spiral will continue, as it has for many decades.

A lack of purchasing power: Whenever a wage rise is granted, the authorities have recognized that purchasing power has declined but is the traditional wage rise delivering the best result? The cost price spiral needs to be intercepted at some stage, so let us examine the situation when a wage rise is imminent.

EXAMPLE No.1: Under the present scenario, a hypothetical **\$10 per week wage rise** causes the following to occur:

The employer who works on overdraft has to increase his limit to fund the extra wage bill. He will also be liable for greater contributions to Superannuation, Workcover and possibly Payroll tax. Even using hypothetical dollar amounts on these costs, it is abundantly clear that his costs have risen above the \$10 wage rise to, say \$11.50.

To remain a viable enterprise, **his prices need to rise to cover the extra cost of \$11.50 per employee per week.**

The employee has in the meantime discovered his pay packet did not contain the full \$10 extra that he expected. The tax man had made his claim too and the packet only contained an extra, say \$8.50. The outcome:

The exercise has delivered a result where the price tags on the goods and services need to rise by \$11.50 per employee and the extra money distributed to purchase the same goods and services is only \$8.50.

The economic situation has worsened and the cost price spiral has found a faster gear.

EXAMPLE No. 2: Noting from example No.1 that sufficient finance was available to fund a \$10 per week rise for each employee, the question is: Could the funds have been applied in a more effective way?

A government eager to effectively end the cost spiral could use the exact same funds that employers needed to borrow, and distribute it to every employee as a **"cost compensation payment"**.

Every employee would receive his full \$10 with no negative impact on the employer.

The outcome: No increased borrowings and interest for the employer, no higher superfund and Workcover costs. **NO NEED TO RAISE PRICES. PURCHASING POWER MAINTAINED FOR EVERYONE** including employers, employees, pensioners and welfare recipients.

Will we continue to chase our tail like we have done for so long or will a different idea be implemented? Surely it is worth a trial run!

Government will not alter course until sufficient demand from electors happens. If you believe the above is worth trying, ask your Member of Parliament to assist.

FOREIGN STUDENTS FOREVER by James Reed: According to *The Australian* (September 14th, 2005) Australian universities have more foreign students per share of total enrolments than any country in the OECD. In 2002, about one in five of Australian university students were foreign: double the rate in Britain and France. Education has become an export service and the education of our own students has suffered. The universities long departed from their traditional calling of promoting a liberal education and now exist primarily to milk the cash cows from Asia. Over the years many scandals have reached the papers about special exams and marking for foreign students, but nothing has changed. I do not despair. Our task is to encourage intellectual activity and debate outside of them.

AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US? *The Australian*, November 8th, 2005, fills us in as to why the foundations a Sydney suburb's block of flats recently began to collapse and a gaping hole 'appeared' beneath the foundations. The Lane Cove Tunnel authority 'tunnelling' away beneath the streets of this suburb had altered the path of their tunnelling 'without the approval' of the appropriate authorities and without informing them they were going to do so.

How can this be? Those who have had any experience in the building industry know the trouble they would make for themselves by not abiding by the building and planning regulations. In this day of strict council control and planning regulations, who can believe "the private consortium building Sydney's Lane Cove Tunnel secretly changed its route without seeking approval or informing the local council".

The article continues: "Had the company stuck to the plan approved by the council, a block of apartments seriously damaged by a tunnel cave-in last week would have been spared. The 65m change in the route around the site of the tunnel collapse has prompted speculation as to whether the builders had conducted adequate geological surveys or, as some independent engineers have suggested, they rushed the project."

Company changed underground route without approval: The Lane Cove Council report brings to our attention the extraordinarily irresponsible actions on the part of this consortium and raises the question: Is this the way 'economic rationalism' will work in the future? How many times have you heard John Howard or one of his mouth pieces 'pass the buck' now that governments have 'privatised' our essential services?

At least state Opposition Leader Peter Debnam pays lip service to the idea that governments still do have a responsibility, "It is yet another example of how government oversight of such projects is grossly inadequate," he said.

The Australian reports, "The Left, emboldened by intervention from the right-wing Labor machine, will press for the Government to scrap "public-private partnerships" such as toll roads and the controversial \$2 billion desalination plant planned for Sydney. The Left will press for the Government to borrow for infrastructure rather than cede control to the private sector and grant concessions." (When, if ever, will these people grasp the fact that a nation has the right to create and issue its own money? Why oh! Why! do we have to 'borrow' money 'created out of thin air' from a private banking system?...ed)

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