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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Today Americans are ruled by propaganda. Americans have little regard for truth, little access to it, and little ability to recognise it. Truth is an unwelcome entity. It is disturbing. It is off limits. Those who speak it run the risk of being branded 'anti-American,' 'anti-semitic' or 'conspiracy theorist'. Truth is an inconvenience for government and for the interest groups whose campaign contributions control government. Truth is an inconvenience for prosecutors who want convictions, not the discovery of innocence or guilt. Truth is inconvenient for ideologues." Unfortunately he casts the blame on the characters of people: "economists sell their souls for filthy lucre... medical doctors who for money, have published in peer-reviewed journals concocted 'studies that hype this or that new medicine'..."

Yet the fundamental question that goes unanswered is why so many people continue to trust all those 'experts' who have shown themselves to be inveterate liars? Has the populace really become that dumb? If the truth is emancipating, the false is enslaving. Indeed Americans are serfs ruled by an oligarchy devoted to the promotion of dumb ideas."
– Paul Craig Roberts, May, 2010

Economic Democracy: We must be careful not to fall into a dualistic or dialectic deception in discussing "capitalism" vs communism". This is the old trick of 'C' setting 'A' against 'B' - setting them against each other for its own advantage. Both 'A' and 'B' should benefit through mutual co-operation rather than conflict. Real capital and labour should be enabled to co-exist and co-operate for the general social weal.

Capital refers to the physical means of production. Any system that employs physical means of production, including tools and machinery is "capitalist". The primary concern is how real capital is deployed – through the implementation of policy via:

- a. A mechanism of centralised power
- b. Or through decentralised initiative, implemented broadly and validated *finally* by consumer choice.

This would constitute a genuine economic democracy as opposed to the operation of an economy by a State or Conglomerate Monopoly *controlled by Finance at its pinnacle.*

Social Credit policy is to establish the basis for a decentralised and consumer-motivated economy – a genuine *Economic Democracy* diametrically opposed to the specious "economic democracy" envisaged as a Marxist Dictatorship of the Proletariat (viz. "workers"). – Wallace Klinck, Canada, June 2010

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RUDD MINING TAX REMINISCENT OF CHIFLEY'S BANKING ACT – AML: Philip Benwell, National Chairman Australian Monarchist League (www.monarchist.org.au)

"After six weeks of wrangling, there are no signs whatsoever of any sort of compromise on the Rudd Resource Super-Profits Tax, better known as 'the mining tax'. Indeed, it is unfathomable to think that a government with declining polls, so close to an election, would embark upon a tax proposal, bound to create an uproar from the mining community and bound to lead to claims that the tax is unconstitutional.

One could say it is *déjà vu*. Chifley's 1947 Banking Act, similarly a socialist policy, caused a High Court challenge by some States and banks and had the effect of mobilising the banks to mount a well funded and well resourced campaign intent upon defeating the government at the 1949 election. In 2010, the ingredients are the same. Only the players are different.

Whilst any proposed law would be carefully drafted, it will undoubtedly impinge upon one or another section of the Australian Constitution.

According to Section 114: "nor shall the Commonwealth impose any tax on property of any kind belonging to a State" and to Section 118: Full faith and credit shall be given, throughout the Commonwealth to the laws, the public Acts and records, and the judicial proceeding of every State." Other areas of the Constitution relating to taxation, such as Section 55, will also provide ammunition to those challenging the tax.

If the proposed tax law is able to pass through the parliament, which is not at all certain, it will undoubtedly be challenged in the High Court. It may be that the Government will hold a referendum to empower the Commonwealth with sufficient powers, but any vote will be most certainly lost unless an agreement is reached with all States and with all major mining companies. Both a State and a consortium of mining companies will have sufficient resources to mount a major challenge and, as past referendums have shown, a well funded 'No' case will generally succeed.

Whilst matters of taxation fall outside the ambit of the Australian Monarchist League, we would most certainly oppose any unnecessary transfer of powers from the States to the Commonwealth. Whilst the States have their own administrative problems, this is not the fault of State or Federal constitutions, but more with the calibre of politicians elected to their parliaments. Taking powers from the States and centralising them into Canberra can have the potential of upsetting the finely tuned checks and balances within our federal system.

Promoting this tax just prior to an election has created a minefield (if you will pardon the pun) for the Rudd Government; a very deep hole in the ground they may find it too difficult to climb out of."

ACADEMIC ABSURDITIES: WHY FEMINISM IS "PURE POISON" by James Reed: A little while back in *O.T.* there appeared a reprint of a column by Andrew Bolt, "Redefining Gender". Bolt was critical of the work of two feminist academics who had written on some rather unusual topics such as "Chocolate and the Excretory Imagination in Nineteenth Century Europe" and "Relocating Marie Bonaparte's Clitoris". Bolt as I read him was not personally attacking writers, but noted that these people were paid out of the public purse. Some of these sort of feminist topics are funded by Australian Research Council Grants.

Left and feminist defenders responded by saying that Bolt was being personal and playing the man, or rather woman. This is a common strategy in the world of the soft logic of feminism. The key criticism is that there are more important issues in the world – even from a left perspective – than writing about toilets, poo or even some woman's clitoris. Thinking from a politically correct "high moral ground", how would the oppressed and poor of the world feel about such use of resources? How can it be morally justified from *their own* perspective?

CRITICISING - (ALGERIAN-JEWISH) FRENCH STYLE by Brian Simpson: French writer Eric Zemmour, of Algerian-Jewish background has written a best seller *Melancolie Francaise*. The book, of course, blames England for many of France's woes. But it also criticises immigration, in a fashion. He sees France declining with a civil war breaking out between Christians and Muslim "barbarians". French multiculturalism, mixing Muslims and French Christians is like "blending oil and vinegar" he says, quoting former French President Charles de Gaulle. Zemmour has also said on French TV that the majority of French drug dealers were of Arab or African origin. (*The Weekend Australian*, 5-6/6/2001, p.21) Before you say – "so what?" – reflect – who says anything like that in Australia? Where are our books critical of immigration?

YAWN... ANOTHER BORING ISRAEL "DEBATE" by Peter Ewer: Now for some deflationist, deconstructionist comments on the "peace flotilla" debate. The standard view held by Hamas, the left, anti-Israelis etc. is that this violence was due to Israel unjustifiably boarding a humanitarian ship in international waters. Turkey denounced Israel's barbarity. On the Israeli side it is argued that Israel wants to stop Hamas getting rockets, which are fired at Israel. Thus Israel offered to bring the ship to an Israeli port for inspection for weapons, then ship the goodies in sans weapons – each week 10,000 tons of food, medicine and other supplies are sent into Gaza via Israel.

But, as soon as the Israeli commandos foolishly landed by helicopter on the ship, they were met by Muslims which the Turkish newspapers now say wanted to become martyrs, who then attacked the Israeli commandos with iron bars. Being "real, hairy-chested men" they just blasted them. A big PR mistake. They should have been better trained in martial arts combat and fought back, say, with sticks themselves rather than shooting.

I am bored with the Israel v Muslim debate. Let us agree that Israel sets the world's moral standards. Therefore there is no reason why Western countries can't also take a hard-line with *The Camp of the Saints* type invasions of their homeland.

MEXICO DECLARES DEMOGRAPHIC WAR ON THE U.S. by James Reed: But Obama just dances the night away! The shape of things to come in a non-white world... Mexican President Felipe Calderon criticised Arizona's sensible immigration laws from the front lawn of the White (Black) House. The law was said to be "discriminating" and he wanted the US government to drop such laws – so masses of Mexicans could continue to invade the U.S. But when President Calderon was asked about how Mexico handles immigrants from South America by journalist Wolf Blitzer (love that name) the President said that the Mexican police round up illegal immigrants and send them back – a stronger policy than Arizona's.

This shows that by this double standard he considers that the southern part of the U.S. is ripe for the immigration invasion. At the U.S. state dinner for President Calderon, singer Beyonce bounced the night away with a high tech lighting pop concert. Obama got out on the dance floor and bopped away. His ancestors would be proud of him – a fine, fit dancer. Too bad though that his country is going down the gurgler.

OBAMA, GLUGGING OIL AND THE ENEMY WITHIN by Brian Simpson: 'Black' U.S. President B. Hussein Obama is now concerned about "home-grown terrorism" and the enemy within – as the "war against terror" enters a new phase. The Obamaland Administration is concerned about individuals radicalised in the U.S. The massacre at Fort Hood military base in Texas and the Times Square attempted bombing has disturbed the Establishment, since the individuals, according to liberal ideology, *should* have become "red, white and blue" Americans – you know, the melting pot and all that nonsense. This, of course, will be a policy that necessarily fails, since these two examples show the inevitable failure of multicultural melting pot policies. The oil glugging into the sea is surely a physical metaphor for America's racial health.

THE GREAT FLU CONSPIRACY by James Reed: We have been told by the Chief Medical Officer that healthy under-five-year olds should not be given seasonal flu shots. ("Parents Warned Over Flu Vaccine", *The Australian*, 2/6/2010, p.3) Apparently these shots can "trigger febrile fits in young children at nine times the expected rate." That is, convulsions in nine out of every 1000 children. The health authorities do not know why - but we are supposed to keep on trusting them.

Speaking of trust - it has been reported in various overseas newspapers, including *The Washington Post*, that the World Health Organization (WHO) exaggerated the threat posed by the virus H1N1 and did not disclose its intimate financial ties with drug companies which stood to benefit from vaccine production. Some key advisors who used their influence to have the WHO declare a pandemic, received money from the vaccine manufacturers.

The disclosure is made in an investigation by the *British Medical Journal's* Deborah Cohen and Philip Carter, 3 June, 2010. They state: "Key scientists advising the World Health Organization on planning for an influenza pandemic had done paid work for pharmaceutical firms that stood to gain from the guidance they were preparing. These conflicts of interest have never been publicly disclosed by WHO, and WHO has dismissed inquiries into its handling of the A/H1N1 pandemic as "conspiracy theories".

All I can say in response is thank God for those exposing "conspiracy theories".

DANCING TO THE STRINGS OF THE DRUG COMPANIES by James Reed: There is big money in sex: the films, magazines, clothes...and the drugs. Viagra, a drug to enable erections in men who like me, should probably have stopped thinking about women, has been worshipped as being a magic blue pill. And now companies press on to create a "female viagra" to "cure" female sexual dysfunction (see "Sexual Chemistry", S.A Weekend, *The Advertiser*, 29 May, 2010). However it is debatable what "female sexual dysfunction" really is. Supposedly about one half of US women are suffering from female sexual dysfunction.

Yet as the cited article points out, what constitutes satisfactory sex for women differs from men and can't be defined in simple mechanistic orgasmic terms. Yes, for most women there is that little thing called love. None of that though is going to stop the big bad drug companies who are looking for a pot of gold at the end of the sexual rainbow. Ray Maynihan is about to publish a book in September entitled "Sex, Lies and Pharmaceuticals", which documents the intimate involvement of the pharmaceutical industry in this "science" of sexual chemistry.

THE GREAT BIG CANCER INDUSTRY by Peter West: Research recently published in *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, indicates that in the U.S. there has been a massive over-diagnosis of cancer. The problem is huge: around 25% of breast cancers "detected" on mammograms and a whopping 60% of prostate cancers detected with the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test, may be over-diagnosis. Chest x-rays and sputum tests also over-diagnose lung cancer. CT scans diagnose, in many cases, many small lung nodules. It seems that this is so common that the practice is emerging of simply ignoring the small abnormalities, rather than panicking and treating for cancer.

Also on the big medicine front, a report published in *Archives of Internal Medicine* is having a series called "less is more": "Evidence suggests that providing excessive health care service is likely to occur in situations in which there is no strong evidence to document the benefit and harms of the service. *The Archives* aims to address this deficit by publishing articles that provide evidence that performing 'more' of certain health care activities results in 'less' health.

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