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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "There is a memory-history of still greater importance [than personal experience], and that is hereditary. Many of the country villages of England and Scotland were full of it. The first essential to its growth is stability...Family-traditional-history...may take the form of 'feeling for the land', water-divining, boat-building, or anything else which has been carried on in the same place by the same families over a considerable period.

For the purpose of a 'feeling for policy', which is really a subconscious memory of trial and error, the same consideration is equally true, if we are to accept the theory of a continuous policy [as we do boat-building]. I do not believe there is any substitute for it, although it requires checks and balances."

— Clifford Hugh Douglas, in "*The Big Idea*", 1942

WHERE'S THE FUN HAVING NUKES IF YOU CAN'T AIM THEM? by James Reed: Russia, once, had its nuclear missiles pointing at the U.S., China and Europe, and some say even Australia. There are reports that one missile was pointed at Melbourne and was aimed at where I was staying. That aside, the after-math of the recent Georgian-Russian battle has Sorch Faal (www.globalsecurity.org) warning:

"Reports circulating in the Kremlin are showing the firm resolve of Russia's Military to begin implementation of President Medvedev's directive to deliver a 'crushing response' to those Western Nations 'intending to harm Russian citizens' after the U.S. and Israeli backed unprovoked invasion and mass slaughter of Russian soldiers and civilians in South Ossetia by their puppet state Georgia.

Russia's Foreign Ministry has also echoed Medvedev's directive by warning the West that Russia 'will go beyond diplomacy' in answering these latest attacks against them, including the United States positioning of their so called missile shield in Poland, and has further notified Norway that Russia is now cutting all ties to NATO, and has warned the Western Military Alliance that it will not tolerate the rearming of Georgia.

In a move that will, undoubtedly, increase the anger of the United States, President Medvedev is meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad where he is reported to have offered the Syrians advanced Russian surface-to-air missiles in exchange for the expansion of Russian troops at Russia's Syrian bases located at Tartus and Latakia.

These reports also state that President Medvedev has ordered an immediate increase of Russian troops

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and air defences at Iran's Parchin military base, which is Iran's most secretive weapons development centre..."

No doubt if the Middle East 'hots up', the odd missile from Israel could go astray. So Europe needs a defensive shield and on this basis, Russia will aim missiles at them, confirming that Europe needs an even better defensive shield than before, which in turn means that Russia will point more missiles – and so it goes on. Ah, well, it's all good for business, for the military-industrial complex.

CHINA ROCKS! THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. GREG by James Reed: China's ground-based medium range ballistic missile knocked out the Feng Yun IC weather satellite on 11 January 2007. Most Western nations and Asian nations were concerned about China initiating a new arms race. Space authorities are already very concerned about the amount of space junk already in space and fragments from the destroyed Chinese satellite could easily damage other satellites. This was an irresponsible act, done merely as a form of sabre-rattling. Japan was deeply concerned about the "peaceful use of space and security." Most media sources in the U.S. expressed concern. But then there is Australia's media.

The Australian covered the story (20-21/1/07 p.1) with the headline, "China Fuels Fear of New Arms Race." Inside on page 12 we have journalist Greg Sheridan writing under the somewhat childish headline "Chinese Can Hit Enemies Where It Really Hurts." Well, I suppose getting hit anywhere with a 35 metre, 40 tonnes KT-2 missile is going to really hurt! According to St.Greg, yes China can destroy U.S. satellites but it is important not to over-react here" as "I do not mean that China intends to wage war with the U.S. in space." What then does he mean?

On the other hand, according to St.Greg "China's action reminds us that hard power trumps soft power every time, and that the nations of Asia are collectively engaged in a big arms build-up." This would have to be, according to St.Greg's beatific vision of Asia, the first time that human armies had vast destructive powers and never used it. Dream on. War in Asia is inevitable.

CHARLES ZENTAI'S FATE STILL IN THE BALANCE? by Betty Luks: "Australia soft on war criminals, says nazi hunter." Such were the headlines in *The West Australian* last February (9/2/08) as it reported on the eve of one of Charles Zentai's court appearances in his fight against the moves to extradite him to Hungary to face war crimes allegations. The 'nazi hunter' was Dr. Efraim Zuroff of the Jerusalem-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre. The good doctor's claim was that "The Simon Wiesenthal Centre lists Zentai as number seven in the top ten list of wanted Nazis." His alleged crime?

This week (18/8/08), Commonwealth prosecutor Michael Corboy told Perth Magistrates Court: "Zentai had been charged in Hungary with assaulting 18-year-old Jewish youth Peter Balazs in Budapest, over the course of several hours. The two were from the same town – Budafot – and Zentai, working for the Royal Hungarian Army, and in 1944 had spotted Mr Balazs without his Jewish yellow star. Zentai took him to an army post and "with two accomplices assaulted this man ... so badly" that he died, prosecutor Michael Corboy told the court.

ABC News: Alleged war criminal loses extradition – Wednesday, 19/8/08: Magistrate Barbara Lane ruled that all administrative requirements had been met for the extradition. Charles Zentai must now appeal to the Federal Attorney General or the Federal Court.

An 86-year-old man from Perth has been taken into custody after a magistrate ruled he was eligible to be extradited to Hungary to face a charge of murdering a Jewish teenager during World War II.

Charles Zentai has spent the past three years fighting the request from the Hungarian Government to be returned to face a charge of murder. Despite today's decision the final ruling on Mr Zentai's fate rests with the Federal Attorney General. Mr Zentai's lawyers can also appeal to the Federal Court. Mr Zentai vehemently denies any involvement in the murder.

Law did not exist at the time: Grant Donaldson has told a hearing into Mr. Zentai's extradition in Perth that the offence for which he was being sought did not exist in Hungarian law in 1944. "If one looks at the treaty between Australia and Hungary, Zentai cannot be extradited in relation to the offence which is put against him."

The commonwealth argues that the offence against Zentai in Hungary does not have to meet charges of exactly the same nature in Australia.

Outside the court, Zentai's son Ernie Steiner said his father was innocent. Mr. Steiner said the men who had made statements against his father were all colleagues of Hungarian army lieutenant Lajos Nagy, who was convicted of Balazs' death in 1948. He said they had used Mr. Zentai as a scapegoat because he wasn't there with them in Germany.

During the two trials against his father in 1946 and 1948, the only evidence against him had come from Hungarian soldiers, he said. "We're hopeful, we're just hopeful that the Australian legal system will look after my father," Mr. Steiner said.

Zentai lost a High Court challenge in April this year regarding the right of the Perth Magistrates Court to hear the extradition application. If it succeeds, the court will make a recommendation to the federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland who will then decide if it proceeds.

Comment: One wonders if such 'war crimes' legislation might not be used at some point in the future in former Soviet-occupied European countries, that will come back to 'bite' the WWII Jewish partisans in those countries.

One wonders what Dr. Efraim Zuroff of the Jerusalem-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre, who thought Australia too "soft on war criminals", might then have to say about moves to charge those WW II Jewish partisans with 'war crimes'?

What would he think if the former Soviet-occupied peoples thought the same of the authorities' handling of alleged Jewish WW II war criminals in their own countries? You know – too soft on the Jewish partisans who allegedly committed murder, massacres, etc.

POLISH INVESTIGATORS TIE PARTISANS TO MASSACRE – Source: Jewish Daily - *Forward* by Marissa Brostoff, 7/8/08: <http://www.forward.com/authors/marissa-brostoff/>

"As Paramount Pictures gears up its ad campaign for a new movie about a band of Jewish partisans who fought the Nazis, some in Poland are suggesting that the partisans in question may also have been murderers.

In anticipation of the December release of "Defiance" – starring Daniel Craig, the actor best-known as the latest incarnation of James Bond – the Polish newspaper *Gazeta Wyborcza* ran an article headlined, "A Hollywood Movie About Heroes or Murderers?"

The article contrasts the film's portrayal of Tuvia Bielski as a Moses figure leading frightened women and children through the forest with a recently released report from a Polish government investigative body. The government report suggests that Bielski and his followers may have participated in a massacre of civilians in the eastern Polish town of Naliboki...

Lithuanian government investigation: The controversy comes on the heels of a Lithuanian government investigation into allegations that Jewish partisans committed war crimes during World War II. That investigation has been met with dismay on the part of Jewish communal leaders inside and outside Lithuania, who note that only three Lithuanians have ever been prosecuted for wartime crimes against Jews.

The reinvestigation – or, as some former partisans and historians claim, the revision – of what happened in the town of Naliboki in May 1943 began in 2001, when the massacre was first being studied by the Institute of National Remembrance, a Polish government agency known as IPN, that is devoted to prosecuting "crimes against the Polish nation."

The agency's report, which has thus far been limited to a short brief released this year, claims that on the morning of March 8, 1943, Soviet partisans shot 128 civilians outside their homes.

About two-thirds of the way in, the report brings up the Jewish partisans affiliated with Bielski and his three brothers, noting that though some accounts by witnesses and historians place the group at the scene of the attack, these accounts have not been verified.

"Therefore the fact of participation of partisan soldiers of the Bielski Unit in the attack on Naliboki village is merely one of the versions of the investigated case," the report concludes.

Robert Bielski, Tuvia Bielski's son, said that his problem with the IPN report and the subsequent *Gazeta Wyborcza* article was twofold.

"The Bielskis were not in Naliboki in May of '43," he said, echoing historians who believe that the partisans did not arrive in the area until August of that year.

"But," he added, "even if it were true, which I know it's not, the 128 people are in no way close to the millions of people that the Polish people herded towards the Germans so they could be extinguished. I believe it's just a consistent Polish antisemitism and the Poles are sloughing off their own crimes of being an enemy of the Jews during World War II." The IPN declined to comment on the controversy, citing the ongoing nature of the investigation..."

INDIANS ARE TAKING OVER BRITAIN Lord Archer: 'Indians are the new Jews and are taking over Britain' was the headline in *The Mail* on Sunday, 7/8/08, by Pamela Timms.

Indians are the 'new Jews' of Britain, which will one day be ruled by an Indian prime minister, according to disgraced Tory peer Lord Archer. Archer, who is touring India to promote his latest book, said Indian businessmen are 'taking over' Britain and that Indian mayors and councillors are taking over local government throughout the country.

His comments were made following a number of Indian takeovers of major British companies, such as Jaguar, Land Rover, Corus Steel and the Scottish whisky giant Whyte and Mackay.

In a television interview staged in a glitzy new shopping mall near Delhi, Archer said India's impact on Britain will be 'massive' "It is going to be taken over by Indians, and I don't joke," he said.

"Now what you [Indians] are doing is what the Jews did 30-40 years ago when they came to England after the war. "They took over the local councils and they became mayors. Now they are in Parliament. "The Indians are now taking over the local councils. There are mayors all over England who are Indian. You are young enough to live see to an Indian prime minister in England," he said.

The number of Indians living in U.K. according to 2001 Census is 1,051,800. The interview took place at a bookshop in a mall in Gurgaon, a new city outside Delhi, where Lord Archer was promoting his latest book 'A Prisoner of Birth'. The novel is based on the time the former Conservative Party deputy chairman spent in Belmarsh Prison after being sentenced in 2001 to years in jail for perjury and intending to pervert the course of justice.

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