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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: **"Work and income:** The following chapters introduce the reader to several key issues of the early 21st century in such a way that the inter-relationships between finance and politics, production, gender relations, work, income, farming, education, arts, sciences and all forms of human interaction become a little clearer. Inevitably, in order to sustain the argument, sweeping assumptions have been made as to the reader's familiarity with 'alternative' historical thought. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the early readers of the first drafts of these chapters for their forthright questioning of many unsubstantiated statements. One question, for example, was phrased as follows:

Why, in fact, did the peasants throughout the nineteenth century have to move into towns for money wages? Was it the pressure of higher money wages than they could earn as farm labourers, or the promise of a better lifestyle?"

The question reveals a great deal about the standpoint of a reader, who has been conditioned by a mainstream education into thinking in terms of 'progress' from rural poverty to urban plenty. From this perspective, Rational Economic Man, the hero of economics textbooks, migrates for 'economic' reasons, that is, for the higher money wages made available through industrialisation. This is, however, a teleological argument. The emergence of landless labour was a direct result of enclosures, which were undertaken on grounds of financial profitability, rather than the free choice of the 'labourer'. Throughout long ages the right to use a piece of land, together with rights to the resources of commons and waste lands to provide for one's family has been a fundamental human right.

The power of moneyed interests to take the land from the people for commercial 'development', as when Shell used Ogoni lands in Nigeria, dates back to the dawn of modern times. From the outset, enclosure of land has been a legal process, endorsed by the force of laws passed by the political sphere of society:

They hang the man and flog the woman
That steal the goose from off the common,
But let the greater villain loose
That steals the common from the goose."

– Frances Hutchinson in *"Understanding the Financial System: Social Credit Rediscovered"*

IN THIS ISSUE • *Thought For The Week* • *Peter Spencer's Battle Is Our Battle Too* • *Why This Push To Lock UP Australia's Farmland?* • *'Land Rights' Or 'Native Title' Is Another Example* • *Remember Labor's Regionalisation Map? We Do!*

PETER SPENCER'S BATTLE IS OUR BATTLE TOO by Betty Luks: SOS-News reported on the latest developments in our farmers' battle with the cancerous growth of the modern 'enclosure acts' enforced on them by *progressive legislation. Australians of all people should look carefully at what are the real intentions behind such legislation. This modern nation began as a convict colony, we should not forget that, and WHY. Why? In many cases because the English gaoles were full of people imprisoned for stealing such a thing as a loaf of bread, simply to fend off starvation. Read again – above – what Frances Hutchinson writes about the enclosures of common lands forcing the tenant subsistence farmers off lands their families had worked for generations.

In a taped interview, Peter Spencer revealed that the recently resigned CEO of the N.S.W. Farmers' Association, Shaughn Morgan, "now has a job – he has become the new consultant with the N.S.W. Department of Lands to smooth out the transition of leasehold conversions to Covenanted Freehold".

Absolutely devastated by this revelation, Peter explains that during Morgan's employment as CEO by the N.S.W. Farmers Association, he led the long running fight to stop the moves by government to convert their leaseholds to "Covenanted Freehold".

What this means in effect is that any government-leased land will now become a virtual 'private national park' making A1 agricultural land presently under lease, unworkable for farming. Rents rising from hundreds of dollars per year to thousands, sending most family farmers broke, and offering the greens and government, land for a song to "lock up".

Listen to Mr. Peter Spencer at: <http://sosnews.org/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=58&cntnt01origid=80&cntnt01returnid=93>

Peter explains that most farmers working these leased lands over generations, had an option to buy the land. But legislation has changed all that. With the modern equivalent of the English Enclosure Acts – "Covenanted Freehold" – governments are forcing farmers to convert to a virtual 'national park', thereby effectively locking up the land to farming.

* For a more detailed study of how the English people became landless google 'English Enclosure Acts'

WHY THIS PUSH TO LOCK UP AUSTRALIA'S FARMLAND? Of course it wouldn't have anything to do with the agenda being pushed by both major parties reducing Australia to a big open mine to be exploited and gauged out by the multinational elites, and Australians, who pioneered and developed this land by the sweat of their brows, to be the new landless sub-class – now would it?

SOS-News points to the latest push in the attack on rural Australia. Mining leases are taking preference over food production. Operating on government-sanctioned licences, these mining leases are flowing like water.

Don't be fooled, there is no difference, but in name, between privatising – corporatising – the land and industries and 'socialising' the land and industries. Either way the people are reduced to a landless wage-slavery existence under 'state' administration and the Financial Powers.

As reported by *Queensland Country Life*, 20/9/2010. "Indian group targets Queensland cattle station": "Indian conglomerate Adani Enterprises is homing in on Graeme Acton's prize Central Queensland grazing property Moray Downs. The group, whose business portfolio covers everything from gas exploration to real estate and edible oil, recently bought a coal tenement from listed mining group Linc Energy in Central Queensland for \$500 million.

It was regarded as the largest single investment by an Indian company in Australia. The *Australian Financial Review* has learned that Adani is now looking to buy the land where its new mining tenement lies. According to Queensland government publicly available resource and tenure maps, the tenement sits on the Moray Downs property, about 170 kilometres north-west of Clermont. The purchase

could fetch more than \$50 million for the landowner who, with his brother Evan Acton, is estimated in the latest BRW Rich List to be worth \$241 million. A deal would also draw attention to a growing trend where foreign companies buy not only the mining tenement licences but also the land underneath to help smooth exploration and development of the area."

Source: <http://qcl.farmonline.com.au/news/state/property/general/indian-group-targets-queensland-cattle-station/1946276.aspx>

'LAND RIGHTS' OR 'NATIVE TITLE' IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE: I once asked constitutional authority Dr. David Mitchell if the Aboriginal people had freehold title to the lands – now tied up under native title legislation – as do holders of freehold titles in the cities. His answer was: "It is not clear". It is my opinion that the Aboriginal folk will not see the benefit of such legislation in the years to come. Vast areas of land are now effectively tied up under the guise of 'native title'. Aboriginal folk are now realising they also are 'tied up' under the same legislation.

Prediction: The land will eventually be exploited by the multinationals and the Aboriginal folk will scramble for the 'crumbs off the table'. We are all in this battle together, Aboriginal and White fellow Australians.

The following shows the typical 'dialectic' strategy: The headlines read "Labor on collision course over Wild Rivers inquiry" by Phillip Coorey and Jacob Saulwick: 1/10/2010.

"The Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, has backed away from supporting Queensland's Wild Rivers Act and has instead put the legislation before a government inquiry.

Yesterday's move, which will put federal Labor on a collision course with the Queensland Labor government, came after the Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott, put forward his private member's bill that would abolish the 2005 act.

Labor and the Greens opposed a private member's bill attempted by Mr. Abbott before the last election and this week the Queensland Resources Minister, Stephen Robertson, has been in Canberra urging MPs to oppose Mr. Abbott's bill.

Also in town was a delegation of traditional landowners from Cape York who say removing the act will result in unrestrained development and the destruction of pristine river systems and their surrounds. The act protects 10 river systems, placing strict limitations on development.

Mr. Abbott and the Cape York indigenous identity, Noel Pearson, believe the local indigenous people are being denied the chance to create economic opportunities. "This idea that the Aboriginal people of Cape York are going to pillage their own land for short-term economic gain is nonsense," Mr. Abbott said yesterday.

The delegation of traditional owners are angry that Mr. Pearson is often portrayed as the spokesman for all indigenous people from the Cape and that their voices have been drowned out. Mr. Abbott's bill will be submitted to the Selection of Bills committee, which assesses legislation and determines the order for debate. It is unlikely to be debated until February."

REMEMBER LABOR'S REGIONALISATION MAP? WE DO! I had a chuckle on reading the Andrew Bolt's Blog – 4/10/2010 "WE'RE ALL REGIONS NOW". Take note, Simon Crean is choking on the term 'region' and has trouble defining it... doesn't want the Australian people to wake up to what Labor is really about.

Andrew Bolt writes: "Listen to Regions Minister Simon Crean's definitional difficulties on the set of *Insiders*, I whispered to my fellow panelists: "Birthday cake":

CASSIDY: How do you define a region? What is a region?

Crean: Every part of this country is constituted within their own region.

Cassidy: So when you talk about regions, you mean non-urban?

Crean: When I talk about regionalism and local empowerment, it is saying all regions in the country.

Cassidy: Hobart, for example: a capital city, a state capital. Is Hobart a region?

Crean: Hobart-well, the region around Hobart is a region. In the case of Tasmania, if you're talking about it, the regional development body covers the whole of Tasmania. Hobart is a component of it, and Hobart, while we call it a capital city, for the purposes of the Australian Bureau of Statistics that talks about the remoteness factor, Hobart is not a capital city in that sense, it fits into a definition that will be picked up in the regional application of funds.

Cassidy: And they have an independent representing them as well and they're looking for regional funding.

The problem, of course, is that everyone wants to be disadvantaged today, and in the queue for a handout."

The problem for Simon Crean, Mr. Bolt, is the evidence is there for all to see that when in power Labor set out dividing Australia into regions completely over-riding the States' authority and boundaries. There is nothing new in the idea, it is all part of economically and politically 'regionalising' the nations into the New World Order. This part was set out in the World-wide Declaration on Local Self-Government, promoted by The International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) at its 27th World Congress in Rio de Janeiro on 23-26 September 1985.

That new treaty gives formal recognition to the 'regional' levels of local government, then specifically confines Local Government to only those powers and functions that have not been "given" to some other authority. Who decides what powers, rights and responsibilities elected Local Governments may have? You've guessed it – the unelected regional Authorities, the bureaucrats! Of course!

How many Australians realised at the time, that had they voted 'Yes' on the 1988 Referendum questions incorporating Local Government into the Federal Constitution they would have allowed the total elimination of Local Government.

Jeremy Lee compiled selected newspaper articles from 1974-1995 showing Australians what was intended for them ("Local Government, Amalgamation, Regionalism and the Hilmer Report"). There are answers to the financial problems of Local Governments from a Free Enterprise – not a Fabian Socialist – viewpoint.

Read more...<http://www.bankwatch.info/Library/Yarra%20Glen%20Report.htm>

Important DVDs on the subject:

"Your Council the Target" by Beavan O'Regan \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage.

"Spirit of Australia's Constitution and History" Set of 5 DVDs by Dr. David Mitchell \$40.00 plus \$2.00 postage.

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