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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The basis of ordered society is the concept, which cannot be disassociated from Christianity and democracy, that the nation exists to serve individual citizens. The opposite concept, namely, that the state is supreme and that its individual citizens merely exist to serve and glorify the State is the antithesis of the Christian ethic and any realistic view of democracy. It is the concept of paganism and barbarism.

Moreover, this conflicting philosophy contains sufficient dynamite to blow civilisation sky-high. It is this philosophy which is the basis of National Socialism in Germany, Fascist Guild Socialism in Italy, Soviet Socialism in Russia--and it is fundamental to the orthodox so-called socialist concept of society as elaborated and expounded by Karl Marx, Engels & Co...."

The Price of Socialism: "The reign of terror established by Fascist Guild Socialism in Italy, with its glorification of the State and of war accompanied by the persuasive methods of castor oil, and an extensive secret police system, are also familiar."

– L. Denis Byrne in "The Inevitable Conflict" September 1939

SUMMIT TO 'RULE ON REPUBLIC' from David Flint's *Opinion Column*: **Summit to rule on republic...media to run governance session...** It has just been revealed that the "2020 ideas for the future summit" in April will consider whether Australia should become a republic. We now have an idea how this summit will operate. And it's not pretty. It's taking on a quite Stalinist edge.

John Hartigan, executive chairman of News Limited, is to chair the crucially important governance session.

Becoming a republic is put in the context of "cutting our ties with Britain" which is of course an entirely different question. Don't the organisers know all legal authority of the U.K. in Australia only lasted as long as we wanted it and was ended when the politicians finally worked out what they wanted in 1986? Don't they know the High Court ruled in 1999 that the Australian Crown is an entirely separate legal institution from the British Crown?

Apart from becoming a republic the session will have a daunting agenda to complete in just two days.

This will include whether we should have a bill of rights; "what levels of transparency good government demands," especially in government dealings with the media; and the impact of freedom of information laws.

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It seems the governance session is to be run by the media. When the government realised it was being politically incorrect and had forgotten about the dated baby boomer issue of gender balance, the former ABC television presenter Maxine McKew MP was added as co-chair.

Call to media to stop playing politics... Inconveniently, News Limited's flagship *The Australian*, (15/3/05, "Detachment Matters") recently called on journalists to stop playing politics and to get out of the political arena. Day has seized on this and says Hartigan should have refused Kevin Rudd's invitation. (*The Australian*, 20/3/08, "My boss shouldn't be involved with Rudd's gabfest").

Some more traditional journalists take the view that they should not belong to political organisations. Day says he has "long" argued that journalists should not be joiners, but admits he did not always hold this view. He changed his mind when he was on Australian Republican Movement's executive.

It all became clear when he argued in *The Daily Telegraph* in 1998 that the ARM needed new leadership "less abrasive" than Malcolm Turnbull's. He was forced off the executive and "nearly drummed out" of the ARM.

Day misses the point. It's not so much about joining. It's about being objective about the facts and declaring any conflicts of interest unknown to readers. Recently he failed to declare his republican affiliations when he made his extraordinary claim that the Royal Family leaked the story that Prince Harry was in Afghanistan. He later backed away from his line that this was based on observing how the Royal Family manipulates the media, and claimed the story was based on...yes, "impeccable sources".

Shades of the Supreme Soviet... In any event, Day has well and truly let the cat out of the bag. We now know the details of one of the most important sessions at the Summit.

One thing is likely. There'll probably be no one there speaking for those who voted no in 1999. Yet they won in all states, 55% of the popular vote and 72% of electorates.

Paul Keating appointed the 2020 summit co-chairman Professor Glyn Davis a member of the 1993 Republic Advisory Committee chaired by Malcolm Turnbull. Keating had made it a strict condition that all members, without exception, be committed republicans, so everyone knows where Davis stands.

Of course, he's entitled to be a republican. It's his *modus operandi* which is interesting. In 2002, when he was vice-chancellor of Griffith University, the university, *The Australian* and the ARM convened the "Australian Constitutional Futures Conference".

This was to restart and broaden the debate about "the" republic and the constitutional framework "we" need for the 21st century. Although this conference was hosted by a taxpayer-funded university, no one who was not a committed republican was invited to speak.

Davis gave a paper on republicanism rising again. The conference papers are no longer accessible on the Griffith University site. No wonder.

One speaker (Greg Barns) referred to the monarchy as "rancid" and "corrupt," "a menace to democracy" with "a cavalier disregard for liberal values, "a" corrupt institution ...prepared to subvert the rule of law... and allow criminal activity to go unchecked within its walls."

The monarchy, he said, has "little interest in anything other than self-preservation and that it will ride roughshod over the rule of law, if necessary, to achieve that aim."

Neither the University nor *The Australian* invited a contribution from the other side, those whose views, after all, prevailed in 1999.

So will this be how each of the sessions at the summit will operate? Entirely one sided? If so they needn't bother. They could publish the conclusions now.

Supreme Soviet of the USSR. The 2020 summit is looking as if it will be as predictable as a meeting of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. They could go the whole hog. When Stalin concluded a speech, the record would invariably say: "Prolonged applause, standing ovation, shouts of 'Long live Comrade Stalin!' More applause."

BAMA NEEDS YOUR CRITICISM by James Reed: For some time I have complained that US Presidential candidate Barak Obama, that creature of the indigestible Oprah, has not been getting the criticism he deserves. Thus, following in the footsteps of Martin Luther King (who plagiarised his Ph.D. thesis), Hillary Clinton has claimed that Obama plagiarised a friend's speech. Just go to YouTube "Obama: There Will Be Bamboozling II" to see this multiracial con man in action. He pinches the line "We are the ones we've been waiting for", etc., from earlier sources.

He has been exposed for lying about his white grandmother. He said that she said things involving "racial or ethnic stereotypes that made me cringe". That is from a recent speech. But the incident recorded in his Dreams of My Father, does not involve slurs but does involve his grandmother being harassed by a black man. maybe she had a right to be upset being the main bread winner in the family. Obama has also tossed from his campaign black preacher Jeremiah Wright who has given anti-White, anti-American sermons. Wright's ideology though continues with Obama. His goal is for a post-racial America. That is to say, not an American that sees the end of affirmative action in favour of blacks, but one which is post-white. Obama, if elected, will be the last U.S. president, because "America" will no longer exist. Don't go back to sleep: our turn is just around the corner.

In the John Wayne movie The Searchers, the small posse is caught across the river from a mass of Indians. The comic relief character, whilst readying his rifle says a mock grace: "Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful." And, we shall receive...

RUDD'S CHINESE CONTROLLER by David West: Writers of *On Target* have said that PM Kevin Rudd is a Chinese puppet, pulled by the strings of Asian capitalism. Want more proof? The news unfolded thus: six months before Rudd became Labor's federal leader, he made a trip to China and other countries, financed by Mr. Tang, a business partner of casino tsar Stanley Ho.

Ho is one of Asia's richest men and also one of the Labor Party's biggest donors (*The Australian*, 15-16/3/08, p.6). Rudd "has jocularly referred to Mr. Tang as "my Chinese controller". See, our lad Kev even thinks of himself as a puppet!

The latest revelations have our boy Kev involved in the public launch of Ho's \$1.3 billion Beijing retail development, even though Rudd has said that he was not "really across" what Tang and Ho did. Sure. Why then accept the trip?

This is the end result of electing an Asianist as PM. We are right on track for a repeat of the past. Rest assured, Kevin is not going to disappoint our worst expectations. By the time he is replaced with PM Penny Wong, we will look back with longing to – can I say it, dare I say it – the days of 'god' Gough Whitlam and Paul Keating. We have already elected our Obama.

GETTING READY TO FEEL THE EFFECTS by David West: As I am sure any housewife could have told them food prices are going through the roof (*The Australian*, 28/2/08, p.13), but our farmers are as threatened as ever. It is a global 'trend': food prices are rising worldwide. A surge in biofuel use is one factor, drought another, but none of these accounts for the massive price increases* seen in most countries.

I go for the conspiratorial school of thought: that this is another strategy by the global capitalists to bring freedom to its knees. Control first the credit of nations, and then the food. If the people revolt, let them eat... polluted air!

Wise readers will start to stockpile in an inconspicuous manner long-lasting food supplies. Check the internet for U.S. survival sites on what to store and how to store it. It is not going to get better in the short term.

* **Further reading: "The Money Bomb" by James Gibbs Stewart.**

Gibbs Stewart writes: Recessions and depressions are an inevitable consequence of the debt structure, making nonsense of the accepted economic wisdom. AUS\$20.00 posted.

DVD and/or Video: An Alternate Money System by Charles Pinwill. AUS\$14.00 posted.

ON DRIVING MISS DAISY by Brian Simpson: It was interesting to read Philip Jones' article "Nature Entitlement" in *The Australian Literary Review* (5/3/08). This dealt with two new books on Daisy Bates.

Daisy Bates, author of "The Passing of the Aborigines" did a participant-observation study of the Aborigines in the early 1900s. Jones says that "she had conflated Aboriginal hearsay about cannibalism and mythological accounts" which "harmed her anthropological reputation".

Yet when Margaret Mead, and a host of other politically correct anthropologists, reported on what their subjects said, that was considered a methodologically accepted sociological standard.

Bates' reports on cannibalism among the Aborigines are rebutted because a present generation of intellectuals find the subject somewhat 'unsettling'.

DO TWO WONGS MAKE A RIGHT ON CLIMATE CHANGE? by James Reed: An article in Adelaide's *The Advertiser* (23/2/08) celebrated the influence of Senator Penny Wong ("Minister for Saving the World"). Here we have everything that the new politically correct morality loves. Penny Wong was 'created' by Bob Menzies' Colombo Plan which brought thousands of third World students to Australia during the White Australia Policy days of the 1950s and 1960s. It brought together the Australian mother and Malaysian architecture student-father of our world saving minister. The Colombo Plan was Asianist Menzies' attempt at the time to break down the White Australia Policy using a tried and proven strategy of the inevitability of gradualism.

Anyway, the article asks: "Can Senator Wong – elected in 2001, elevated to the ministry in 2007 as the first Asian-born Cabinet minister, the first openly lesbian Cabinet Minister – not only make it in one of the most challenging roles of the new Government but make it to the very top like no woman before her?"

Sure she can. Don Dunstan did it: Penny Wong will do it. She will no doubt go head-hunting for Rudd's position once his approval ratings drop. The chattering classes will back her, because she gets a tick in every politically correct column. She's our Obama!

Bob Menzies and Arthur Calwell, good Asian citizens, would be proud.

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