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HEAD OFFICE STAFF HAND OVER THE BATON TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Since its inception, the League has been based in Melbourne and older supporters may be surprised to hear the move to Happy Valley, South Australia is occurring at the end of this month - July 2017.

Many fond memories of the work by former key people who operated from the office come to mind. We can recall Eric and Elma Butler; Edward Rock and Jim Marsh in particular. They were supported by loyal office staff and numerous volunteers who assisted with book sales and mailing journals. In more recent years, National Directors have not operated from the main office, however loyal staff maintained all administration from there.

They say that you cannot stop progress. In our case, many of the helpers have 'progressed' to an age more suited to retirement. The only practical solution is to move to a more suitable site in South Australia.

We hope the transition is smooth. If however your *On Target* arrives a few days late, you will appreciate that we are experiencing some settling-in 'fun'.

To all the helpers in Melbourne over the years, I extend sincere thanks. You have kept the machine 'oiled' to deliver the much loved journals on time, every week.

The journal information is the life-blood of the League and *On Target*, especially offers interesting points on current affairs which is often missing from mainstream media. May I also welcome the new team at Happy Valley, who are keen to continue the good work. We turn to a new chapter in the League book. - Ken Grundy ND

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IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ALL STUCK ON THE R.E.M. SONG by Bernard Gaynor

It seems like we're all stuck in the R.E.M. song, 'It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)'. The leader of the greatest power in the Western world, Donald Trump, has just given a speech in which he openly raises the prospect of the decline of Western civilisation.

And everyone is singing that they know it.

And everyone is dancing that they feel fine.

We're partying like there will be no tomorrow. And for the West that may well be the case.

This is part of what Donald Trump said ahead of the G20 in Poland:

"The fundamental question of our time is whether the West has the will to survive. Do we have the confidence in our values to defend them at any cost? Do we have enough respect for our citizens to protect our borders? Do we have the desire and the courage to preserve our civilisation in the face of those who would subvert and destroy it?"

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It's really quite amazing when you think about it. The President of the United States has openly questioned whether the West has the will to survive. And no one is contradicting him. No one is claiming that he's mistaken. Instead, the anti-Trumpers are upset at his Twitter account while the world burns around them.

Trump's central point is a given. The decline we face has become so rapid, so obvious and so seemingly inevitable that it's taken for granted. Let me give you two examples of recent commentary from Australia, a world away from the United States but linked closely as a sister nation born of Western Europe. These examples merely repeat and highlight President Trump's main point. The first comes from *The Australian's* Paul Kelly.

Over the weekend he wrote about the decline of Christianity in Australia, stating:

"In the litany of words about the census the core issue has been avoided — the almost certain link between the generational decline in the Christian faith as guide to the common good and the collapsing relationship between the people and the political system. The reality is staring us in the face. Yet it cannot be spoken, cannot be entertained, cannot be discussed because there is no greater heresy and no more offensive notion than that the loss of Christian faith might have a downside. Christianity has fallen from 88 per cent of the population in 1966 to 52 per cent today, and seems sure to slide soon below the 50 per cent threshold. It would be absurd to pretend this epic change does not have profound consequences for society since it constitutes the eclipse of a particular conception of human nature. At the same time the past decade has witnessed a shattering of trust across the Western world including Australia between the people on one hand and politicians and elites on the other.

This dysfunction in Australia has multiple causes within politics itself: the identity crisis of the major parties, the rise of negative politics, a self-interested Senate, leadership failures and internal disunity.

It is obvious, however, there is a deeper problem, that something more profound has gone wrong. The sense of a community of shared values is disintegrating.

The most fundamental norms, accepted for centuries, are now falling apart as disputes erupt about family, education, gender, sexuality, marriage, tradition, patriotism, life and death."

I highly recommend that you read the rest of his article.

Paul Kelly might as well have delivered these words from a podium in Poland. He's simply added flesh to Donald Trump's question.

Does the West have the will to survive?

Take out Christianity and Paul Kelly says no. I agree with him on that point entirely. The West is nothing but a civilisation built on Christianity. Take out Christianity and the civilisation is a hollow, crumbling shell.

The ABC's Chris Uhlmann provides the second example. He was scathing of Trump's performance in Poland but still accepted his main point: the West is in decline. This is part of his assessment:

"So, what did we learn this week? We learned Mr Trump has pressed fast forward on the decline of the US as a global leader. He managed to diminish his nation and to confuse and alienate his allies. He will cede that power to China and Russia — two authoritarian states that will forge a very different set of rules for the 21st century. Some will cheer the decline of America, but I think we'll miss it when it is gone. And that is the biggest threat to the values of the West which he claims to hold so dear".

I think Uhlmann is entirely unfair on Trump. The man has raised the prospect of civilisational collapse and Uhlmann has not only accepted that proposition but then pinned the blame entirely on Trump.

Whatever the US President's faults may be, he can hardly be held responsible for the collapse of Western civilisation across the globe in just a few short months.

No. If the West is failing (and that seems to be the general consensus even from Trump critics) then the blame lies with everyone in Western society.

We all need to shoulder responsibility for failing to hand to our children that which we received from our parents. But there's not a lot of that going on. Like I said, it's party time. But things have become so bad in the West that we can't even do that properly any more.

Western Europe's leaders are childless

The President of France has no children. The German Chancellor is barren. The British PM will never be a grandmother because she chose not to be a mother. The leaders of The Netherlands and Sweden don't have a succession plan. Nor do the prime ministers of Italy and Luxembourg or the First Minister of Scotland. European politics is a child-free zone.

So there's not much hope that the West will survive if its leaders are unprepared to make any investment of themselves in the future.

Japan might not be 'Western' but it provides a glimpse into the future of the Western world. Basically, this nation is the 'progressive' dream. It has little Christian influence but has imported wholesale Western consumerism and atheism. And it will increasingly rely on imported 'human capital' to survive.

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Things are so bad in Japan that they're simply unable to complete the most basic biological urge of any adult society. Pornography is pervasive yet almost half of Japan's 18-34 year olds are virgins. It really is a remarkable statistic from a society in which less than 40% of people claim any organised religious belief at all.

This year Japan's population fell by more than 300,000 and by mid-century its population will be a third smaller, a lot older and much less Japanese. And we can all see that the West is rapidly following suit.

President Trump finished his speech with these words:

"Just as Poland could not be broken, I declare today for the world to hear that the West will never, ever be broken. Our values will prevail. Our people will thrive. And our civilization will triumph."

Unfortunately, while Trump may believe them the actions of millions of individuals across the Western world should temper his confidence. Civilisation is built on society and society is made up of people. If there's no people there's no society and no civilisation either.

GETTING IT WONG ABOUT GLOBALISM By James Reed

When the libs are tossed out at the next election, Labor is going to give it to us, both barrels, so to speak. We are likely to get section 18 C style legislation over every politically correct subject you can think of, and then some:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/we-must-watch-our-step-on-alps-18c-plan-nick-xenophon/news-story/eca45350753c7305d10ad31089256119>.

Of course, gay marriage and the Republic will be on the top of the agenda, with the Aboriginal referendum probably coming under king Mal's regime, before its fall.

Globalism and free trade, even freer than what exists now, will be put into place, according to Senator Wong:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/foreign-affairs/wong-says-labor-will-embrace-globalisation-reject-protectionism/news-story/1981b17ca6150afe251691d91afda95d>,

which has already produced a state of excitement in the no borders, big Australia crowd: *The Australian*, July 6, 2017, p. 12. I would expect open borders to come down the track, and after that more radical proposals, such as the dismantling of the Australian state and its merge into China as a satellite state. Who knows what is in store, when good men continue to do nothing and cling instead to consumer comfort.

Senator Nick Xenophon, who voted against section 18C reforms – don't ever forget it:

<http://www.skynews.com.au/news/top-stories/2017/03/31/senate-votes-down-18c-reforms.html>,

If there's people with vastly different views filling the vacuum then the society they build will be vastly different too.

Australia's most recent census tells a story that should surely curb President Trump's optimism. Its most religious suburb is Greenacre. This suburb represents the future of the nation because it is having children.

Its families are 27% larger. Its households are 30% bigger. Its average age is 13% lower and there are between 15% and 40% more children growing up there than in other suburbs across Australia.

And the one key statistic about Greenacre that points to the growing decline of the West is this: Greenacre is not just the most religious suburb in Australia – its inhabitants are overwhelmingly Islamic.

Greenacre may be in the West but it cannot be described as Western. Instead, it represents the end of the world as we know it. And I don't feel fine. We're headed for a world where everybody hurts.

There's an R.E.M. song for that too. But I very much doubt you will hear it playing in Greenacre...

Source: <http://bernardgaynor.com.au/dancing-world-burns/> ***

– has warned that China may sink an Australian navy ship to warn the US:

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/senator-nick-xenophon-warns-china-could-sink-australian-navy-ships-to-warn-us-20170420-gvopur.html>.

His claim was that the economic and social costs of war with China outweigh the US alliance:

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/are-we-truly-ready-for-the-consequences-of-a-war-with-china-20170420-gvod4b.html>.

War with China will involve social trauma given the number of Chinese here in this country, most of whom, I suppose, would be called by the communist party to be loyal to mother China, which is not unreasonable or contrary to human nature, if some all-out war developed.

Now, even given that, China may still see Australia as expendable, despite all of the bootlicking done by our political class, and may sink the ship or take out one of our cities, although that former scenario is less likely given that they own so much real estate here.

But, Chinese leadership under Mao was open to hundreds of millions of Chinese dying so we should not assume anything about our communist trading partner:

<https://www.quora.com/Did-Mao-really-say-China-has-a-population-of-600-million-even-if-half-of-them-are-killed-there-are-still-300-million-people-left>.

Xenophon never addresses the key issue, of whether it is sane to seek to merge with a superpower which is willing to use your country for essentially target practice. I guess that sort of deep questioning of our "Asian destiny" is off limits. ***

A SALMON A DAY, KEEPS THE CANCER AWAY!

By Mrs Vera West

Continuing our update for older readers who will be facing life's physical trials, it has now been admitted by the Establishment that omega-3 fatty acids, as found in salmon, walnuts and some other nuts, as well as chia seeds, helps the body fight cancer, especially colorectal cancer, by releasing chemicals which attack cancer cells:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-4646602/Salmon-boost-chances-surviving-bowel-cancer.html>.

The full reference to the study is:

British Journal of Cancer (2017) 116, 1612–1620.

doi:10.1038/bjc.2017.135 www.bjcancer.com

Published online 30 May 2017, “The differential expression of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acid metabolising enzymes in colorectal cancer and its prognostic significance,” by A. Alnabulsi (et al.).

From what I can understand of this, the same protective results can be obtained by using organic krill oil, which like salmon, is enriched by the antioxidant, astaxanthin. It is also admitted that eating oily fish, helps with Alzheimer's prevention.

So, get some oily fish in olive oil, and enjoy! ***

LOVE OF COUNTRY

Sir Walter Scott . 1771-1832

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd,
From wandering on a foreign strand!

If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no Minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch, concentr'd all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonour'd, and unsung.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - The Fifth Column Within the Coalition

to THE AUSTRALIAN

Paul Kelly comments that 'the Liberals face ruin on the right' ('Centrist message right, but PM loses on philosophy', 12/7), but so, perhaps, does Australia itself. If the two-party model is replaced by a three-party model (Liberals, ALP and One Nation/Australian Conservatives), there is a danger that the right will be permanently shut out of power at elections by a mutual exchange of preferences between the ALP and the 'centrist' liberals and by overall voter support of that arrangement.

For fifty years I have studied the behaviour of the Liberal-National Coalition and feel that it has always been a more uneasy community than its official spokesmen and most of its prominent supporters have admitted. Now the more leftish 'liberal' side, sensing power, as Christopher Pyne recently noted, is ready to ditch the 'conservatives', feeling that henceforth they can be kept on the outer (as has happened to the National Front in France).

One reason for the decay of power of the right within the coalition and the nation itself is the cowardice and dishonesty that has been shown towards individuals and groups on the so-called 'extreme right', some of whom are authentic conservatives. A policy designed to maximise votes, and placate financially powerful interests, has meant that the Coalition has been fighting for decades with one arm tied behind its back.

- Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic



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