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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The millstone of debt-slavery: The statement "All men have the right to be born free of debt" recalls Benjamin Franklin's exhortation to [the United States] Congress not to let any bankers in the government. If you do, he said, "your grandchildren will curse you." And certainly Christ's wrath at those who would make one of these little ones stumble is directed at the immorality of a child inheriting the millstone of debt-slavery.

– *The New Times*, 1956

"Wealth is of two kinds, natural and artificial. Natural wealth, such as food drink, clothing and shelter, supplies natural needs. Artificial wealth, such as money does not directly serve nature, but is invented by art to facilitate the exchange of goods."

– St. Thomas Aquinas

THE DILEMMA OF WHEAT by Patrick O'Shea: The Cole enquiry into AWB wheat marketing is presently playing out its role investigating alleged marketing anomalies with Australian sales to Iraq. The Cole commission is due to bring down its findings at the end of November as to what it believes has happened. The whole deal is about an oil-for-food programme under United Nations' supervision. The principle being to keep Iraqi people fed and they can sell oil to pay for the wheat. Quite simple.

But what has emerged so far is a tangled web of contracts and deals and a feverish stitching up of logistics about delivery and 'back-handers'. All sorts of conditions can be tacked on to facilitate sales in the Middle East. It seems we now have management of AWB embroiled in an emotional debate as to what did happen.

It was a big ask in a grey and corrupted world: It is a pity this has happened to the AWB. The AWB is a great structure. AWB could still regain its composure if done correctly. Let us say in the first place the manoeuvring by AWB to abide by U.N. guidelines on the one hand, and deal with Iraqi importers on the other hand, is a big ask. It is not easy to sell grain in the Middle East. Shipments of grain can be rejected almost at will for any reason. 'Contaminants' or 'inferior quality' under various pretexts, or not enough people being paid. There are always losers and it can be costly.

In the meantime Cole enquiry supporters are demanding black and white answers with self-righteous indignation from a grey and corrupted world-wide wheat industry. Much caterwauling from the armchair critics and grain trader interest groups are saying we should change the grain marketing act because it has failed.

No! it has not failed. Only not been managed well in recent times is the answer to that claim.

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Now particularly with a vocal opponent of single desk in "squealer" of Animal Farm Fame a Fed member in W.A. is saying how disappointed W.A. growers are that an application to export has been vetoed by AWB which is in accordance of the act (and has very recently introduced a Private Member's Bill to do away with the single desk...ed).

What a great prize it would be for International grain traders if the single desk powers were diluted or extinguished. The record of the AWB is grain marketing over 70 years is the envy of nations who know about these things.

Here are the historical facts: The single desk for wheat was set up to provide support for farmers and inject certainty for wheat growers. The disastrous years of grain traders' prices in 1920-1930's saw Grain Traders still living in chateaus in Europe and farmers in Australia living in shanties when the AWB rescued them and structured the wheat pooling system in Australia.

The Federal Governments guaranteed and provided loans called Rural Credits to pay farmers up front on delivery of their wheat at 4% interest. A marvellous idea. All loans were repaid each pool.

However, this is what happened to the AWB: Machinations within successive governments slowly presented the argument that Rural Credits of this type should be phased out and let commercial money-interests provide the financing.

Billions of dollars from New York, London and Frankfurt – and who knows where else – to finance the Australian wheat pool at higher interest rates.

This change in policy ended a very good arrangement that farmers were entitled to and was made by our Federal Government. But even big Governments have bosses and big financiers I guess. This betrayal was deemed best for the industry. A lie actually.

Much later 'without frightening the horses' tactics, corporatising the AWB was again promoted as necessary by Federal Governments. This argument was presented slowly until the idea stuck. The talk about shareholders owning the company excited some and eventually everyone gave in.

Only grain growers to hold A-class shares. Big deal. But get rid of farmers controlling the AWB. Bring in the "experts" we had to have and now we see the results.

Final warning: The newly elected Democrats in both U.S. Houses are all for coming after Australia's single desk and giving us a hiding. How about they look into U.S. wheat chewing into *our* Asian markets.

The method has been to sell so much of their highly subsidized production, then add several thousand tons as food aid, at the behest of the men in charge. Some might call that good marketing out here we may call it very suspect. Let the Democrats check this out and get back to us.

P.S. The single desk must be kept at all costs.

HIGH COURT UPHOLDS WORKCHOICES LEGISLATION: On Tuesday 14 November 2006, the High Court of Australia upheld the Federal government's revolutionary step to abolish the industrial relations system of the previous 100 years.

The decision was not unanimous, Justices Kirby and Callinan would have upheld the challenges by the various State governments and the union movement, but five other High Court Justices (including the Chief Justice) found otherwise.

We are informed the hundreds of pages of the judgement text is littered with sentences in which the arguments of the challengers were dismissed. In fact they did not get a single point up. A more comprehensive defeat could not have been imagined.

Brief summary of points High Court judgement contains: The idea that we could, or even should, consider what the framers of the Commonwealth Constitution had intended when they put the Constitution together was dismissed as "...a mirage more often than not".

- The width of the Corporations Power is profound. That had been the case for some time (particularly since the Tasmanian Dams case of the early 1980s) – thanks to the Hawke Labor government! – but is now reinforced. The Corporations Power was found to extend to the making of laws that affect corporations, their employees, shareholders and those with whom the corporation does business.
- The argument that WorkChoices can or does give rise to "extreme results" was rejected. In rejecting the argument, the High Court looked back at the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth centuries when strikes and industrial disputes dominated the landscape...
- Much of WorkChoices depends on the government passing regulations. This makes it difficult as users of the legislation (which is just about everyone) have to juggle between the Act and Regulations, which are continually changing and developing. The court makes the point that this technique is "...undesirable and should be discouraged."

WHERE TO FROM HERE FOR THE LABOUR MOVEMENT? A loss for the States in today's High Court ruling on their challenge to the Federal Government's workplace changes would not affect the union campaign against the laws, the ACTU has declared. In fact, the ACTU, which was not a party to the challenge, said the case was not a test of the fairness of the laws.

The ACTU supported the challenge but their campaign against the laws is really out there in workplaces and in the community, not in the High Court ACTU secretary Greg Combet said on Channel 9.

The Government announced a raft of proposed changes to the laws yesterday, including giving employers the right to stand down workers without pay during tough times.

The measures, which the Government said was 'fine-tuning', also extends the protection of workers' redundancy entitlements and will allow employees to cash out unused sick leave or carer's leave.

Please note: The government makes the laws that both worker and employer must abide by but does nothing to ensure both parties can carry out their legal requirements FINANCIALLY! I see the government will allow employees to 'cash out' unused sick leave or carer's leave.

Is the government also going to ensure the employer receives a just price for his products which will include his insurance overheads to cover 'unused sick leave' payouts?

The ACTU intends to stage a major protest against the laws on November 30 at the MCG in Melbourne, with the event broadcast to pubs and clubs around the country.

Pity the ACTU didn't stage a rally against the bankers' debt-finance system which makes slaves of us all.

ASIA EXPLODING by James Reed: Our universities are full of 'intellectuals' who, by any decent standard of quality, should never have been appointed. Many in the social sciences and humanities have made a very good living – thank you very much – out of the Asianisation/multicultural racket. The standard work says:

White Australians, racist, Asia is good, Australia must be Asian, Australia then good - to put it in 'cave man' language.

But not all academics are like that. Professor Paul Dibb of the Australian National University Strategic and Defence Studies Centre is an objective scholar who follows the argument where the evidence

leads. Recently he said that the North Korean nuclear test shows that instability in Northeast Asia is Australia's number one strategic concern – not the Middle East.

An article "Asia Instability 'Biggest Threat'", *The Australian*, 10/10/06 p.6, summarises Professor Dibbs' position: "the region faced a major stability crisis, with its high concentration of conventional forces and nuclear weapons, deep-seated animosities, serious territorial and ideological disputes and poor bilateral relationships between most member countries." An arms race will be fuelled across Asia.

My view: The West, at the mercy of traitorous elites from within, has allowed its nuclear secrets to be stolen by a hostile world. It has allowed nuclear technicians to be trained in the West, only to go home to work on weapons of mass destruction. A racially suicidal virus seems to have infected the consciousness of a once proud people.

IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME by James Reed: A federal government discussion paper released September 2006, called for migrants applying for Australian Citizenship to face a test on English and Australian values such as democracy and the rule of law. However, according to Professor Kim Rubenstein, director of the Centre for International and Public Law at the Australian National University, the tests may be challenged in Court if they went beyond the bounds of the *Citizenship Act* (*The Australian*, 20/9/06 p.25). One can bet that immigration lawyers will be falling over themselves to test this before the Federal and High Courts.

Commenting on this proposal Katharine Betts said: "If any liberal democracy is going to endure and survive, it's got to have much more of a sense of social cohesion than just a bunch of people who happen to be passing through."

The destruction of Australia's Anglo-Saxon ethnic nationalism by Post-World War II immigration, has led to Australia ceasing to be a nation at all and becoming merely a client State managed to serve the interests of global financial capital.

It requires more than just glib expressions of consent to certain values to make a nation: it requires a common blood and history. Under multiculturalism the best that a State can be is just a bunch of people passing through. Home is replaced by the metaphor of hotel and family by the dole line-up in Centrelink.

THE DARKER SIDE OF IMMIGRATION by James Reed: A "brain drain" of African university-trained professionals to Europe and the U.S. is harming Africa's economic and cultural well-being (*Guardian Weekly*, 31/03-6/04/06, p.32). Around 30 per cent of Africa's best professionals are gobbled up by the U.S. and Europe. Brian Everett, the assistant general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, has said: "Asian migration rules and patterns change, we want the academic world to respond in ways which share the benefits of international working and migration more fairly. We need to see the benefit of lecturers moving between countries as much more of a two-way exchange. We need to see investment in their universities, co-operation in developing their higher education capacity and other tangible long-term benefits."

This is an idle and futile dream: If the Western 'power elites' were concerned about the economic and cultural welfare of Africa they wouldn't have poached the cream of their intelligentsia in the first place. The 'brain drain' is one of the great evils of the globalist ideology of immigrationism which acts to intellectually gut poor nations of the Third World.

Where are the bleeding heart liberals protesting against this? All they want is more people in colour in Australia and to hell with the 'home' country. That sounds like 'racism' and maybe even 'genocide' to me.

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