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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A genuine counter-offensive by conservatives, demands a challenge to the policy of the credit monopoly. It was Abraham Lincoln who observed that "the power to regulate the currency and credit of a nation" is "the Government's greatest creative opportunity."

ED Butler - "The Achillees Heel of the Conservative Movement"

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POLITICAL CANDIDATE WANTS TO SPREAD THE WORD

In a recent newsletter, a political candidate explains that he wants to "expand the capacity to communicate the conservative message", and make an appeal to "common sense". The author of the letter fails to identify 'what the conservative message is' or 'common sense' to whom? Traditional conservative and traditional labour of the original groupings are a very different breed to the likes of major political party candidates of today. In fact the modern party-endorsed candidate, presenting themselves as 'conservative liberal' or 'traditional labour' are usually nothing more than deceitful party-hacks who play a certain line in order to garnish a particular voting block. Never stepping outside the party box to honestly put the interests of their electorate first. In response to this letter, Wallace Klinck, with some editorial interspersal, have penned the following reply: Dear Sir.

I think that the world has been sufficiently ravaged by 'common sense' which in reality tends to be more like 'mob mentality'. This common sense you refer is inspired by popular legend and mythology, then manipulated and mobilized by internationalist forces seeking centralized world political and economic power, rather than by disciplined and intelligent "thought and policy". In reading your material, one gets a definite impression that you have been drawn 'lock, stock and barrel' into the marxist dialectic 'Left-Right' dichotomy which works toward the destruction of independent sovereign nations. Without addressing the increasingly defective financial system and non- self-liquidating price-system, you fail to answer the real problems facing the world.

The existing financial system was designed to promote the Fabian-Socialist revolutionary policy of centralization of power. Until so-called 'conservatives' and 'traditional labour' understand and effectively respond to this issue, they will forever be engaged in a futile rear-guard battle, forever losing ground to the forces of tyranny. This blindness is exemplified in the continual call for a "balanced budget" - a mathematical impossibility under the existing financial system.

Any person of nominal intelligence should realize that a nation cannot have a balanced budget when it has an increasingly unbalanced price-system. This is a classic example of the folly and stupidity of the exercise of socalled "common sense." Balanced budgets result in credit contraction which throws the economy itself into contraction by making impossible the recovery of industrial costs. The result is proliferating bankruptcy and foreclosure by the banking system upon the real assets of the community.

Labour in South Australia is promoting "Submarines = Jobs". USA demonstrates that its economy survives only by maintaining a continuous state of war with "someone", whoever that unfortunate someone happens to be.

Marxist policy was direct seizure of the means of production. The current banking system, of which you promote by failing to address, marches along the same path, by appropriating the communal capital by claiming ownership of the credit which it creates against the real wealth of the community - which it does not create.

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This is a fraudulent system of legalized counterfeiting and grand larceny for which any ordinary citizen would be incarcerated. Little wonder that the claim has been made that no significant 'Left' revolution has ever been pursued without the direct assistance of International banking interests.

Humans function on various levels of association ranging from the 'individual' to 'society as a whole' and the important issue is whether or not these levels of association are dedicated to their properly designated functions to the maximum advantage of the individuals who comprise that society.

What is required is a financial system that maximizes the

ability of individuals in association to derive increments of satisfaction which redound to the individual so that he or she gets the maximum positive advantage and satisfaction from association.

We require a realistic integration of means and ends in the interest of social and economic stability.

Until 'conservatives' and 'traditional labour' demonstrate that they have a realistic grasp of these financial and economic issues, they cannot expect to be taken seriously, and will continue to fade into oblivion as the State is called upon increasingly to 'rectify' through exercise of centralized administrative power the proliferating problems brought about by the existing revolutionary financial system.

- Wallace Klinck, Canada

THE 'ACHILLES HEEL' OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

It was in 1968 that Eric D. Butler explained the 'Achilles Heel' of the Conservative Movement to Canadian readers in the Canadian Intelligence Service newsletter. The 'Conservative Movement' has been 'going backwards' ever since. Maybe, just maybe, the previously mentioned political candidate will come to grips with the problems outlined in Eric's 1968 paper.

The thrust of the original article has been retained but words such as 'communist' should be replaced with the word 'globalist' as today's readers would then see the 'bigger picture' as it has unfolded over the last fifty or so years. Emphasis has also been added throughout.

Introduction:

The author, Mr Eric D. Butler, spent much of his life directing the attention of 'conservatives' to a weakness in their movement - a failure to understand the realities of finance, and how their ignorance in this field is continuously, and effectively, used to hamstring them. His warnings were ignored, in fact he was vilified and cast in a very bad light by many a so-called 'conservative'.

Mr Butler claimed that no conservative movement can halt the growth of the Welfare State, Socialism, Communism, or Globalisation, until it promotes a change in the basis of credit creation and its control. He warned that centralised credit control is a powerful instrument being used to create a programme of economic and political centralism, leading ultimately to the World State, or to the collapse of civilisation.

"The result of failing to observe such warnings has been that the true conservative has largely been drawn into the dialectical left/right debates designed to obscure the root cause of the present political and economic discontent.

Verbal champions of freedom have often persuaded him to offer his allegiance to alleged 'conservative' or 'Right-wing' political parties, who, while continuing *ON TARGET*

to further the causes of revolution, publicly maintained the pretence of "anti-Socialism." This has produced, as intended by those in charge, the required degeneration in the social morale and credit, issuing in "the sort of irrational and furious discontent which can be channelled into revolutionary violence."

But the famous British historian, Sir Arthur Bryant, in his preface to his excellent "Spirit of Conservatism," maintains that "With the 'malice which the rage of party stirs up in little minds,' the true Conservatism has no part."

In his preface to Sir Arthur's book, Colonel John Buchan describes the true Conservatism:

"It is not an abstract dogma, for it is always close to facts. It is based upon certain fundamental principles, but inside these principles it cultivates a wise opportunism. Above all things, it is a spirit, and the fruits of that spirit are continuity and unity."

But like a rudderless ship, the true conservative movement is powerless to make a constructive contribution towards reversing current trends toward the Socialist World State, without grasping the realities of finance.

ED Butler:

The Achilles heel of the conservative movement everywhere is its failure to grasp the financial and economic realities of the modern industrial age. Conservative principles of limited, decentralised constitutional government; free, competitive enterprise, with expanding freedom for the individual; must continue to be eroded so long as there is no realistic challenge to the basic causes which make increasing centralisation of power in all spheres inevitable. It is a failure to deal with these basic causes which makes defence against the most deadly Globalist tactic - economic warfare - impossible.

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I have read extensively, and with much benefit, from American conservative journals, including those dealing with "Christian economics," but I have yet to read one article indicating a clear grasp of how the finance-economic system actually works. I have read many excellent articles on the importance of the consumer control of production through the "money vote", but no examination of where or how these "money votes" originate, and whether modern industry automatically distributes sufficient to meet the total prices of the goods produced by industry.

I have studied articles on the astronomical private and public debt structure, but those conservatives deploring this, and rightly so, appear to be ignorant of the fact that without an alternative to a progressive expansion of the community's money supply through progressive debt, the American economy, like every other modern economy, would collapse in complete chaos. No alternatives for expanding purchasing power without debt are offered.

It is true that some conservatives make references in general terms to the necessity of Congress exercising its "constitutional right to control currency and credit," with attacks on the Federal Reserve system, while some of the more informed, like Mr Gary Allen in the John Birch monthly, 'American Opinion', of May, 1968, name the figures associated with the international financial firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Company, and stress the nexus between these international financiers and International Communism. But there is no analysis of the mechanics of credit creation and issue through the banking system, and the enormous power exerted over a nations credit - its productive capacity - by those creating financial credit against this real credit.

Inflation is correctly described as an immoral and socially destructive development; but generally by specific reference or by inference, it is stated that inflation is caused by "excessive wage demands." As with most increased taxation, increased wages must be charged into costs by industry and reflected in higher prices to the consumer, but the basic cause of inflation is the prevailing concept of expanding financial credit.

Generally speaking, demands for wage increases are an attempt to sustain the eroded purchasing power of the dollar.

Because Socialist economists are familiar with the mechanics of credit creation and issue, they are in a strong position to use the credit system to produce increasing friction through inflation, which they can then exploit. Until their conservative opponents make themselves familiar with this subject, they will always be on the defensive, with many of them making statements which, without being offensive, can only be termed dangerous nonsense.

I find it embarrassing to read of conservatives attempting to argue that the expansion of financial credit in a modern, rapidly expanding industrial society, should be related in any way to the rate at which a comparatively rare metal, gold, can be mined.

Does anyone really believe that if the U.S.A. suddenly lost all its gold, that the American people would be unable to make use of their vast natural resources, operate their advanced technology, and provide themselves with the consumer goods they desire? The question has only to be asked to see how silly it is.

But someone will immediately raise the question of international trade and the "favourable balance of trade." In a report issued on May 29, 1942, the London Chamber of Commerce observed:

"It is an obvious absurdity that nations should regard it as necessary to export their real wealth, not for the purpose of paying for imports, but in order to solve their domestic unemployment problem by passing it on to other countries. Exports with this end in view are nothing more nor less than an excuse for distributing wages to people who otherwise would be unemployed."

The Chamber submitted that "international trade must now be raised to its true function: that is, nothing more nor less than an exchange of goods and services of a mutually advantageous character."

This was realism from a group of the world's most experienced businessmen, who also observed that the manipulation of exchange rates stems basically from the drive to obtain a "favourable balance of trade." It is elementary that not all nations can have a "favourable balance of trade"; if some have this "favourable balance," then others must have an unfavourable balance.

The Communist Empire is not over-interested in the fact that it has an unfavourable balance of trade with the Western Nations. Long-term financial credits extended to the Communist Empire simply mean that the production system of Western nations is put to work to provide urgently required production for the Communists. The credits are, of course, distributed in the nations producing and exporting the production and help to maintain domestic purchasing power. From a realistic point of view, the Communists gain and the exporting nations lose. Exactly the same process takes place with "foreign aid" programmes and the financing of underdeveloped nations.

It is to the credit of many American conservatives that they are opposing exports to their deadly enemies, and "foreign aid" and various types of loans (most of which will never be repaid) to countries which either waste the assistance, or use it to implement Socialist dictatorships.

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But under present financial policies, there is tremendous resistance to stopping foreign loans, and other forms of "foreign aid," because in the absence of a constructive alternative, large numbers who obtain financial returns through these activities are going to suffer.

Remember what happened in the 1960s?

Like Canadian and Australian wheatgrowers, who in recent years have been exporting much of their production to Red China, American wheatgrowers whose wheat has been exported to the Soviet Union are not Communists. But so long as they receive purchasing power from this exporting, and are provided with no real alternatives for achieving a financial income, they are going to rationalise the truth that they are working for the Communists. They are ready victims for the subtle propaganda line that "trade leads to better understanding."

The primary cause of striving for a "favourable balance of trade" is a chronic deficiency in the flow of purchasing power, becoming progressively more acute in industrial nations as they move further along the road of semi-automatic production, using solar energy. (Now fully-automatic technological production...ed)

Most conservative criticism of the Fabian Socialists and the financial and economic policies of the Fabian Socialist Keynes, ignores the fact that because Keynes and his followers grasped the flaw in the finance-distributive mechanism in the "capitalist" system, they have been able to exploit this successfully to advance their own policies.

Reviewing William Buckley's book "The Jeweller's Eye" in the Toronto "Telegram" of August 3, 1968, Socialist Earl Berger makes the following pertinent comment: "He (Buckley) is distressed about the growth of the welfare state, but does not examine the failings of the free enterprise system which make the growth of a socialist support system necessary."

Until the conservatives can answer this type of comment realistically, they are always going to be on the defensive. The drive for export markets, "foreign aid" programmes, including long-term credits, increased domestic spending by governments on capital works, Welfare State schemes, instalment buying of consumer goods, are all simply methods used to overcome the deficiency of purchasing power.

Influenced by the writing on "Imperialism" by the early Fabian socialist, J.A. Hobson, Lenin grasped the implications of the "Capitalist" nations attempting to make their domestic economies work through a "favourable balance of trade."

He predicted that the "deaf mutes" would "fling wide open their doors, through the emissaries of the Comintern and Party Intelligence agencies, will quickly infiltrate into these countries disguised as our diplomatic representatives ... Capitalists the world over and their governments will, in their desire to win the Soviet market, shut their eyes to the above-mentioned activities..."

Lenin predicted that the "capitalists" "will furnish credits...they will be labouring to prepare their own suicide." **Subsequent history has dramatically confirmed the Lenin prediction.**

The economic realities of export drives are generally not understood because of ignorance about finance. It is a thought-provoking fact that one of America's biggest export drives was during the Second World War; much of the nation's economy was geared to a flood of war production, all designed to "export" instruments of destruction against the Germans, Italians and Japanese.

So vast was America's productive capacity that although millions were in the armed services, being fed, clothed and paid, with millions more devoted to producing "exports" to pour against the military enemy, the average real standard of living in America was higher at the end of the war than it was at the beginning.

From a realistic economic point of view, the colossal military "export" drive was sheer economic loss. But it did accomplish what Roosevelt's Socialist New Deal had been unable to achieve before 1939, primarily because a much greater volume of new financial credit was created and spent into circulation via tremendous war production and the payments of millions of servicemen.

One of the disasters of the Second World War was that it conditioned people in America and other non-Communist nations, to accept the Socialist teaching that their economies could only work with increasing expansion of purchasing power through Government, or Government-sponsored projects, and the Welfare State.

Two American economists have been reported as arguing that even if elaborate space projects have little other real-use, they do provide an unlimited export market into space, thus assisting the American economy to work.

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The essence of Fabian Socialist financial policy, which has the support of the big international financial groups, is that financial credit is created and distributed through sophisticated forms of economic sabotage, including exports to the Communist empire to prevent it from collapsing, with increasing control of the individual through economic centralisation, this being used to justify political centralisation.

High taxation, including that most insidious form known as inflation, and death duties are used to ensure

that no one can obtain genuine independence. Those who complain are asked do they want as the alternative another Great Depression, which it is taught was the result of "uncontrolled free enterprise," "trade cycles" and, of course, "the wicked profit motive."

If conservatives are going to counter the Socialist brainwashing of the past 50 years, they will have to start with an explanation of what really happened in 1929, (great depression-ed) and stop perpetuating some of the myths some conservatives accept.

Mr Butler continues with the Social Credit answer...MAN - HEIR AND STEWARD

No reversal of current developments is possible without reversing and modifying the financial policies which have been such a powerful instrument in the hands of the power-lusters.

The true conservative knows how important is the past. As the young French-Canadian mystic, Simone Weil, so beautifully expressed it in "The Need For Roots": "We possess no other living sap, than the treasures stored up from the past and digested, assimilated and created afresh by us."

A genuinely conservative approach to life requires humility, to accept the fact that man is not self-sufficient. It is surprising how many conservatives will accept this truth concerning some subjects, but reject it in the field of economics.

Far too many conservatives create the impression that their concept of "rugged individualism" is a type of free-for-all where the self-made man succeeds and the weak go to the wall.

The truth is that no man is self-sufficient today in the field of economic endeavour. Even those pioneering on some of the world's remaining frontiers are making use of machinery and technical assistance which comes from co-operative industrial societies, themselves the heirs to a thousand years of amassed industrial arts.

The creative conservative of the Twenty First Century must take a new look at economics if he is to meet the Globalist challenge. Some proper humility is a pre-requisite.

The following are basic truths which must be accepted in evolving a policy which will enable the best of our civilisation to be preserved and developed along the lines of a genuinely conservative and co-operative society, one in which the creative initiative of every individual can find expression:

1. What might be described as man's basic capital consists of vast natural resources, including the soil. Growth is impossible without sunshine, rain and fresh air.

All this is a gift from God. It is not produced by man's work. Labour does not produce all wealth as the Socialist and Communist once claimed.

2. The use of basic capital requires production capital. This has been developed at an ever-accelerating rate because each new generation is the heir to the accumulated knowledge of the past, which is part of man's cultural heritage. Without this knowledge, man would still be subsisting at a primitive level without even knowing about the wheel.

It is more correct to describe man as a discoverer than an inventor. The truth concerning what is termed the "mechanical advantage" was DISCOVERED, not created, by the man who first used a lever to lift a much greater weight than he could with only his own muscular energy. This and other truths are also a gift from God.

The Indians watched the flow of water over the Niagara Falls for centuries, without realising that here was an enormous source of power which could be harnessed to serve the individual. Present-day North Americans use this power, not because of greater physical ability than the Indians, but because they are heirs to knowledge passed on to them by previous generations. Automatic technological machinery driven by solar energy, computers, machines making machines, with human labour as such now a minor factor, are the results of the cultural heritage.

3. Both morally, and realistically, the individual is entitled to a share in the benefits possible because of the application of the cultural heritage to basic capital. But although the cultural heritage, like basic capital, must be regarded as a community heritage, in order that this heritage is preserved, extended and in the most competent and responsible manner on behalf of the individual, private ownership is essential. In a free-enterprise society, private owners should be a group of producing aristocrats, proud of their responsibilities and the opportunity to develop their various skills, serving a democracy of consumers.

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4. As the "money vote" and price system is the most flexible mechanism through which the individual can exercise effective control over how his heritage is to be developed, it is the legitimate function of Government to ensure that the volume of community purchasing power AUTOMATICALLY reflects economic realities. The proper level of water in a cattle drinking trough is automatically adjusted by a ball-valve and the amount of water consumed by the cattle. The actual mechanics necessary to place individuals in control of their own credit, is one for appropriate experts to create. No change in the ownership or administration of the private banks is necessary.

C.H. Douglas predicted in 1924 that unless control of the community's credit were decentralised into the hands of it's individual members, and the economic system re-oriented away from the direction in which it was being forced by those monopolising the control of financial

Everyone's complaining about job offshoring. But the more we complain the more our jobs pack up and leave town. Even America's favorite cookie, Oreo cookies, will soon be "Made In Mexico."

Trump wants to stop that trend

But it won't help 40 million college grads already deep in debt to student loans. The demand for high-tech jobs is being gobbled up by imported workers on H1b visas and our college grads get the shaft. Blue-collar manufacturing won't come back anytime soon either. People like their cheap goods...and that keeps China and Mexico in business. And besides, Jewish Wall Street that underwrites corporate stocks won't allow 'Made in the USA.'

But there is a way out! Ron Paul said it: "End The Fed." And I say, let the government issue the money, not Jews who gouge us with interest. That takes their profit angle away and ushers in a framework for prosperity. Here's how it works. It's called the "Chicago Plan" for Monetary Reform. The government takes over the Fed, issues its own money, and funds the rebuilding of infrastructure, creating lots of jobs.

Next, the Chicago Plan gives low-interest loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs, helping local economies grow. Then it helps college grads by refinancing their student loans at low interest. But don't stop there. A free market is fostered where colleges will be competitive again resulting in lower tuition fees.

An entrepreneur-charged America where our grads are debt-free is the first step in unshackling our stifled economy. Let the people help themselves. But they're being stifled in so many ways.

Monetary Reform is the mother of all reform.

Without it, with your MBA and all, you'll still be flipping burgers at McDonalds.

credit, that there would come a time "well within the lives of the present generation" when "the blind forces of destruction will appear to be in the ascendant... There is, at the moment, no party, group, or individual possessing at once the power, the knowledge, and the will, which would transmute the growing social unrest and resentment (now chiefly marshalled under the crudities of Socialism and Communism) into a constructive effort for the regeneration of Society we are merely witnesses to a succession of rear-guard actions on the part of the so-called conservative elements of Society, elements which themselves seem incapable or undesirous of genuine initiative; a process which can only result, like all rear-guard actions, in a successive, if not successful retreat on the part of the forces attacked. While this process is alone active, there seems to be no

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WHAT IF OUR JOBS DON'T COME BACK? by Brother Nathanael Kapner

Wally Klinck Responds:

sound justification for optimism.

The purpose of a rational economy is not to create work or "jobs" but rather to produce desired or required goods and services for humans with absolute maximum efficiency. This requires the displacement of labour as a cost factor of production with automated process and artificial intelligence. If we could achieve a ninety per cent unemployment rate we could be proud of making a marvellous achievement. In the days of Merry England, the people are said to have enjoyed about 150 holidays per year and worked only a few weeks per year to provide their essential needs. At that time Christian spirituality influenced society unlike today's society which is enslaved to a materialist work-state condemned to increasingly phrenetic activity merely to service escalating fraudulent financial debt. The Chicago plan had the fatal flaw of placing all money creation in the hands of the State. Civilization flourishes on the widespread release and exercise of individual creativity and initiative. The monetization of resources for production must be available widely if creativity is to be encouraged. The Communist policy of centralized control of credit simultaneously controlled and limited initiative only to State-sanctioned functions. This severely damaged the real credit, i.e. ability of a society to produce and deliver goods and services for consumer satisfaction.

All new production should be financed by new credits which should be available for any venture supported by a viable business plan. Anything physically possible should be eligible for funding by the State for public infrastructure and by new credits issued via private funding for any private production venture. No capital works should be funded from savings because all savings have been acquired from expenditure of businesses

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(continued from previous page) and they constitute a cost which must be recovered in prices from ultimate sales of product. If savings are used for new production this creates new production with additional costs and prices while old costs are left unliquidated. One amount of money cannot liquidate two sets of financial costs and when one set is liquidated the money which is collected through sales is cancelled as purchasing-power when the original business loan is paid off. Money is created for production and cancelled on consumption. In the modern economy "money" is simply accountancy.

Under no circumstances should any production program, public or private, be initiated with the objective of creating work, i.e., "jobs". Industry should aim for maximum efficiency and this entails minimizing human input as a factor of production. Any attempt to conduct production by deliberately creating additional costs is economic sabotage.

The core economic problem is that all businesses increasingly generate more costs and prices than they generate consumer income. Obviously, the economy would collapse due to lack of demand if this situation were not alleviated. However, the only way we can facilitate purchase of our production is to get additional purchasing-power and the only source of it currently is in bank loans, i.e., debt. This is why all talk of balanced budgets is pure nonsense - because a balanced budget

FORGET THAT PUTIN AND ASSAD HAVE JUST LIBERATED PALMYRA by Don Hank

...The Neocon propaganda machine is running full tilt now that Putin and Assad routed ISIS from Palmyra even as the US government and NATO sat on their hands and did exactly nothing. (there is also a significant military buildup (of both sides) in and around the largest city in Syria, Aleppo 2.5M, that is 'not reported' by msm-ed) The do-nothing West's embarrassment is so overwhelming that they needed a huge dose of propaganda to hide their red faces. And the main stream media obliged them with two whoppers today. First they "broke" a story about how world leaders used offshore accounts - (Panama Papers-ed) ... Likewise, this hit piece from the Activist Post was

would mean a contraction of purchasing-power and an increased inability to purchase production so that producers can recover their costs. Of course, there are limits to which consumers can continue to acquire debts and the State is under increasing pressure to fill part of the increasing gap by borrowing itself in order to maintain economic activity - activity the purpose of which tends to be increasingly merely to generate additional financial incomes rather than to produce things of genuine economic value.

Business should not derive its income from State subsidies with money taken in taxes or created as debt by bank loans. Such practices do not solve the deficiency of income. You cannot correct this deficiency by redistributing an insufficiency or by attempting to borrow oneself out of debt. All nations should have sufficient unattached consumer income to allow the purchase of all domestic production without any need for consumer debt whatsoever. This requires a continuous injection of new purchasing-power but not provided as debt issued by the banking industry as is habitually done today. It should be provided without debt as Consumer Dividends for all citizens and to all retailers on condition that they lower their prices. The banks are issuing this money all the time but wrongly as a debt owing to themselves.

The Social Credit proposals provide a realistic approach to our financial and economic affairs. ***

intended to take your mind off the heroism by Assad and the Russian air force and make the US and NATO look respectable again. In other words, do the impossible. Among other absurdities, it says:

"In 2012, the CIA proposed a clear and specific plan to oust Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad - which likely would have also prevented the phenomenal rise of ISIL" How could ousting Assad have stopped ISIS when it was the US (along with their buds the Saudis) that spawned ISIS in the first place and it was ultimately Assad's troops that routed them, with Russian assistance? ***

Also read Pepe Escobar here: http://sputniknews.com/columnists/20160407/1037639203/palmyra-panama-war-scandal.html

NETHERLANDS REJECTS EU-UKRAINE PARTNERSHIP DEAL

Voters in the Netherlands have rejected in a referendum an EU partnership deal to remove trade barriers with Ukraine. Turnout was low, 32.2%, but above the 30% threshold for the vote to be valid. The deal was rejected by 61.1% of votes, compared with 38.1% in favour.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said the government might have to reconsider the deal, although the vote is not binding.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko insisted his country would "continue our movement towards the EU".

The vote was widely seen in the Netherlands as a test

of public opinion towards the EU. It was triggered by an internet petition begun by Eurosceptic activists that attracted more than 400,000 signatures.

The CDU-affiliated Konrad Adenauer Foundation points out that the referendum is non-binding and could be ignored by the government in The Hague.

A negative outcome of the referendum could also possibly be nullified with a "technical solution."

German media are debating the very principle of national referendums on EU issues, calling them a "minority tyranny."

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation in Germany

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We all wish to have an Australian steel industry.

Christopher Pyne and Bill Shorten are suggesting ways which may save the industry and Whyalla in particular. However Treasurer Morrison has said in effect, "Hold on you fellows; if you start giving any preference to Australian industry, it will contravene our Free Trade Agreements!"

While there are some advantages of Trade Deals, Mr Morrison has exposed one of the negative aspects. We have made commitments in FTA's which are now returning to haunt us.

Most Trade Agreements have a clause (ISDS) which enables foreign corporations to sue the Australian Government if their profits are adversely affected by any change in our policies. Adding insult to injury, the hearing for such cases is not held in a court, but in a remote hotel where no legal representatives or media may be present. No right of appeal is available either.

Is it any wonder that deals like the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) consisting of some 5000 pages are established in secrecy?

Perhaps the current steel scenario will be sufficient for the Senate to either reject the TPP or at least have the ISDS Clause deleted from the deal.

It is important for every country to have full control over its own affairs, like supporting the steel industry if necessary. Loss of this sovereignty is of course the aim of the globalist plan.

Stop it now!

- Ken Grundy, Naracoorte

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The chink in the armour of the Trade Agreements has been exposed by the Treasurer as you will have read in the article above. Now is the critical time to contact as many Senators as possible.

Use the information above to point out the need for Australia to be able to control its own affairs by supporting important industries such as steel.

If a clause in an Agreement prevents us doing so; then we should never have agreed to it.

Ask the Senators to save us from further loss of sovereignty by voting the TPP out, or at least deleting the ISDS Clause.

Discovery, Invasion and Political Correctness: It All Could Backfire! by Ian Wilson LL.B.

The circus of political correctness continues, with this week's performance being a "debate" about university students being taught that Australia was "invaded" by Captain Cook.

I am surprised at the extent of ignorance of even the media about what is taught at university and high school. In a nutshell the entire content of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is anti-white and anti-male. It is a revolt against Western Christian civilisation by spoiled rich kids, and that includes the serpents known as professors. Professors of evil.

Oh, by the way, Mabo and land rights are based on the idea of *terra nullius*, that Australia was unoccupied. But if Australia was invaded, native title is abolished because international law at the time recognised invasion as eliminating sovereignty. So the politically correct may be heading into legal trouble. Maybe it is time to rechallenge all of this native title stuff!

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