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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** On 21 March, *The Independent* published a letter written by a man who was born in England of illustrious Iranian parentage, who eventually settled in Iran and now looks back to England without recognizing it.

"...Driven by forces beholden to the corporate interest, nothing would please the West more than to have the Iranian masses emulate "the mindless McDonald's-munching slaves of Mammon... As pointed out by Dr. Dickie in his response to my letter (28 March), where then has the quality of scepticism, a crucial component of the liberal, reasonable mindset, and once so defining of the national character, gone? Now replaced in citizens of the so-called free world, including Britain, by a blind acceptance of what they hear from two most discredited sources: politicians and journalists.

Such bovine acquiescence before the official line negates the very justification for democracies – which rely upon a citizenry that is rational and capable of making up its own mind – and has dangerous consequences...

Perhaps too those, in Iran and elsewhere, who look with cynicism at your democratic utopias are not quite as wet behind the ears as your own citizens. This was the meaning of my reference to "McDonald's-munching slaves" – not, as one commentator put it, an expression of snobbery directed at the working class who cannot afford a meal at the Bullingdon, but a highlighting of who it is that actually runs the show in your democracies and enslaves your population through a culture of consumerism.

**Western democracy's 'Dirty Little Secret':** For McDonald's is the ultimate symbol of the bourgeois, corporate interests that hold the real reins of power in your countries... The truth is that many in Iran and in the Muslim world in general have grasped Western democracy's dirty little secret: that your leaders have no real power. And if your representatives are as ineffectual as their electorate before the Dictatorship of Money, then what meaning have your votes and your democracy?..."

**Darius Guppy:** *"Here in Iran, we look with horror at the country that Britain has become".*

**PETER COMES DOWN FROM THE TOWER – TO FIGHT ON** by Betty Luks: Farmer Peter Spencer ended his 52-day hunger strike on the advice of his doctors and will be hospitalised while he recovers. In a statement released by his family, Mr. Spencer promised to keep fighting his cause once back on the ground, but probably after a good meal.

"I will be relentless in this pursuit and call upon all Australians to help make our nation a society truly 'for', 'by' and 'of the People,'" he said in the statement.

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"As much as the nation is concerned about me, my concerns are directed at the families of the hundreds of farmers who have suicided and the politicians who have failed to show any concern, compassion or morality for what the government has done to these families and the nation's Constitution."

A spokesman for Mr. Spencer said his protest had achieved the attention was "not in vain. It has placed issues at the forefront of every Australian and gained unprecedented attention across Australia, and the world, concerning thousands of Australian farming family's property rights which have been stolen to meet Australia's entire Kyoto Protocol International Treaty Obligations and in so doing, breaching Australia's Constitution."

Bravo Peter Spencer we at **On Target** salute you for your brave actions on behalf of all farmers in this land.

**Now, examine how the spin doctors work:** Do look at how the spin doctors present the situation in *The Australian* (12/1/2010), "Radicals distort farm debate". Christian Kerr writes:

"Supporters of hunger-striking farmer Peter Spencer risk derailing debate on vital issues of property rights with their fringe views, a leading agri-politics expert has warned...."

Christian Kerr continues: "Heated online debate over Mr. Spencer's 50-day protest atop a tower is continuing, often lurching into conspiracy theories. Geoff Cockfield, a specialist in agri-environment policy from the University of Southern Queensland, said it was not helping the N.S.W. farmer's cause that he should be compensated for not being allowed to clear his land near Cooma. "You always have fringe populists in rural areas thriving around particular issues, whatever they might be," he said.

"They start plausibly enough, just picking on minor irritations people have about governments, but as you get more information we start to get into the worldwide conspiracy. There's quite a few mainstream agri-politicians and economists and public policy people who would be sympathetic to the argument that if we are actually preventing full use of property rights in the interests of some sort of supra-national agreement on carbon sequestration, then what's the case for everyone bearing the cost of that? ..."

**Shades of Pauline Hanson?** Question: How come the interests of "some sort of supra-national agreement on carbon sequestration" **is allowed to over-ride the interests of the Australian people?** Is this fellow suggesting the taxpayers bear the burden of compensation for farmers affected by such environmental legislation – **but politicians mustn't do a thing to repeal this legislation – in the interests of the Australian people?** Is he saying International Treaties such as the Kyoto Treaty **should over-ride the Commonwealth Constitution and the rights of the Australian people?**

Examine the words and terms he uses gentle reader, don't you think they are psycho-political swear words used to get a knee-jerk response from you? E.g., "lurching into conspiracy theories"; "fringe populist in rural areas thriving around particular issues"; implying only the ruling elite know what is good for us, but the 'populists' and 'rural fringes' don't?

Australians better wake up! While it may be the farmers today, tomorrow it will be your land, your house, your property. You don't think they are going to stop at the Peter Spencers of this nation – do you?

**A BREAK-DOWN ON THE COPENHAGEN 'STREET THEATRE':** The following report is from Lord Christopher Monkton, who insists that what the world witnessed at the Copenhagen Conference was 'street theatre'. The real deals were 'done and dusted' in secret, behind the scenes, long before

the Copenhagen round. He saw the entire exercise as a sort of Nuremberg Rally with nothing of substance agreed to at Copenhagen. Even the African nations' 'boycott' was for show. How does he know this? He says he has seen it all before – remember he was an adviser to Margaret Thatcher's government.

He spoke of the large numbers of communist flags displayed in the streets, which he saw as the re-emergence of the revolutionary Reds but now disguised as 'the Greens'. He likened them to the Hitler Youth of the National Socialist Party, who displayed the same authoritarianism and intolerance of views other than their own.

**Third world 'reparations' = world taxes:** While no Treaty was signed at Copenhagen, the alarm bells should be ringing around the world – very loudly. He said there is going to be political agreements, long on rhetoric, long on aspirations, but short on detail. After all, the peoples of the West won't be happy to learn just how much of their hard-earned incomes Rudd has promised to pay the Third World in 'reparations'. And this for 'global warming' the West did (not do) to the climate!

Then the taxes to bleed the West still further to finance the hundreds of bureaucracies required to administer the scheme; i.e., the salaries of the thousands of bureaucrats who will administer these fledgling world-government bureaucracies.

**Real deals done in secret:** Lord Monckton insists the 'leaders' (read traitors to their own people) of the great powers have already decided the deals behind the scenes. No, at this stage there will not be a Treaty. There will be a 'political agreement' that will be long on rhetoric, long on aspirations and short on details, because the peoples of the West aren't going to like the idea of paying the kind of money being claimed in 'reparations'.

**Essential elements for World Government:** Lord Monckton warns that every negotiating draft of the Treaty that he saw at Copenhagen had all the essential elements for a World Government in them – not just the thousands of bureaucrats but an interlocking network of six or seven hundred bureaucracies.

The structural mechanisms being set up can easily 'morph' into the bureaucratic arms of a powerful World Government.

**Obama came to 'save the day':** Bearing in mind this was all in the script before the conference began,, as the script dictated, President Barak Hussein Obama, of the great superpower, flew in at the eleventh hour to 'save' the Conference.

The Obama enacted-out-scene reminded me of the way that little ACTU silver-haired-bodgie, Bobby Hawke, would appear on the scene, just in time, to 'save' us from the dire consequences of threatened, impending, industrial-strife.

And we haven't taken into account the cap'n'trade ponzi scheme envisaged by Goldman Sachs and Al Gore! Don't go to sleep fellow Australians – we all have some mighty battles ahead of us if we are to rescue our rights and freedoms – and put governments back in their place.

**OOPS! DOOMSDAY by James Reed:** The Norwegian government established a "doomsday vault" containing enough seeds to re-establish world agriculture following a global catastrophe such as a nuclear war or asteroid strike (*The Australian*, 13/1/06, p.6). The vault is on an ice bound island 1000km away from the North Pole. The assumption here is that this island won't be hit by bombs, fallout or asteroid impact – and that in the worse case scenario that there will be someone alive to access the seeds. And – that someone remembered to put the key to the vault under the doormat!

**ANDREW ROBERTS ON ANGLOPHOBIA** by James Reed: Andrew Roberts, a British historian, has written a fair and balanced history of the English-speaking peoples: "*A History of the English-Speaking People Since 1900*" (Weidenfeld and Nicholson, London 2006). Here is a book, which instead of "bashing" the English people, sees them as the supporters of civilisation, "the last, best hope of mankind," as Roberts puts it. Here at last is an author not afraid of saying that the English speaking people are a light to the rest of humanity. Further, here is a book which opens fire on the politically correct intellectuals such as feminist republican Germaine Greer and Manning Clark.

**As a sample, here is Roberts attacking Australian Anglophobia:** "Australian Anglophobia continued its long march through the institutions of that country during the 1980's, spearheaded by indented intellectuals in the universities and schools. Charles Manning Hope Clark, whose six volume "*A History of Australia*", published between 1962 and 1987, was hugely influential, did much to vilify the ideas and institutions that Australia derived from the mother country, Britain.

Even Clark's publisher, Peter Ryan, admits that the six volumes are "almost unbelievably prolix...a vast cauldron of very thin verbal soup...gaseous verbal excess...it has given long-windedness and self-pity a bad name". Yet the work came to be Australian history, defining Australia as much as the Old Testament defines Judaism".

As with so many such feasters on the hand that feeds them, C.M.H. Clark had a first-class education at the British tax-payer's expense. On his return to Australia in July 1940, Clark taught the boys at the elite Geelong Grammar School that "maybe a victorious Russia, a Russia that had rediscovered the humanism of Marx, would light a cleansing fire in Australia", which in turn would lead to the end of the "apologists for Englishmanism in Australia".

Despite his alcoholism, communism and contempt for what he sneeringly described as "objectivity, impartiality, detachment, cool reason", Clark became hugely influential in Australian academia. [As one writer put it:] "He was the idol of a generation of Australian history students and a great and influential patron in the appointment of academic historians."

Nonetheless, the chance of this virulently anti-British racist writing objectively about the contribution of the mother country to the development of his homeland was absolutely nil. In 2001, an enjoyably bitter debate took place in the pages of *The Times Literary Supplement* as to whether Clark had been awarded the Order of Lenin by the Soviet Union, as Brisbane (newspaper) *The Courier-Mail* had alleged five years earlier. Tempers frayed, high horses were clambered upon.

It turned out that he might well have been awarded the Order, but he was certainly awarded the less prestigious Lenin Jubilee Medal in 1970. In his acceptance speech, Clark described the genocidal Russian leader being commemorated as a "teacher of humanity" and said that only when communism conquered the world could all men be brothers. Furthermore, "We are lucky to live in a time when this tenet is being verified by life."

In his 1960 book "*Meeting Soviet Man*", Clark described Lenin as "Christ-Like, at least in his compassion" and "as lovable as a little child". Whether or not Clark was actually awarded the Order of Lenin, he most certainly deserved to be.

In the estimation of author Geoffrey Partington: "By the 1970's many history departments in Australian universities were dominated by Clark's creed...by 1980 he ranked among the leading conductors of large scholastic chorus that daily poured out hatred on much of the past and present of both Britain and Australia."

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