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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Speaking truth to power: "By bearing witness, Solzhenitsyn certainly did as much as any artist could to bring down the Soviet system, a monstrosity that crushed millions of lives... But his death on August 3rd prompts a question. Who today speaks truth to power – not only in authoritarian or semi-free countries such as Russia and China but in the West as well?"

– *The Economist*, 9th August, 2008

THE GREAT WEB OF DEBT AND SOCIAL CREDIT by James Reed: You know that there is trouble ahead when Jewish financier George Soros puts out a book – "The New Paradigm for Financial Markets: The Credit Crisis of 2008 and What It Means" – warning that the "dominant economic model" is in trouble. Today we live in a world of what Robert Reich (Super Capitalism) calls "super-capitalism" where the sole purpose of business is to maximise shareholder value. Nothing else counts.

Soros and Reich think that the emergence of the new turbo-charged super-capitalism was produced by the consumers' desire for lower prices. As we know though, the modern economy is not based around satisfying consumers, but manipulating them, and a more plausible case can be made that it was the eternal greed of global capitalism, a type of criminal psychopathology, which has led the world into the present great web of debt.

We should welcome the crash of the existing system and be ready to offer social credit alternatives when the giant banks collapse into the dust of history. The power to create money being the sole right of private banking monopolies has been a great communist failure. The solution is not the nationalisation of banking or returning the power to create credit to the people collectively. These are communist, collectivist, false solutions that Eric Butler fought against in the famous Bank Nationalisation drama in 1946.

Social Credit affirms the power, autonomy and dignity of the individual. Politically this is met by democratic systems that decentralise power and empower individuals. Likewise for finance. Finance itself needs to be decentralised and humanised. That in short, is the present noble mission of Social Credit in our oppressive and disintegrating world.

STILL WHOLLY UNABLE TO RISE TO WHAT WAS OFFERED US? by Betty Luks: Eric Butler in "The Real Objectives of the Second World War: An Exposure of International Finance"* published in 1939 (?) referred to the time in 1921 when Australia's leaders defied International Finance.

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He referred the reader to the magnificent efforts of such brave Australians as Sir Denison Miller, Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

At the time Eric wrote: "We Have Done It Once: Some have expressed the viewpoint that the international group are too firmly entrenched to defeat. Well, in 1920-21, it was Australia that showed the world that International Finance can be beaten. While every other country was going through the first post-war depression Australia was enjoying comparative prosperity. Why? Because at that time we had a few real Australian leaders, such as Sir Dennison Miller, who, by the use of the Commonwealth Bank, were able to thwart the plans of the private financiers... the fact remains that just so soon as we demand that the Bank be used to finance the nation's requirements, without further debt or taxation, it can be done.

Method already tried and tested: The method of carrying through such a campaign to obtain this policy has already been applied. The defeat of the National Insurance scheme, by the new technique of pressure-politics, as opposed to party politics showed the Australian people once and for all that democracy can and will work if the individual electors will only accept their responsibilities. Thousands upon thousands of demand-letters, in possibly the greatest wave of public opinion this country has ever seen, showed that the power of finance can be beaten. Let us do it again!"

As I read Eric's words I am reminded of two characters in Charles Dickens' "Our Mutual Friend". The young man had honourably proposed marriage to this shallow, worldly young woman who 'was in the market' for a much more lucrative 'alliance'.

But the day came when she saw herself for what she was: this worldly, shallow girl whose head was turned, and who was quite unable to rise to the worth of what the honourable young man offered her.

Is it not the same for us as Australians? For sixty or more years Eric Butler traipsed the length and breadth of this land offering us a vision of a more splendid and honourable Western nation, but the bulk of us were quite unable to rise to the worth of what was offered because of our petty, shallow worldliness. This time though, the situation is grim indeed, there will be no second chances. Either we rise to the worth of what is offered us – or we sink into oblivion as a culturally, historically and spiritually civilised western nation.

Eric concluded his essay: "The time has long passed for clouding the issue. We have got to face the fact that the present situation calls for a high degree of courage, and a burning belief in the cause for which we are fighting. To say that it is a case of life and death is understating the case. Every person who knows the position has a great responsibility. No excuse can relieve those individuals from throwing their whole weight in the balance of civilisation.

We have two enemies: The financiers on one hand, and the Left-Wing groups on the other. The financiers are our conscious enemies. The Left-Wing groups our unconscious enemies. Should we be successful in wresting financial policy from the control of private financiers, and sweeping them from power once and for all, Australia can preserve civilisation and culture as we understand it, and offer a hand of hospitality to those who may seek to escape the possible break-up of civilisation in Western Europe."

Are we yet worthy? Can we indeed rise to what is offered us?

* Posted on alor.org website, in the Political Democracy section.

MULTICULTURALISM : ROMANTIC NONSENSE by Brian Simpson: Critic of Islam Ayaan Hirsi Ali has recently written that multiculturalism and moral relativism, pet loves of our intellectuals, has allowed radical Islam to flourish in the West. Writing in *The Sydney Morning Herald* she has cautioned us:

"Many Western leaders are terribly confused about the Islamic world. They are woefully uninformed and often unwilling to confront the tribal nature of Islam. The enemies of reason within the West are religion and the romantic movement. Both the romantic movement and organised religion have contributed a great deal to the arts and to the spirituality of the Western mind, but they share a hostility to modernity.

It is not reason that accommodates and encourages the persistent segregation and tribalism of immigrant Muslim populations in the West. It is romanticism and its descendants. Multiculturalism and moral relativism promote an idealisation of tribal life, and have shown themselves impervious to empirical criticism. I see today's Western leaders squandering a great and vital opportunity to compete with the agents of radical Islam for the minds of Muslims, especially those within their borders. But to do so they must allow reason to prevail over sentiment."

Ayaan Hirsi Ali's criticisms of Islam have been deeper and more radical than Steyn's which have landed him in hot water with Canada's race hate police. Let us see if the Establishment pc police care to mess with this lady!

EXPOSING THE RELIGIONS: CLIMATE CHANGE AND DENIAL by James Reed: A plague on both houses – 'climate change' and 'climate change denial' sometimes is a wise course of action. *The Australian* in recent weeks has published a number of good pieces attacking global warming hysteries and depicting environmentalism as a middle class religion of the elites. I agree. Personally I believe that a new ice age is our greatest threat.

However, while the climate change religion has one-world-pinko origins (the U.N. and all that), climate change denial has one-world capitalist/corporatist origins – big oil, big business and all that. IF – a big 'IF' – global warming was true, it would challenge the growth system of international finance.

Whether global warming is true depends upon scientific facts and social credit can live with that. In fact, social credit is the only answer to a world of environmental destruction because it offers us a genuine philosophy of sustainability that left-wing environmentalism does not.

Few people know that the League was one of Australia's first genuine non-lefty environment/conservation groups, encouraging among other things, sustainable agricultural practices, organic farming, etc.

I am hostile to environmentalism, but many of our readers are not, and this is a difference of opinion that we can accept because of our common Christian love of freedom of speech.

There is evidence that environmental issues played an important role in the last election. (K. Betts, *People and Place*, vol.16, 2008, p.71) so this topic is something which we need to think deeply about and respond to.

REPUBLIC POLL DUPLICITOUS – MONARCHISTS CLAIM from Philip Benwell: Republicans are holding up the 2007 ANU Australian Election Study as proof that the majority of Australians want a republic, yet when one analyses the study, it seems that of the 5000 contacted, only 40.2% responded, and then many only after mailed reminders.

The question also was duplicitous asking: "Do you think that Australia should become a republic with an Australian head of state, or should the Queen be retained as head of state?"

It should be clear to anyone with an ounce of sense that, once appointed the Governor-General assumes the role of Head of State. Whilst the term 'head of state' is not mentioned in our Constitution, the Governor-General – and not the Monarch – being the Commander in Chief of the armed forces is, thereby substantiating the monarchist position.

One wonders what the result would have been had the question asked been: "Do you want to change

to a republic and discard our current constitution which has protected our democracy so well for over a century?"

It is interesting to note that the same survey indicated that 86% were satisfied with our level of democracy, which, of course, would indicate a likewise satisfaction with our constitutional arrangements.

Republicans are now saying that the 2012 Olympics to be held in London will be the time to push a republic as The Queen will be entertaining British Olympians. I think it safe to say that Her Majesty will be hosting one or more functions for all Olympians, whatever country they are from. It is easy to point the finger that Her Majesty will favour British athletes, but critics conveniently forget that she has met many times with Australian sportspeople participating in activities in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

If criticising the entertaining arrangements of The Queen is the most republicans can come up with, then one wonders why they want to again waste millions of taxpayer's dollars to pursue their feeble argument.

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THE OLYMPICS : DRUGS AND CHINESE IDEOLOGY by James Reed: The Olympics have always repulsed me. It is like the reality TV shows of Big Brother multiplied a thousand times over. But in addition, we have a superficial sloppy 'one-world' ideology, "we are one", incoherently meshed with the economic lust and thirst for medals. Along with this, cheating by the use of drugs and 'masking technologies' the International Olympic Committee believe that there will be much more positive drug results in this Olympics than the last one.

Beyond the odd drop of terrorism and the choking pollution of China, is the sinister ideology of "China as No 1", China being the last refuge of "communism" – apart from everywhere else!

China sees it as its destiny to be the world's dominant power. It will respond by putting its national interest 1st 2nd and 3rd. Thus China is seeking to effectively own, in total, Australia's mid-West iron ore province because it doesn't like paying increased prices for Australian iron ore.

If this is not a danger to our existence, nothing is. China will, in the future, make us long for the days when we were exploited by the United States. China may get control, but only at the expense of the ecological destruction of the planet, and hence itself.

LOSING ONE'S HEAD OVER MULTICULTURALISM by Brian Simpson: I first read about the Chinese Muslim killer who decapitated a fellow passenger on a bus in Manitoba, Canada. On Lawrence Auster's *View from the Right* website in fact. He concluded that "Canadians might be slaughtered and beheaded, anywhere, any time" under multiculturalism. He could have added that the decapitator also ate parts of the victim's body, thus making it an act of cannibalism as well.

The Weekend Australian 2-3- August 2008 reported this story (p.16). As well it covered the story of a British female aged 17, who was beheaded and dismembered by her Brazilian boyfriend. He took pictures on his mobile phone of her dismembered body parts. Auster could have used this case as well to illustrate his thesis.

However, as shocking as beheading incidences may be, these occurrences need to be kept in perspective. Murder is murder, and a brutal stabbing or a shotgun attack can leave a person just as dead as a beheading. Although this has rhetorical power, reason requires that the case against multiculturalism be based on crime statistics and cold hard logic, not knee-jerk – or head-jerk reactions.

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