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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Towards a Golden World: "Don't underestimate the dreams of bankers or bureaucrats; they may look like straight guys but they have big dreams that often emerge from the world of the imagination to have big, often ugly, results for those of us who are not asked for our opinion.... generation to generation. The dream is that there will be one world of money, with one standard of value, and that will be gold. Gold will keep us free. . ." - - Maxwell Newton, *The Australian*, January 31, 1989 From "The New World Order: and the destruction of Australian Industry" by Jeremy Lee 1991.

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TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HOW THEY 'CON' US!

I just had to include these 'photo-ops' taken from a German website and sent to me by a Canadian friend. It is just such a good example of how we 'the sheeple' are constantly manipulated by the world-wide mainline press. In the top picture you can be excused for believing the 'world leaders' led the Paris 'Charlie Hebdo' protest march, but the truth is they lined up for a photo opportunity in a side street and then disbursed in their cars. Obviously it was too much to expect them to join the ordinary people – and march some distance at that! The translation probably leaves much to be desired but these pictures are worth a thousand words!

Paris Demo: Politicians' image manipulation - propaganda for the masses Source: <u>https://staseve.wordpress.com/author/staseve/</u> - 13 January 2015

The Paris Photo where we are led to believe international politicians marched in the protest - a stark image supposedly



featuring them marching during / against the Charlie Hebdo terror. In fact, the picture was taken on a side street - it had nothing to do with the demonstration.

The above picture went around the world: The leaders of the world marched on Sunday

allegedly marching arm in arm through Paris to show their solidarity with the victims of the attack on the French satirical newspaper "Charlie Hebdo" and a Jewish supermarket. In this picture you see the leaders of the various states standing

together 'in solidarity' and they appear to be leading a large crowd. But in fact, it was just a show for the press. The leaders met in a side street for a photo session. Almost all politicians were not in the demonstration, but immediately rose after the photo session, went back to their cars and 'faded away'. And the picture from a different perspective:



I did say a picture was worth a thousand words!

RETIRED POLITICIANS: DO YOU WONDER WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?

Nick Evans, West Australian, 2 January 2015.

Former foreign minister Alexander Downer formally severed his final corporate link to mining magnate Gina Rinehart in early November, eight months after being appointed as Australia's High Commissioner to London. Mr Downer was appointed as an alternate director of Mrs Rinehart's Roy Hill Holdings, which is now building a 55 million tonne-a-year port, rail and iron ore mine in the Pilbara, in late 2012, as the company launched its efforts to win a \$US7.2 billion debt package from international banks and export credit agencies.

In 2013, Mrs Rinehart also tapped Mr Downer as her representative on the board of oil and gas explorers Lakes Oil and Sun Resources, after Hancock Prospecting took major stakes in both companies. He walked away from those and a raft of other directorships, including non-executive roles with the Australian arm of Chinese technology giant Huawei and Bespoke Approach, the lobbying firm he founded with Ian Smith. Bespoke Approach was briefly hired by Mrs Rinehart to handle her media contacts in 2012, at the height of the legal battles with her estranged children. Documents filed with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission showed that Mr Downer stayed on Roy Hill's books as an alternate director until November.

BRITAIN'S GCHQ DOMESTIC SPYING TO BE GRANTED GREATER POWERS

Britain's GCHQ Domestic Spying Apparatus to be granted Greater Surveillance Powers after Paris Attacks, by Steven MacMillan. Global Research, January 13, 2015

Following the tragic events in Paris, David Cameron is meeting with security heads to potentially grant the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) even greater spying powers. In a disgusting (yet predictable) move by Cameron and fellow Western leaders. these latest attacks are being used as a justification for illegal GCHQ and National Security Agency (NSA) spying, and as a pretext to further expand the surveillance state – which is already at heights never seen before in human history. This is the first time that governments have had the capacity and technological capability to monitor the behaviour, conversations, opinions and habits of the people on such

a grand scale, in a quest to predict the behaviour of entire populations. Tony Porter, the government's own surveillance commissioner, is worried at the level of spying in Britain and the lack of knowledge the public has about the pervasiveness of government snooping. Referring mainly to the ubiquitous CCTV cameras in the UK, Porter recently revealed how he is troubled by the apathy and ignorance of many citizens who don't understand how the information is used, and he points out that the data obtained from these devices can be used to "predict behaviour". Along with the sophistication and level of GCHQ spying – which compiles copious amounts of data on the public

with no warrant, it unveils the surveillance state that Britain has become, even surpassing George Orwell's dystopian vision of the future in his book 1984. Across the water in the US, high-level NSA whistleblower William Binney has been warning the public about Stasi-style surveillance for years, describing the NSA as "totalitarian" in nature and their practices as "a total destruction of the rights you thought you had under the constitution". He also states that the objective of the surveillance state is "to set up the way and means to control the population."...

Continue here: http://www.globalresearch.ca/britains-gchq-domestic-spying-apparatus-to-be-granted-greater-surveillance-powers-after-paris-attacks/5424406

WAG THE DOG - THE ART OF POLITICAL MANIPULATION

Source: https://www.facebook.com/OVHRepro/posts/624108824383665:0

Any day now, as the polls begin to look gloomy and the news turns bad, the Corporate Media - and we all know who we're talking about - will look around for the human angle to make us want to love and forgive those stinkingly putridly vile evil-dirt bags that we've just realised are leading us (my therapist told me to say that... so much easier than smashing the television).

Usually, it's a makeover in the Women's Weekly - remember Julia and the sickmaking kangaroo she knitted for the Royal Baby? - A confession, a redemption or a just-like-us moment that will make us think that the bastards are not so bad after all. We are mostly a forgiving and decent bunch, aren't we? We don't want to believe the worst of someone, don't want to believe they are as bad as somebody says they are until we get our noses rubbed in it like a six week old puppy that cannot stop peeing on the carpet. Sadly, we have news for you. This time, thanks to the kindness of the Corporate Media, who have quietly bought up their shareholdings in energy stocks while they

held out Mommy's skirt so we couldn't see what the mongrels were really up to, we have really no idea how bad this mob are. What they have done to Queensland and its people is beyond belief: they have raped it, pillaged it, pulverised it - and most of the morons out there who are still staring at the pretty blue and yellow ads that say strong strong strong probably still reckon they seem alright, the best of a bad lot and that's how, one day soon, when we have had our country taken from us and our water taken from us and our rights taken from us and some foreign company is suing us because we didn't want them to take us over, we will look back through the haze and wonder how it all came to this... So here's a clip from Wag the Dog, one of the great political satires of all time and a masterpiece on how easy it is to manipulate the poor unsuspecting public. It's set in the run-up to an American election when the President is exposed as having an affair (sounds familiar?) and his team decide to resort to some diversionary tactics to get the voting public to think

about something else. And so they invent a war, and a classic, all American hero with the nickname of Old Shoe, and they convince the nation to really care about this guy. They film the war in a Hollywood Studio and they beam it out live through the television studios every night (Hello, Commercial News Networks!) and pretty soon, all anyone is thinking about is Old Shoe...

If you haven't seen it, download it, hire it, buy it - and then play it every night so you really understand what is happening out there, and how badly you are being manipulated. And when you finally begin to wonder who is really telling you the truth, ask yourself: which one is being paid the most money?

And then there are the rest of us, big hearted fools that do it for nothing, do it because we love this damned country and this beloved state too much to let them get away with what will one day be regarded as a war crime against our own people... more on that later, watch the movie for now.

Source: Peggy Roonan. Good Ol' Shoe - Working [from Wag the Dog] Youtube.Com http://youtu.be/1v4ZLwevXAI

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JUST FOR THE RECORD – QUEENSLANDER SHANE KNUTH AND HIS FMMB BILL

Again from David Pascoe's Facebook Page: So it comes as no surprise to know that it was Shane Knuth who introduced the Fair Milk Mark Bill (FMMB) in State Parliament. His electorate of Dalrymple takes in the massive dairy-farming region of the Atherton Tableland, a traditional dairying region that was only just hanging on and surviving by fingernails and grit.

But what happened next was a terrible reminder to all fair thinking Queenslanders that the Seeney Newman Liberal National Party Government was only there for politics and feathering its own nest - and certainly not for decent and fair government for all Queenslanders. The FMMB represented a near nil-cost way of saving our Queensland Dairy Farmers and Shane and his KAP colleagues Robbie Katter and Ray Hopper sat in on the public hearings for the Bill and listened to the proud and nearly broken Queensland Dairy Farmers stand up and bravely tell their stories.

Most of all, the dairy farmers told Parliament that the Bill was effectively their last hope since deregulation had completely devastated the industry. And, dairy farmer after dairy farmer, they stood inside the hallowed walls of Parliament and openly begged the Parliamentarians for mercy to be allowed to survive and do what they did best - to feed and care for the Australian people.

The Fair Mark Milk Bill was what they called a Consumer Option initiative, similar to the one operational in Denmark that supplies labels for vendors of milk. If the consumer opens the fridge door at the supermarket and chooses the local Queensland milk with the FMM label on it, they then guarantee an \$0.08c profit to the Queensland farmer.

It was a simple, beautifully logical idea think about it, what Queensland consumer couldn't want to support their own

Queensland dairy farmer? And it seemed odds -to work.

Those who sat in the House that day last October and listened to the dairy farmers who had travelled so far to tell their story found it difficult not to simply bury their heads and weep: the stories were so deeply moving and gave a window into the future of agriculture in Queensland. And the truth that emerged from that day makes it look as if it is doomed. Despite the desperate pleas from the farmers and the fact that this legislation effectively cost the Government nothing, the LNP members - whose numbers mean they consist of most of the House - jeered and hissed and entertained themselves poking fun at both the Bill and Shane Knuth: the common dirty peasants discovered there were Christians in their coliseum - and all they needed were the lions.

Shamefully, the Bill was voted down by not only the Government - it was also voted down by the ALP State **Opposition**.

The real tragedy was that the KAP or Shane Knuth were never even going to get much kudos out of it anyway. The Queensland Country Life and the Murdoch Press were never going to give credit to the KAP for the bill, despite the

fact that it could have easily been passed by the government to save the Queensland dairy farmers at virtually no cost to them and they could have taken all the credit. Instead, they chose to block it - and then turned their back on the Queensland Dairy Farmers.

And Bingo --- Gina Rinehart and Chinese Investors were buying up Big!

It took another two months before the news broke - first as a dribble from Bloomberg, and then as a stream from the Murdoch press, and then as a torrent from the Queensland Country Life. And bingo, Gina Rinehart and Chinese Investors were suddenly buying up big and they were set to enter Queensland dairy industry.

So there it was, the parable for the tragedy of what has been done to our beloved land: our own farmers left walking out of State Parliament busted and bowed and broken, the grimy corrupted LNP politicians sniggering and throwing stones -and then bingo, a few months later, it just happens that the news breaks that Gina Reinhart - the richest woman on earth and Chinese investors were moving in to own the Queensland dairy industry instead.

So tell me, Shane Knuth, Tully born father of four, railway welder and farmer, family man and community champion – tell me: what in Gods name have we done to our country?

And worst of all, Shane Knuth, what have we done to our people?

Dear Sir,

This is part of the text of a letter I have posted to CEO Brendan McGrath, Rural City of Wangaratta. Wangaratta and district communities have been damaged by the loss of our elected Councillors. The President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Felicity-Ann Lewis, Mayor City of Marion SA, gave an address to the Intergovernmental Relations Conference at Canberra on 17th September 2014 titled "Current challenges to intergovernmental relations. A Local Government perspective." (*script on internet)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On October 25th the Prime Minister Tony Abbott delivered the Sir Henry Parkes Commemorative Address at Tenterfield NSW on "Reform of the Australian Federation" (** script on internet). He said "most contention is not between good and evil but

between decent people arguing over the best way to achieve better out comes. Any debate about the future of federation needs the same give and take if it is to produce significant change,"... "reforming the federation is not something that one person, one party or parliament can determine alone." Issues papers for this reform discussion were released in the second half of 2014. The Green Paper will be released in the first half of 2015 and the White Paper by the end of 2015. This has not yet been discussed with rate payers and residents. Should the Rural City of Wangaratta Administrators lack the competence to accept the responsibility to consult with rate payers and residents on these matters they should resign and recommend to the Victorian Government the election of representative Councillors.

Signed: Alison G Walpole, Resident rural rate payer.

* http://alga.asn.au/site/misc/alga/downloads/speeches/2014/ALGA President intergovernmental relations speech.pdf ** https://www.pm.gov.au/media/2014-10-25/sir-henry-parkes-commemorative-dinner-tenterfield

IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PLACE THIS BOOK REVIEW HERE... By Doug Holmes

I have just finished reading a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring book about two brothers, who, when they were 21 and 23 years of age, bought a great stretch of land in the Far North of Queensland. It was a brutal, unexplored, dry and barren property: even the Aborigines avoided going there. They were told that they were crazy to even consider buying the land, but both had their dreams of turning this land into a cattle station and this is the story of how they succeeded, and more. The author Don Pinwill tells the story of how he and his brother Chas, and later with Don's wife Lauren, overcame through many struggles, hardships, heartaches, mishaps and disappointments to fulfil their dream and made "Yaramulla" the place it is today. He writes of their discoveries of the ancient lava tubes with the area eventually becoming known as "Undara" National Park.

The two brothers started off living in a crude, basic corrugated iron hut, no door

or windows, just holes. They had to 'boil the billy' in front of the hut for a cuppa, having carted the water some distance from the bore water supply. Some time later they fitted a gas stove and fridge, a 2way radio and they lived in that hut for 5 years. When Don and Lauren decided to get married, with the assistance of Lauren's Dad, they built a house in 1973. I think that Lauren's father didn't want Lauren living in the crude hut. I don't know which was the hardest, drilling for water or putting up fences in a straight line. Drilling is difficult enough for an expert, but they managed between them, after many mistakes and problems, to work it out. They hit many waterbearing holes. In the book, Don describes several of these events. Lauren and their children hold a special

place in the book. Don relates how he and Lauren brought up the children in that harsh landscape and how they learned to appreciate what they could and could not do. These struggles prepared them well for their future. Soon after Lauren moved in, Chas moved on to pursue his dreams in another area. No one thought Lauren would last in such primitive conditions but she did, and reared and educated three children while helping with the cattle branding and whatever else needed doing. And surprised everyone. Don and his family sold Yaramulla in 1990 and moved south to another property in Oakdean near Kingaroy and in the last

Oakdean near Kingaroy and in the last short chapter tells us a little about that and their family. This book is written in Don's special style, includes the personal stories of visits from their families and friends helping to make it a real life adventure. It is a modern story, told by one who was involved in every minute of it. His love of the Australian bush and the love of his family comes through every word he writes. Then to make it more interesting he has included some photos.

Copies of the book "Whatever It Takes" can be obtained from D. Pinwill, 1 Gibson St., Tingoora, Queensland 4608. Ph. 0741685471.

CORRUPT CHINESE AND INVESTOR VISA SCHEME

Peter Cai and Rick Wallace warn there are "Fears Corrupt Chinese are Set to Rush Significant Investor Visa Scheme" The Australian 29 December 2014.

They write: "Pressure is mounting to boost scrutiny of investors trying to buy residency in Australia under the significant investor scheme after Canada tightened applications for its similar scheme. Experts say Australia is one of the top destinations for corrupt officials fleeing China, and with the Canadian changes there are fears the country could become a haven for whitecollar criminals.

The Australian recently revealed the former chief of the giant Chinese utility State Grid was hiding out in Australia with millions of dollars he stole from the company. Chinese investigators have identified at least six other former officials ******

and state company executives accused of bribery and embezzlement involving about \$1 billion.

China recently raised concerns that Australia's \$5 million significant investor visa program (recently revamped to include a \$15m "premium" investor visa) could become an easy path for criminals to escape its clutches. The issue has been under the spotlight in Beijing since June, when state broadcaster CCTV accused Bank of China of laundering money here. The report, since removed from all websites, mentioned Australia as a potential destination for "grey money" coming out of China via the SIV program. Under changes to the Canadian visa scheme, private -sector forensic accountants will investigate whether applicants have a criminal past or are "politically exposed". The move comes as the Chinese government moves to trap hundreds of corrupt officials who have fled to Australia and Canada and other developed countries with billions of dollars of state funds.

Trade and Investment Minister Andrew Robb defended the integrity of the visa program, administered by the Department of Immigration, saying there had not been a problem with the SIV scheme to his knowledge...."

Gentle reader: Have you read enough to realise we are in great danger of losing our nation? CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ABORIGINES: BUT FIRST RECOGNISE... by Peter West

Here are two relevant quotes taken from the work of Denis McCormack (The Social Contract, Spring 2006):

"Where most Asians are concerned, the survival of Aboriginal people has never had any priority."

 - Professor Wong Gu Wu, Vice Chancellor of Hong Kong University, past-president of the Asian Studies Association, 8 July 1992.

"There's too many outside migrants... People who are Aboriginal and who are Australian-born have been main-rights. Those whose cultures should be dominant instead of Australia being multicultural. It's an insult to say multicultural. You're trying to hide behind other cultural groups. This is Australia; it should have a culture of its own. Why do we have to hide it among the Chinaman, the Arabs and the Jews? We love outside stuff too much."

- - Gularrwuy Yunupingu, previous Australian of the Year and Aboriginal Community Leader, *The Australian* 6 January 1996 These choice quotes, and many more, should be circulated and used in the coming Aboriginal Constitution "debate" (or should we say "non-debate"?

'FOUNDATION 51' AT CENTRE OF NT POLITICAL DONATIONS PROBE

ABC News: "Property developer's major contributors to Foundation 51 Company at centre of NT political donations probe", By James Oaten and James Dunlevie, 27 Dec 2014

more than \$580,000 in the 2012-13

The AEC's political donations Associated Entity Disclosure form for Foundation 51, which Labor says is evidence the company is a fundraising body for the CLP. Former NT chief minister 'held director role in Foundation 51'

Three Darwin-based developers have been revealed as major financial contributors to a private company at the centre of a political donations storm in the Northern Territory.

Foundation 51 is a private company with close ties to the Country Liberals Party (CLP).

The NT Opposition have accused it of being a slush fund, a claim vigorously denied by Foundation 51 and the CLP. Foundation 51 is listed as having received

financial year. It said Darwin developers Gwelo Investments, Gaymark Investments and Randazzo Properties each provided between \$20,000 and \$65,000. A New Zealand-based organisation called The Chrisp Investment Trust also gave \$55,000. Gwelo Developments, the company run by prominent businessman Even Lynne and the late Hans Vos, has built a number of projects around Darwin, including Pandanus, Soho, Harbour Vista and Litchfield apartments and Coolalinga shopping village. Gwelo also reportedly paid \$21 million for the run down former Woolworths site in the centre of Darwin. Randazzo Properties has an extensive

property portfolio in the Darwin CBD... In October this year the CLP shut down an inquiry into political donations from the past 20 years, with Chief Minister Adam Giles saying it would be "unwieldy ... unworkable" and would cost taxpayers "tens of millions of dollars". A motion for an inquiry, unexpectedly passed by Parliament in August, would have meant an investigation into links between the CLP and Foundation 51. This year, former Deputy Chief Minister and Treasurer Dave Tollner said donations would open his door "if you ever need to

talk to me about something". Mr Lewis

did not return phone calls from the ABC.

Read fuller report here...

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-27/developers-major-donors-to-foundation-51-documents-show/5989694

EVACUATION GROUNDS: ONE LOUSY SENTENCE

30 Dec 2014: One lousy sentence given grudgingly by the Queensland treasurer, Tim Nicholls, gives no justice and portrays no understanding what farming families and other landowners have been subjected to in the unleashing of the CSG colossus. Tim Nicholls is quoted in the Courier Mail article: Liquefied coal seam gas shipment set to leave Gladstone, as saying, "Landholders had to be acknowledged for the sacrifice and trouble they had been put to as CSG companies moved

onto their land."

It has been a lot more than just mere trouble, Tim...

Try non-disclosure of information; isolate, divide & conquer; lying; pressured negotiation; bullying; ambushing with contrived bluffs; tactics to apply pressure; limited, miserly compensation; landowners time uncompensated; stress; complete disregard & disinterest in how agricultural management systems can work in with a gas field; the co-existence myth; gates open; weeds; loss of underground water; no solution for a mountain of salt brought to the surface; loss of amenity of living; roads destroyed; dust; noise; sense of community lost; liability from contamination; diminution of property

value.

The list continues...

The government has failed to govern for all. The Newman LNP government & preceding Bligh Labor government have not allowed the agricultural department to protect even the small percentage of good quality soils; the Department of Environment and Heritage has not been allowed to do its job; there was very limited legal aid made available and that did not continue; landowners suffering impacts ask government for help only to be fobbed off by organisations devised by government, Gasfield Commission and CSG Compliance Unit, with the purpose of 'to be seen to be doing something and to

dampen down the voice of the rural landowner' to be heard in the urban communities.

On top of all that, with landowners already suffering significant imbalances of power the Newman government systematically made significant legislative changes that removed what few rights landowners had. What for? This Courier Mail reveals the answer; this first ship alone has loaded \$50 billion worth of LNG. When the industry gets into full stride in 2017 there will be 360 ships leaving the harbour loaded with LNG every year. The Queensland government is expected to rake in \$500 million annually.

Source: http://evacuationgrounds.blogspot.com.au/

LNG tanker, Methane Rita Andrea, docked at QGC LNG plant at Curtis Island. Photo sourced Gladstone Observer



AUSTRALIANS' RESOURCES: GAUTAM ADANI'S \$10-BILLION GAMBLE

Meet the man that the Seeney / Newman Government has promised to use Queensland taxpayers money to build his railways, ports and whatever infrastructure he needs - and then turned around and gave him all the water he wants

for free for his massive mines from our precious Artesian Basin -- David Pascoe.

The 'deal with Adani' as its referred to here means that the people of Queensland will see the money they need for schools, hospitals,, roads, railways etc spent on a favoured project for a mining mate instead - simply because he is short of cash and needs bailing out so he can look after his political mates. If you were not already angry about the brutal abuse of the people of Queensland before you read this - then you will be when you a terminal there to handle the full volume of 60 million tonnes of coal a year that the mine will produce once the ramp-up is complete by 2022. (Photo: Greenpeace) **Business Today:** The picture carries no description, but it doesn't need to: it is the biggest single bet Gautam Adani has ever made - the Abbot Point port terminal in Queensland, about 980 km north of Brisbane, which he bought for nearly \$2 billion in 2011. Another \$1 billion has gone into the Carmichael mine in the remote Galilee Basin, about 400 km inland from Abbot Point, half of it for buying the rights to it in 2010, and the



finish.

Why Gautam Adani is making a bet on Australian coal and how the odds are stacked.

The Abbott Point port: Adani needs to invest about USD 3.5 billion to build a railway line to Abbot Point and to create

To the Editor The Australian, 12th January 2015

Michael Sexton is right to challenge the widespread use of the phrase 'hate speech' as a source of confusion in public debate about intellectual freedom ('Those who say they are Charlie should support changes to 18C', 12/1). This is particularly true of the ongoing campaign against Holocaust revisionists; and to remember that is to note that violent and fanatical Muslims are not the only groups inimical to authentically unshackled free speech.

- -Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Victoria

rest for drilling and exploration since then. Over the next three years, Adani will need to invest at least another \$7 billion - half, \$3.5 billion or so, to get the mine up and ready for first coal; and the rest to build a brand new railway line to Abbot Point and to construct another terminal there to handle the full volume of 60 million tonnes of coal a year that the mine will produce

once the ramp-up is complete by 2022. This is a vertical integration play with a vengeance - Adani will mine the coal in Galilee Basin, transport it on his own railway line to a port in Abbot Point that he owns, and then ship it to his own Indian port from where it will be taken to his own power plants. Two-thirds of the Carmichael coal, or about 40 million tonnes a year, is meant for India, with about half of that intended for Adani's own plants. According to ABC Radio, Australia has never seen anything like this, and neither has India. When the mine is fully ramped up, it will be the biggest in Australia by far (twice the size of the next biggest), and also one of the largest in the world....

As you enter the 25th floor of the imposing 10 Eagle Street building on Brisbane's Golden Triangle business district, there is little to suggest that this is the nerve centre of one of the biggest projects ever undertaken by an Indian business house and the most globally controversial one as well, in terms of both environmental impact and economic viability. Though it is mid-morning, the foyer and the corridors look empty from the outside except for a back-lit logo that just says 'adani'. You have to ring a bell for a receptionist to appear and press a button to unlock the glass doors. Once inside, there are two things you notice one, a panoramic view of the Brisbane river and the city down below and, to your right, a large picture on the wall, an aerial view of what must a be a port with a very long snout, or trestle. Continue reading here...http:// businesstoday.intoday.in/story/gautamadani-group-australian-coal-mine-

OUR POLICY

- To promote service to the Christian revelation of God, loyalty to the Australian Constitutional Monarchy, and maximum cooperation between subjects of the Crown Commonwealth of Nations.
- To defend the free Society and its institutions private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited decentralized government.
- To promote financial policies, which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities. To oppose all forms of monopoly, either described as public or private.
- To encourage all electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.
- To support all policies genuinely concerned with conser-ving and protecting natural resources, including the soil and environment reflecting natural (God's) laws, against policies of rape and waste.
- To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

HOW SUSCEPTIBLE ARE JOBS TO COMPUTERISATION?

Wallace Klinck writes: This treatise depicts the excruciating and agonizing barren theorizing reminiscent of Jonathan Swift's experiences in *Gulliver's Travels* where his adventures bring him into contact with beings devoted to endless contortions of "reason" without being able to apply the latter to achievement of practical results. This eventually leads Swift to the conclusion that humans are hopeless "Yahoos"; the insanity of which drives Swift himself mad. This story describes a close parallel with the predicament of Social Crediters living in the insane world of today.

The question is: How long can we preserve our own sanity in the existing environment? Will we succumb or survive to overcome the established lunacy?

The authors of this recent Oxford Universitysponsored study conclude:

"Our model predicts a truncation in the current trend towards labour market polarisation, with computerisation being principally confined to low-skill and low-wage occupations. Our findings thus imply that as technology races ahead, low-skill workers will reallocate to tasks that are non-susceptible to computerisation – i.e., tasks requiring creative and social intelligence. For workers to win the race, however, they will have to acquire creative and social skills."

Brilliant! Obviously workers displaced by technology must step up the tempo of their work with increasing intensity in an endless competitive race to the end! What end? One thing is certain: This sort of study provides an endless source of "work" for professional economists, financed by the public purse, to engage in endless sophistry leading to nowhere except further into the black labyrinth of despair for the average citizen. This is not to deprecate the intelligence of the authors. Far from it. They demonstrate a prodigious ability to manufacture and manipulate irrelevancies. But as Douglas observed, reason is like a slide-rule and yields results according with the information that is input to it. Garbage in, garbage out.

Starting with the usual mindless assumption that technological displacement of labour is a "problem"; the authors proceed in the usual flawed manner to speculate about the endless ramifications of this supposed problem. They speculate about how we can continue to persist, exist and subsist under the inescapable "Curse of Adam" rather than perceiving that technology provides an opportunity of escape from this onerous imposition of eternal suffering. Whether by sweat of mind or body—we are damned to sweat! The Russian-American economist Wassily Leontieff, writing some years ago in Scientific American, is the only academic in the field that I can recall even approaching reality when he predicted that through technology we are "working our way back into the Garden."

For God's sake, and the sake of humanity, let's stop agonizing about technology-induced "unemployment", recognize it for the magnificent positive opportunity for achieving a leisured and civilized existence that it provides, and encourage it to the limit. What is required is to ensure that its benefits flow to all citizens and that is what Social Credit would accomplish.

Let us not lament the fate of economists, so frequently more concerned to serve their financial benefactors than society at large, who may thereby be cast by cruel fate into becoming citizens of the Leisure State where they can lounge about, speculate, agonize and reminisce on their own time and expense about the problems of the world that was.

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