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# Thought for the Week

"For, if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?" - I Corinthians, 14:8 "The more things change, the more they stay the same," - Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

### THIRTY YEARS AGO SOME PEOPLE ALREADY UNDERSTOOD THE ISSUES THESE ARE MATTERS THAT TOUCH FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

The Conservatives in the UK are talking about a Bill of Rights for the British people – and ditching the Human Rights legislation. In this 2015th year of our Lord, it would be well for the British people to be quite clear in their own minds as to the fundamental philosophical/legal difference between the 20th century Human Rights Act and their own system of Common Law built up over the centuries.

A Bill of Rights was being 'floated' thirty years ago and Australians were warned about the modern concept. This extract below is from an article which appeared in *The Chronicle* (Toowoomba) on November 16th, 1985, by journalist, Richard Standley:

".... No matter how benign and lenient a government may appear to be, the fact remains that because the government legislates on rights and defines or limits them the government takes to itself the power to alter the rights of the individual. While governments today may say, 'We will never do that', the Bill of Rights gives it the power to do so under section 13. Where the Government gives, the government can take away. The Bill undermines the Constitution. Because of the Franklin Dam decision, the Commonwealth Government, under Section 51 of the Constitution. The Bill of Rights is based on an International Covenant, and the High Court has given it the power to over ride any section of any part of the Constitution it feels it needs to in pursuit of its legislative goals. Governments of all persuasions are linked to the Bill of Rights. The Fraser Coalition adopted the United Nations Covenant, which has laid the groundwork for the Bill, and has left it to the Labor Government to put through Parliament. In effect, the Bill of Rights merely outlines rights and freedoms, which have already existed as a matter of course in Australia. At the same time, it allows the Government to delineate what are, or are not rights; by-pass the legal system; take to itself powers under the Constitution which it legally is not allowed to take; and provide the way to determine in the future what freedoms we may or may not enjoy.

The question all Australians should be asking is: "are we prepared to give the Government power which in the past we have refused to give when it has asked?"

These are not political matters. They are not matters, which are limited to partisan politics. They cross over all party boundaries and touch fundamental rights, which we have always had. History records that where governments have fiddled with human rights without popular approval, denial of human rights has followed.

Are Australia's political parties opening a Pandora's Box, which one-day may lead to revolution or civil unrest? While now that may seem far fetched, historians will tell you that it can happen because it has happened before."

Ref: http://www.alor.org/Volume21/Vol21No44.htm

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/what-is-the-human-rights-act-and-why-does-michael-gove-want-to-scrap-it-10240527.html

#### FEAR PORN AT THE BBC No longer simply "managed news" by Ian Greenhalgh

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I happened to catch a snippet of the BBC News on TV today, a rare occasion for me as I pretty much gave up watching the TV News months ago. As a friend of mine wittily observed, they should rename it 'The Bad News' as there's never anything positive on it. A cynical person might suspect this was a deliberate ploy by 'Auntie Beeb' intended to sow fear and loathing of 'ISIS' among the British sheeple.

The segment I watched was a report on the current situation in the Syrian War; the talking head 'expert' was an ex-British Army officer and he laid out an extremely gloomy picture. To summarise his key points:

• ISIS didn't capture Ramadi, they

simply walked into the place after the Iraqis ran away.

• The Iraqi Army at Ramadi was 3,000 strong and well-equipped with US hardware but they ran away from '250 local tribesman under the black flag of ISIS'.

• The Iraqi Army is worse than useless because they have kicked out all the UStrained officers and instead 'hired their friends'.

• ISIS have an almost free hand to strike wherever they wish, whenever they wish, throughout Syria and Northern Iraq The Syrian Army has lost the will to fight.

Oh dear, things really are looking bad for Syria and Iraq; their armies are a joke and ISIS is running rampant. Or so the BBC would have us believe. Luckily, we don't have to take the BBC's word as gospel, we can ask our friends on the ground in Syria and Iraq just what is happening and I did just that.

I began by asking about Ramadi and what really had happened there in order for ISIS to be able to capture the town. The burden of guilt has been placed squarely on the heads of the Iraqi defenders; the BBC telling us they simply downed tools and ran away. However, what they failed to mention was the involvement of the USA who strongly 'suggested' to the Iraqi leadership that no Shi-ite reinforcements be sent to Ramadi as they might be loyal to Iran (a Shia nation). This lack of reinforcements caused the troops in Ramadi to be overrun.

Of course, this humiliating defeat could have been averted if US air strikes had been carried out. We are told by the mainstream media that the capture of Ramadi took place 'despite overwhelming US air power'; this is a blatant lie – no US air strikes took place and the 7 strikes carried out by the Iraqi air force are being labelled 'coalition' with the bogus claim that they were flown by US pilots. The sad truth of the matter is the US did nothing to prevent the fall of Ramadi; in fact, US pressure contributed to the defeat. However, all is far from doom and gloom; while ISIS have been enjoying success in Iraq, at the same time they lost a key battle in Idlib province of northwest Svria.

#### Ref: http://www.veteranstoday.com/2015/05/22/fear-porn-at-the-bbc/

# MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA'S INNER PARADOXES

#### **By Richard Miller**

Remember Professor Blainey's claim that multiculturalism will turn Australia into a "nation of tribes"? Well it has happened. Here is an informative paragraph from an otherwise mainstream article, "Coming Together Over Our Cultural Diversities", The Australian, May 19, 2015, p.8: "It is among the great paradoxes of a modern, multicultural Australia: in some of the most diverse electorates in the nation, young people are growing up in local pockets of monoculturalism. While public discussions of racism and prejudice centre on the dominant white Anglo culture's exclusion of minorities, the real picture in the ethnically and religiously diverse suburbs of Australia's biggest cities is much more complex". No. it isn't. Many suburbs have been transformed into ethnic enclaves because too many people have been crammed into Australia to make money for the capitalists in the retail and real estate industries. Consequently young, unemployed people in these enclaves are open to "religious radicalisation" and becoming home-grown terrorists. However the multicultural elites still slam white Anglo Australia for "racism". From the beginning it has all been about Anglo Australian dispossession, using the guilt of the "racism" cult. What a pity freedom movement types didn't spend more time in the 1970s even the 1940s - mobilising to prepare the infrastructure to fight this. One struggles to find even a passing mention of the problems which we now face in the literature of the past which is now celebrated.

## WILL FREE TRADE MAKE OUR COWS MADDER THAN OVERSEAS COWS?

#### **By James Reed**

The ever-excited elites and vile capitalist class are charging away every day with free trade. The Trans-Pacific Partnership trade talks are underway. There are fears that Australia's cattle herds - and people - may contact mad cow disease, if the US succeeds in pressuring Australia to relax it's biosecurity laws. Do so and Australia gets to flog off some of its sugar. In seeming oblivion to what is going on, politicians have said that TPP talks will not lead to US beef coming into Australia because of bio-security laws. Excuse me Mr Stone Deaf, but it is those very bio-security laws which are now under threat for a spoonful of sugar to make the free trade medicine go down.

### THE AUSTRALIAN PRESENTS A MOSCOW SYMPHONY

By E. D. Butler 23 July 1965

#### Those who doubt that the "capitalist" press often advances the Communist cause, are invited to examine the Literary Section of *The Australian* on July 17 (1965). This was a mass rendition of the Socialist theme that could almost be described as the Moscow Symphony.

Editor Walter Kommer, or his standin, set the beat with praise for the new Commonwealth Secretariat. Dismissing Sir Robert Menzies as an old man, nostalgic for the past, he expressed the hope that this new body would assume directive powers and transfer the Commonwealth axis from London "Eastwards to the new nations". Amen to that, chant the Fabian Socialists and Communists whose common aim is to destroy British unity.

Most of the rest of the page is taken up with Part 1 of "To Siberia with Love" by Stuart Lovry. This is a careful whitewash of the Soviet regime presented as an unbiased record. Robert Duffield takes up the same Communist theme in his review of the Dag Hammerskjold Memorial Lectures. Making no great effort to conceal his Communist sympathies, Duffield uses the review to play a sobbing vibrato, which deplores the declining respect for the UN, and to plead for the civilised world to surrender its powers to a police state. He distorts history a little in his desire to present the UN is a less alarming

colour than bright red. Mr. Graham Williams then takes a third of a page to do a public relations job on visiting Negro Minister, the Rev. James Lawson. This American "Civil Rights" agitator with a long string of Communist affiliations, was expelled from Tennessee University because of his Communist leanings. Williams admits this but says that it was the result of a smear campaign. The truth of the matter can best be judged by reference to the views of the Rev. Lawson. He expresses hatred of the American, and contempt for the Australian intervention in Vietnam, while making clear his sympathy for the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Communist Government. In Saigon, which he has just visited, he expressed annoyance at finding Christian Churchmen opposed to Communism and having to seek fellow souls among the Buddhists. So much for the victim of a "smear campaign".

Eugene Kamenka plays a small trumpet solo over Fabian Socialist Bertrand Russell's book, "German Social Democracy". Apart from a few minor criticisms, which occur even in the closest families, he leaves no doubt about his approval of the Socialist outlook.

The final chords are augmented with the plaintive notes of Gordon Hawkins reviewing Rebecca West's book, "The Meaning of Treason". He cannot decide whether he likes the book or not. He approves West's exalting of Christine Keeler the prostitute and Dr. Ward of the Profumo political scandal. On the other hand he is opposed to her condemnation of Fuchs the traitor who sold atomic information to the Russians. He defends the actions of Fuchs - with whom he claims acquaintance - as those of a man obeying his conscience. That Fuchs acted as an agent of a power pledged to the destruction of his country is disregarded.

This little collection from one issue of *The Australian*, all supporting the general Communist line, provides a striking evidence of the role of Australia's first national newspaper in advancing the revolutionary cause.

### Ref: http://alor.org/Volume1/Vol1No25.htm

# STOP THE BOATS TO STOP 'CAMP OF THE SAINTS'

**By James Reed** 

Although Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand have faced "international outrage" by turning away the latest batch of asylum seekers, Rohingya migrants from Myanmar, and the EU may finally get some backbone and adopt an Australian-style offshore processing operation, the internationalist may well win. Already Indonesia and Malaysia have fallen to "international pressure", offering shelter to thousands of boat people. The Indonesian Navy had tried to block the boats that fishermen helped them reach Indonesia. They all will not stay there but will soon be off to

#### Australia.

Overall the thousands of migrants who come as "asylum seekers" is a drop in the ocean compared to the hundreds of thousands of "legal" migrants who come to Australia via planes and the international students - again hundreds of thousands. A recent article splashed on the front page of the Adelaide paper *The Advertiser* "Gold Mind: Foreign Students Want to Stay" (May 18, 2015, pp.1,6) told us that about half of all foreign students want to stay, and Big Business is eager for this to boost population and meet the internal, imaginary "skills shortage". This is likely to be the same in my city, Melbourne and other capital cities. It is interesting to note that in Britain every ethnic group, according to a study by Migration Watch, wants lower levels of migration, where 79% of respondents want immigration levels reduced. That includes 60% of Asians and 57% of Blacks. 32% of Blacks and 38% of Asians want large reductions. At present Australians are passively accepting their fate of ethno-racial, ecological and social destruction brought about by mass migration. Camp of the Saints is just around the corner.

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## THE HEAD OF THE GRU ACCUSES US AND ALLIES OF CREATING THE TRANSNATIONAL "ISLAMIST" TERRORIST NETWORK

Colonel-General Igor Sergun, Head of the Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Russia.

#### "Hot Points" of the Global Fight with Terrorism "

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen. One of the most dangerous challenges of the current times is presented by the international terrorism, which is rapidly acquiring a political nature and is being turned into a real force, striving to come to power in certain countries. We are witnessing a steady trend towards globalization of activities of extremist organizations. This includes a wide geographic spread, strengthening of the interaction between previously disparate groups, as well as swift adaptation to situational changes. Among international terrorist organizations, the role of radical Islamists is increasing. Their leaders are developing collaboration and seek to create zones of instability, which include not only countries but entire regions.

The "Terrorist International" under creation aims at restoration through military force the "Great Caliphate" within the borders encompassing the Middle East, the Caucasus, Northern Africa and Iberian Peninsula. A campaign for formation of the united front of the "Global Jihad" was announced, with the aim of conducting armed struggle against the "main enemies of Islam", represented by the USA, Western European countries, Russia and Muslim countries with the secular governments.

Currently, terrorism presents the greatest threat for Iraq, Syria, Libya and

Afghanistan, where Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Al-Qaeda, Jabhat al-

Nusra, Islamic Taliban Movement and other radical groups are active...

...It is no secret that it was at the instigation of Western 'partners' that since the 1980s, Islamic

# extremism was rapidly gaining momentum.

To counter the Soviet troops in Afghanistan, there was heavy arming – with the funds from the United States of America and other NATO states – of scattered groups of Jihadists and Mujahideen who subsequently merged into major terrorist groups and movements.

With financial and military assistance from Washington and its allies, rendered in order to eliminate the regime in Syria, unwanted by the West, the 'Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant' and 'Jabhat al-Nusra' were created.

Military intervention in Libya by the Alliance entailed similar results.

Ref: http://thesaker.is/the-head-of-the-gru-accuses-us-and-allies-of-creating-the-transnational-islamist-terrorist-network/ **The following links are highly recommended...** 

http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Pg.-291-Pgs.-287-293-JW-v-DOD-and-State-14-812-DOD-Release-2015-04-10-final-version11.pdf

http://sputniknews.com/columnists/20150526/1022569087.html

http://newsvoice.se/2015/05/27/swedish-politician-us-is-the-cause-of-refugees-from-the-middle-east/

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/05/27/rand-paul-isis n 7452802.html

http://www.realjewnews.com/?p=1034

# BRICS TRAMPLE US IN SOUTH AMERICA By Pepe Escobar

#### May 23, 2015 "Information Clearing House"

It started in April with a rash of deals between Argentina and Russia during President Cristina Kirchner's visit to Moscow. And it continues with a \$53 billion investment bang as Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visits Brazil during the first stop of yet another South American commercial offensive – complete with a sweet metaphor: Li riding on a made in China subway train that will ply a new metro line in Rio de Janeiro ahead of the 2016 Olympics.

Where is the US in all this? Nowhere; little by little, yet inexorably, BRICS members China – and in a smaller measure, Russia - have been no less than restructuring commerce and infrastructure all across Latin America.

Ref: http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/ article41953.htm

# A COLOUR REVOLUTION FOR MACEDONIA

#### By Paul Craig Roberts. "Information Clearing House"

During the Cold War Washington was concerned about communists fomenting street protests that they could turn into revolutions, with groomed politicians waiting in the wings to take over the new government, thus expanding the Soviet empire. Today this is precisely what Washington does.

We recently witnessed this operation in Ukraine and now it seems to be underway in Macedonia.

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) was established in 1983. The official purpose is to promote democracy abroad. The real purpose was to create dissension in Soviet Eastern Europe. Today the NED uses our tax money to overthrow governments not aligned with Washington.

The NED funds non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in countries targeted by Washington for political destabilization. These NGOs operate under such rubrics as "teaching democracy" and "human rights." The NGOs develop cadres consisting of idealistic students and disgruntled politicians and set them against the existing government whose independence Washington wishes to curtail. The idealistic students are simply dupes, and the disgruntled politicians simply desire power in office and will serve Washington in order to get it.

Ref: http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article41963.htm

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS PEN LETTER TO GOVERNMENT PUSHING AMBITIOUS POST-2020 EMISSIONS CUTS By Jake Sturmer

Religious leaders across Australia pen a letter to federal politicians pushing for "robust policies" to tackle climate change with the country's most senior Anglican Church official saying he believes politicians may have "misread" the mood for strong action.



The religious leaders are pushing for an emissions cut of 40 per cent from 1990 levels by 2025 and 80 per cent by 2030

Australia's most senior Anglican Church official believes politicians may have "misread" the mood for strong action to tackle climate change. Anglican Primate Philip Freier is among several religious leaders who have penned a letter to the Government and Opposition urging them to adopt ambitious post-2020 emissions cuts.

"We are pleased to see the Government acknowledges the importance of Australia contributing to a strong and effective global agreement in Paris," the letter to the Government read. "However this needs to be matched by robust policies".... ... The Catholic Church is also taking the threat of climate change seriously. Later this year, Pope Francis will release an encyclical on ecology addressing climate change, other abuses of the environment and their impact on the poor.

The encyclical's release is intended to influence international negotiations on emissions reductions being held at the end of the year in Paris, and will occur before he delivers an address to world leaders at the United Nations in September that will emphasise the urgent need for agreement and action.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-05-01/church-of-england-divests-investments-to-curb-climate-change/6437174 Church of England sells off \$23 million of investments in fossil fuel to help curb climate change One of the world's wealthiest religious institutions, the Church of England, says it has divested about \$18 million in investments in thermal coal tar sands companies to promote a transition to a low-carbon economy......In addition, the church's three national investing bodies said it would increase their low-carbon INVESTMENTS (ed).

Ref: http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/2015-05-27/climate-change-religious-leaders-pen-letter-to-government-pushing-ambitious-post2020-emissions-cuts/1451960

# THE JOY OF HOMELESSNESS AND SLEEPING ROUGH

by John Steele and "Mad Max" Uncle Len

Hello there ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. This contribution from Uncle Len the homeless and dispossessed is coauthored with rugged individualist and exarmy man, John Steele. The paper arose by sending each other letters, although smoke signals may have been quicker. And after exchanging letters we found that we didn't have much to say. But one thing we share is the capacity to survive without a home. John Steele lives in a tent in the Victorian scrub and can supplement his diet with bush tucker. Uncle Len lives in a friend's shed with the dust and cockroaches. Both living arrangements are better than most of our homeless who just crash on the cement, outside shops etc. Not good, too vulnerable to the police. As well, punks could drop a brick on your head. Trust us: that is not good either! As Anglo-Saxon Australians are on the road to dispossession and homelessness take a tip from us: get a good synthetic sleeping bag, a tent or swag. All this can be got for a few hundred dollars new and much less second-hand. The world is then your home and you can take to the scrub to live and avoid the dangers of the city. Homelessness need not be the end of the world: it could be a new beginning. Both of us in our own ways are taking is easy, "watching the wheels" fall off of the world. We consider ourselves the intellectual Vanguard of the coming apocalyptic future which will make Mad Max: Fury Road (or what should be called Mad Max: Feminist Road) look like 50 Shades of Grey. (Neither of us see movies but from odd bits of newspaper we are vaguely aware of the contents. Uncle Len is vaguely aware of most things, in a vague kinda way).

# **GREECE WANTS 'VIABLE SOLUTION' TO DEBT CRISIS, NOT ANOTHER DEAL**

"We demand of our European partners a viable solution to our country's debt problem, not another useless agreement," Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said at a meeting of his party, Syriza. He said that his government would not budge in the talks "if the partners keep putting forward baseless demands." Tsipras warned that "most of the

Under the heading "Mao Has Given the Churches a Lesson," The

Australian 25th June, reported the remarks of Dr. E.F. Carpenter

given in an address to Sydney University students. Dr. Carpenter

is the Archdeacon of Westminster visiting Australia to give us the benefit of his wisdom and advice. Dr. Carpenter is a member of

saying: "If he were in China today he would almost certainly be

Judging by his later remarks we have no doubt at all that he

He was utterly opposed to the concept of complete conflict -"Christ or Communism". His admiration of China stemmed from

the view that "Communism there is the one dynamic force which

If forced labour, collective farming - so efficient they are forced

to import increasing quantities of grain from the West - enforced

the "new morality" school of thought advocated by John Robinson the Bishop of Woolwich. The Doctor was reported as

caught up in Communism."

is solving social problems."

would.

country's population cannot bear new austerity measures." Greece and international lenders are expected to finalize a new plan of financial assistance to Athens. The current austerity program lasts until the end of June, and the new plan could extend it until the end of the year.

Ref: http://rt.com/news/line/2015-05-23/#88289

# A BEFUDDLED CLERIC By E. D. Butler 2 July 1965

indoctrination through Communist schooling, is the Doctor's idea of solving social problems then he is far removed from the social teaching of Jesus Christ.

Christ taught the simple uncompromising doctrine of "Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these shall be added unto you." Lenin taught that "Communism will never succeed until the myth of God is removed from the mind of Man."

Jesus taught "You cannot serve God and mammon." It is obvious which god - even mistakenly - the Archdeacon is serving. A pointer as to why may be found in the philosophic roots which spawns the advocates of the "new morality school". John Robinson is a member of the Fabian Society and the Labour Party. The Fabians through their subversion of the educational system have done more damage to the moral and spiritual fibre of the English speaking peoples than any other group.

Ref: http://alor.org/Volume1/Vol1No22.htm http://alor.org/Library/Hawke%20RJ%20-%20Address%20to%20the%20Fabian%20Society%20.html

# ABBOTT'S ATTACK ON WORKING AUSTRALIANS CONTINUES by Richard Miller

Tony Abbott likes little jingoes; first it was "no jab, no play; no jab, no pay". Now he is saying capitalists "try before you buy". No doubt about it, he doesn't hide where he is coming from! The remarks were made regarding his new, even more oppressive "work for the dole" scheme. When Abbott was challenged about his coin of phrase on ABC radio in Adelaide by the interviewer, who said "These are people, not a pair of shoes", he said: "It's a figure of speech, it's a figure of speech and from time to time I've fallen foul of the canons of sensitivities and I'll try my best not to".

On the contrary, Abbott's "figure of speech" betrays his attitude towards working people who in receiving Newstart will be placed in a business to work for up to 4 weeks with no pay. I call that SLAVERY. For Abbott this is "work experience" for the unemployed and the capitalists get it at "no cost". Yes, then the worker is tossed away and another slave obtained.

I use "capitalist" deliberately because I am tired of the Marxists dominating the field with their so-called concern for workers' rights. Social credit should see itself as much better placed to serve working peoples' rights because reforms such as the social dividend will eliminate the ethos of treating people like a pair of shoes.

Work-for-the-dole is being expanded to include unemployed people over 50; as well Australia has the lowest unemployment payment in the Western world, and has not been increased in real terms for over two decades. This is fertile ground for social credit, but we need young people to get out on the "streets" to spread the good word.

# TO THE EDITOR of The Australian 20th May 2015

Your front-page report of a meeting of 'more than 40 indigenous leaders' in Broome ('Leaders unite to finish the land rights battle', 20/5) causes concern that a semi-clandestine separatist movement is under way in Australia, with the 'constitutional recognition' campaign now running in harness with a new 'land rights' demand. Perhaps the Australian people need to rethink their whole approach to Aboriginal issues.

It should be noted that a distinction needs to be made between 'the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples', on the one hand, and individuals of indigenous descent (whole or part) living today. Sympathy for the dispossession of the peoples (an event that cannot be reversed) should not be allowed to confuse the fact that all those of indigenous descent are now Australians who deserve no less but no more special consideration than their fellows. The fact that their ancestors were here first does not alter this reality.

Recognising this will require admission that the Mabo judgement, the promotion of the 'Aboriginal flag' and the artificial custom of 'indigenous welcomes' at public events, as well as other moves, have taken this country in the wrong direction - wrong, that is, unless you really want two separate nations on this continent.

Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic

### **DEBT AND DISTORTION by William Waite**

I would like to expand at a more fundamental level on how the debt-money system distorts reality. In his *Control and Distribution of Production* Douglas begins by distinguishing between what he calls real credit and financial credit:

Real Credit is a correct estimate of the rate, or dynamic capacity at which a community can deliver goods and services as demanded. Financial Credit is ostensibly a device by which this capacity can be drawn upon. It is, however, actually a measure of the rate at which an organisation or individual can deliver money. The money may or may not

represent goods and services.<sup>1</sup> For the majority of people their access to real credit (goods and services) comes through financial credit which is gotten through employment that distributes incomes. It is important to keep in mind that it is the access to the real credit that enlists the cooperation of people in any economy. The pursuit by power for full employment is disingenuous for it knowingly misrepresents the will of people. What they want is goods and services, which means the money to buy them, but conditioning has caused them to express this as the desire for work. This training has also given us the habit of expressing our real credit situation in terms of financial credit language. For instance, the collapse of bee colonies in America is expressed in dollar losses to the Californian almond industry. The implications of colony collapse are dire, and I shouldn't need to say that that assessment has nothing at all to do with loss of cash flow to almond growers. One has to wonder if this sort of statistical reasoning, the conversion of facts into financial figures, is designed to miss the point

If you have a mind of your own and take any notice of the utterances of economists (not two things that naturally go together) you would have to agree that no profession is so deft at missing the point. This is because years of training have provided them with a special sort of antilogic for the conversion of all value into a set amount of currency. If you asked an economist if they enjoyed their dinner they would no doubt apply the formula

'you get what you pay for' as the basis for their felt degree of satisfaction. This kind of new-speak filters down from the financial heights and pervades the reasoning of ordinary people. Conversations about the real wealth of nations proceed in terms of measures of GDP, the balance of trade, trillions, billions, millions and the like. Concern about the threat mining companies present to quality of water in the Artesian Basin is assuaged with glad predictions of a rise in local employment and the sorely needed credit of foreign investment. Says Robertson, Banks create "money" by book entries which are the equivalent of a debt against the community. The specific function of the banking system is the creation of debt, or "negative money"!<sup>2</sup> For the financial elite the nomenclature of negative money is the language of control and the extent to which that language is used is the measure of the reach of that control. Because money is debt created by banks, the reference to real wealth by use of money language legitimises the claim of banks to the ownership of that wealth. The banks are the gatekeepers to our wealth which they, by control over financial credit, claim as theirs. Under these arrangements there can be no economic security because continual application must be made to financial authorities to live.<sup>3</sup> To live we must borrow, that is, commit our future incomes, our wages per hour, to finance. The proper function of the monetary system is as a device for the measurement and distribution of the real wealth. Like a barometer does not determine atmospheric pressure, neither should the money system determine conditions in the real economy. It is a compelling indictment of the present influential position of the money device when Bill Mollison can say, 'Third world debt and western world overproduction are both primary factors in soil collapse.<sup>4</sup>

In Chapter 1 of "Understanding our Economy", economics is described as being 'primarily concerned with activities that are directed towards solving the problem of the *scarcity* of resources.<sup>5</sup> What scarcity? The shops are full and going out of business because they can't sell, not because they can't keep their stock up to demand, and surely the vast advertising industry screaming at us incessantly to consume! consume! is evidence against a condition of scarcity. Observe the waistlines of your countrymen and try to convince yourself there is not enough, and how could the spectacle of unemployment persist in an industrial nation suffering from scarcity, yet every orthodox authority bleats about it continually. Contemplate the potential of one pumpkin seed in the right conditions, and then the number of seeds in every pumpkin. You must conclude that the basic assumption of orthodox economics, to manage scarcity, is quite false.

Material scarcity is a myth, yet there is a scarcity of something. There is a scarcity of positive money in the hands of the community. If distributed properly this positive money would change the situation in two crucial ways. It would enable finance to report the truth about our real wealth and recognise the community as the rightful owners of it. What is required is a revolution of thought that rejects the language of the dismal science and releases the power of individuals in free association to get the results intended, measured in terms of satisfaction. The problem of the New Economics is the problem of conservation and sound management of abundance. That change in thinking might come around as... a spreading awareness of the possibilities of human existence, coupled with a growing sense of the causal nature of the universe, that together inspire, first in individuals, then in communities and entire nations. an entirely new attitude toward life.

The effect of this sudden awareness, this sudden fruition of consciousness, is to produce in the so-called backward areas of the world, all at once, a pervasive and urgent desire for radical change, based on the new insight, startling in its simplicity, that the conditions of life that had seemed immutable *can*, after all, be changed.<sup>6</sup> Economics is not a reflection of reality but the power policy of the financial gatekeepers. On either side of the gate a fence extends a short way into a dense mist of bad language and untried premises. The assumption of approaching people is that the fence completely encircles our real wealth and there is no way to it but through the gate.

Social Credit clears the mist and shows us how short a distance we must go to life more abundant.

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Last year's budget was Hockey's attempt to dismantle the welfare state and end what he called in a 2012

speech in London, "the age of entitlement". That was entitlements for ordinary working Australians, not Big Business.

There is the \$80 billion cut in federal funds to state government health and education services. Cuts in the Family Tax Benefits will be made to low income families - after all, they don't vote liberal. Nor do the students, so there goes education as higher education is deregulated and \$100,000 degrees that will take a lifetime to pay off are here. Talk about taking a mortgage on one's life. Health will be cut \$2 billion. Dental care for children - gone - well the kids don't need teeth anyway. Anything not sold off soon will be. The Australian Rail Track Corporation is set to go. Reflecting on all this, I muse that maybe the extreme US libertarians are right: what do we need a government for at all? Isn't this something that we should privatise as well?

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