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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "Thus under the blessing of God, was happily completed in eight months and one week, a voyage which, before it was undertaken the mind hardly dared venture to contemplate, and on which it was impossible to reflect without some apprehensions as to its termination. This fortunate completion of it, however, afforded even to ourselves as much matter of surprise as of general satisfaction; for in the above space of time we had sailed five thousand and twenty-one leagues; had touched on American and African continents; and had at last rested within a few days' sail of the antipodes of our native country without meeting any accident in a fleet of eleven sail, nine of which were merchantmen that had never before sailed in that distant and imperfectly explored ocean; and when it is considered, that there was on board a large body of convicts, many of whom were embarked (from jails to the ships-ed) in a very sickly state, we might be deemed peculiarly fortunate, that of the whole number of all descriptions of persons coming to form the new settlement, only thirty-two had died since leaving England, among whom were to be included one or two deaths by accident; although previous to our departure it was generally conjectured, that before we should have been a month at sea one of the transports would have been converted into a hospital ship."

- By David Collins' An Account of the English Colony in New South Wales 1798.

THE REAL STORY - Prof. ALAN FROST ON THE FIRST FLEET

https://www.latrobe.edu.au/news/articles/2011/podcasts/the-first-fleet-the-real-story/transcript
extract of: "La Trobe University Podcast" transcript
....Now, in the mid 1780s, the British government
had a choice. Transportation had ceased to North America. They hadn't been able to locate another suitable
place to send their convicts to. They had a choice – they could have altered the sentence to make it something
like five years labour on harbours, or they could have built modern jails in our sense, or they could resume
transportation. Now the Pitt administration chose to resume transportation. The question is really, why did they
choose Australia? And there's a striking difference between the earlier transportation across the Atlantic and
that to New South Wales, which is, that in the earlier transportation, the central government's role ceased once
the convicts were taken out of Britain. But with New South Wales, the government itself becomes the agent,
which transports and also which employs the convicts. So you have a striking development, and from my point
of view, what is happening because there's a great deal of contemporary criticism about transport convicts being
not transported, the government makes a policy decision to employ them in the hope of getting some benefit for
the nation, because the setting up of the colony in New South Wales was a very expensive business, and even if
governments are incompetent, they do tend to think that we should get something back for our money....

...The final cost of transporting the First Fleet convicts to New South Wales, this is a cost spread over five years, was somewhere between 65 and 80 pounds, so it was a very expensive business. Now, the government naturally thought that as the colony became established, as it became self sufficient in food supplies, the cost would diminish and therefore it would become acceptable. But it was a very expensive business and precisely for the reason you suggest – that the First Fleet took eight months to get from Portsmouth to Botany Bay. The voyage across the Atlantic was something like six weeks. There's massive differences in the scale involved in these operations. The hulk system it's true, went on for decades. I think there were still hulks being employed in the 1840s. Did the colonisation achieve some of the objectives? Probably not. But we shouldn't judge what the motives for the colonisations were. From the outcomes that we know in the present, that is, the British never succeeded in getting a supply of naval material from Norfolk Island or New Zealand, but that doesn't mean that in the 1780s they didn't think this was a sensible move to take. (continued next page)

(continued from previous page) ... The First Fleet was very carefully prepared. It's certainly true that the Second and Third Fleets were not well prepared. The death rates on those fleets was horrendous. The death rate on the First Fleet was something like 2%. The average death rate of a convict voyage across the Atlantic was 14%. So this is one sign of how carefully the government prepared for the voyage. It's true that the government officials initially didn't approach the business properly, that is, the Navy Board set about equipping the ships in terms of a voyage of soldiers to the West Indies, but Phillip and his surgeons insisted that the thinking had to change, that is, on a six weeks voyage, scurvy might not appear, but on an eight months voyage it was certain to appear unless the convicts were properly fed and prepared for the voyage. So what we see is at Portsmouth in March and April of 1787, all the people on the ships are fed fresh foods. And this is building up their source of vitamins, particularly vitamin C, the deficiency of which causes scurvy. And then when Phillip stopped en route at Tenerife, particularly at Brazil, and at the Cape of Good Hope, he sees that everybody has fresh food again.

I say particularly at Brazil because citrus fruits were very cheap there and he had boatloads of them rowed out to his ships every day. So this is the explanation for why there's such a low death rate on the First Fleet. After the First Fleet it's hard to resist the conclusion that the government tried to save some money because the First Fleet had been so expensive. But that's not the whole story either, because on the Second and Third Fleets the captains were responsible for serving out the food to the convicts, whereas on the First Fleet there was a government agent who was responsible for that. It seems that the captains tried to save money by not supplying the convicts properly with food....

...In coming to New South Wales, the British knew that they had to bring almost all of their food supplies with them. Cook's voyage in 1770 had shown that there were things like stingrays in Botany Bay and ducks, but the aboriginal people had not established a large-scale food production. They were hunter-gatherers. The British knew that they had to bring their foods with them. There was an expectation that Botany Bay had a good climate and that people wouldn't die of cold or privation, but they had to establish their food supply from scratch, really...

...Sir Joseph Banks put an extraordinary array of foodstuffs on the ships of the First Fleet, let's say four or five varieties of wheat, there's early York carrots, there's spring cabbage, and then there are things like vines, fruit trees. If those things all together had flourished in New South Wales, then there would have been a more extensive food resource than existed in any single English county at the time. You can say this is something like a shotgun approach, but if something didn't grow

then there should be something else that did grow. And then Governor Phillip at Rio de Janeiro and Cape Town took on more plants and animals, so that this is a very careful preparation....

...Most of the evidence comes from the Public Record Office in London, but the papers of various politicians of the time have become scattered and Banks' papers for example, some of Banks' papers are held in a library in San Francisco, some are held in the Mitchell Library in Sydney, some are held in New Zealand. There are papers of politicians as well as in London in the National Library of Scotland. There are papers in the Clements Library at the University of Michigan. I think I've looked at something like forty archives in eleven countries...

...I recovered about 2,500 documents, yes. There's a deal of repetition in them, for example, the question of what size guns should be carried on the Supply, whether they should be six pounders or four pounders or then the decision was for three pounders. That generated twentytwo separate letters. The 2,500 makes it seem grander than it is in one way, but on the other hand, it's only when we have that extensive record that we can make a proper analysis of how the First Fleet was equipped. You see, before I started my work, much of what had been written about the founding of the colony at Botany Bay had been based on about a hundred documents published in the historical records of New South Wales. And you can see immediately that one hundred documents will tell you isolated things but a thousand will give you a much broader picture. And the best example of this is, amongst those one hundred documents are several letters from Phillip and others complaining that the clothing for the women convicts hasn't arrived at Portsmouth, and Phillip says, well, if it doesn't come, I'm going to sail anyway. And he does. And the clothing hasn't arrived.

Now if you'd just take those letters from the historical records of New South Wales you (would) think, well, how badly was the fleet equipped? Because, they didn't even have clothing for the women. But the point is, that the clothing shortfall developed for two reasons. One is, the number of women to be sent was increased from 80 to 150, and then to 180, and the second thing was, when the women were brought from local prisons and assembled in London to be put on board the Lady *Penrhyn*, they were in very poor condition. They'd been badly treated in the local jails, they were stripped of their filthy clothing, they were washed, they were given proper food, they had their illnesses and ailments addressed by surgeons. In order to clothe these poor people, Phillip and the surgeons drew on the two year supply of clothing that had been loaded for the colony. Now, it's not as though the First Fleet ships sailed with no clothing for the women, they didn't sail with a full two years supply for the initial period in the colony...(continued bottom of page 4)

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GETS MADDER EVERY DAY By Richard Miller

There is something of a competition going on with the "journalists" at this site, if we can be called that, to find the most absurd politically correct story of the week.

The winner gets a cold beer. So, here we go:

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6762113/French-prosecutors-call-far-Right-leader-Marine-Le-Pen-face-TRIAL.html

'Prosecutors have called for French far-right leader Marine Le Pen to be tried for tweeting pictures of atrocities committed by the Islamic State group, judicial sources said Friday. This could hike further pressure on Le Pen, 50, who already faces legal problems over alleged misuse of EU parliamentary funds. Le Pen shared the gruesome images in December 2015, a few weeks after ISIS jihadists killed 130 people in attacks in Paris. Her move sparking widespread condemnation in France. Prosecutors demanded that another member of her National Rally party, Gilbert Collard, also be tried on similar charges. It will be up to an investigative magistrate to decide whether a trial takes place, with a conviction for 'circulating violent pictures liable to be seen by children' carrying a maximum sentence of three years in prison and a fine of £65,000. Le Pen, who lost to

Emmanuel Macron in the 2017 presidential elections, was stripped of her parliamentary immunity over the pictures and charged with circulating violent messages. Last year, she expressed outrage after the investigative magistrate called for her to undergo psychiatric tests in connection with her tweeting.'

That is the anarcho-tyrannical system that they have made the West into. ISIS are supposed to be the bad guys, and thus not privileged and protected from criticism. Saying that the "children" need protection is insane, since the establishment internet does exactly the opposite and the elites do not care a fig about that. This really is clown world, and it is far beyond repair, getting crazier by the day.

I shudder to think what items we will read about tomorrow. It is like a man who on Monday gets diagnosed with diabetes, Tuesday had a stroke; Wednesday, while recovering comes down with rabies; Thursday, explodes in tetanus, and come Friday, finds out that he had not paid his council rates, being so sick, so that his house is being sold up. You would think that something is wrong here, wouldn't you, and that is the image of the West.

WHY THE GLOBALISTS LOVE AI By Brian Simpson

The answer, short and sweet is centralised power and control. Sure, many of us get off playing with computers, but I suppose plenty of people get off playing with chemistry sets too, but do not go to the genetic engineering level of playing Dr Frankenstein:

https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-03-02/

real-reason-why-globalists-are-so-obsessed-artificial-intelligence

'The globalists have long held AI as a kind of holy grail in centralization technology. The United Nations has adopted numerous positions and even summits on the issue, including the "AI For Good" summit in Geneva. The UN insinuates that it's primary interest in AI is in regulation or observation of how it is exploited, but the UN also has clear goals to use AI to its advantage. The use of AI as a means to monitor mass data to better institute "sustainable development" is written clearly in the UN's agenda. The IMF is also in on the AI trend, holding global discussions on the uses of AI in economics as well as the effects of algorithms on economic analysis. The main source for the development of AI has long been DARPA. The military and globalist think tank dumps billions of dollars into the technology, making AI the underlying focus of most of DARPA's work. AI is not only on the globalist's radar; they are essentially spearheading the creation and promotion of it. The globalist desire for the technology is not as simple as some might assume, however. They have strategic

reasons, but also religious reasons for placing AI on an ideological pedestal. But first I suppose we should tackle the obvious. In most white papers written by globalist institutions on AI, the thrust centers on mass data collection and surveillance. The elites are careful to always assert that their interests focus on the public good. This is why the UN and other agencies argue that they should be the leaders in oversight of mass data collection. That is to say, they want us to believe that they are objective and trustworthy enough to manage rules for data surveillance, or, to manage the data itself. For the safety of the public, the globalists want centralized management of all data collection, ostensibly to save us from those evil corporations and their invasion of data privacy. Of course, most of those corporations are also run by globalists that fill the guest books of events like the World Economic Forum to discuss the advancements and advantages of AI. The WEF has made it a mandate that AI be promoted widely and that the business world and the general public be convinced of AI's advantages. Bias against AI must be prevented...'

So, what we have here is yet another false paradigm in which globalist institutions are opposed to corporations in terms of how AI is used. Yet the public, with its innate distrust of corporate moral compass, is supposed to be convinced to support UN regulatory reforms as a counterbalance.

AMAZON TO BAN EVERY BOOK EVER WRITTEN! By Charles Taylor

I have been following the Amazon book banning frenzy, which has involved banning white nationalist books from various places. This has been met with a "so what" from the site referenced below which says that it is Alt Right, but I don't see much right about its celebration of any sort of book banning.

Apparently, nothing to worry about here, of course until Big Tech knocks their works off, and shuts down their site. That would be too bad, because one does not have to agree with everything at a site to see merit. And it is not just the radicals who are being culled, for they have gone for antivaxxers' stuff and now science books that they don't like, as Mike Adams, apparently has said:

https://affirmativeright.blogspot.com/2019/03/how-should-we-feel-big-techs-attack.html

"Health fascism is here: CNN pressures Amazon to ban science books they don't like. The insanity of our world keeps increasing by the day. Now CNN is pressuring Amazon to ban science books that don't fit CNN's agenda, which is a pro-pesticide, pro-GMO, pro-vaccines, pro-fluoride "death cult" agenda. Soon, Amazon is going to ban all books that tell the truth about vaccines, cancer, GMO, natural health, nutrition science and more. We are witnessing the rise of the Fourth Reich of evil fascism across all the tech giants."

Now, I would like to be able to offer a URL for that, but for the life of me, could not find one, even using the search engine at Natural News.com. No matter, this is the shape of the future, and people who disagree with other dissidents on some subject, should realise, that they too will have their necks on the chopping block, very soon. Hang together, or be hung, separately.

WHITEWASHING BLACK-ON-BLACK CRIME By Richard Miller

Can it be? The BBC whitewashing black knife crime? The image is of puny journalists with a cans of white paint, going to a knife crime scene, and painting everybody, and everything, white, struggling with each brushstroke, with their fragile muscles burning. But, that is just a metaphor, of course.

https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2019/03/02/

former-equality-chief-accuses-bbc-whitewashing-black-knife-crime/

'Trevor Phillips has accused the BBC of "whitewashing" crime stories by not addressing the high number of black-on-black stabbings, and warned politicians and police to stop ignoring the links between race and gang violence. Mr Phillips,

ALAN FROST ON THE FIRST FLEET continued

...So, the documents that are in New South Wales present a very different picture on how the colony was started, and doesn't reflect the full extent of the planning that went into it...

...The record I have assembled is much more extensive. You see, another example would be Phillip's complaints about the ships being equipped for voyages as though it's for eight weeks across the Atlantic rather than for eight months to the other side of the world. If we just take that letter, we think again, this shows incompetence and it shows that the British didn't really care about the people – they just wanted to dump their convicts. But what that letter by itself, that complaint, doesn't show, is how the problems were then rectified, how the convicts were given fresh food. Medicines were loaded on the ships. How items that were thought to prevent scurvy were loaded. So, if you only have the one letter, you have the illness identified, but you don't have any sense of how the illness was cured...

https://www.blackincbooks.com.au/books/botany-bay-and-first-fleet

the former head of the United Kingdom's Equality and Human Rights Commission (ECHR), made the comments in an opinion piece in The Telegraph on Friday, following a string of stabbings in London and Birmingham. Referencing a report released on Thursday which revealed that some 27,000 under-19s in England identify themselves as being part of a gang, Mr Phillips noted that in terms of youth gang violence, "black boys are more than 20 times as likely to be involved in serious attacks compared with their white peers."

Oh, Trevor Phillips guy must be a white supremacist... no, pinkos, he is Black. Oops! ***



Botany Bay and the First Fleet: The Real Story by Alan Frost: \$40

According to the conventional account, it was a shambolic affair, under-prepared, poorly equipped and ill-disciplined. Here, Alan Frost debunks these myths, and shows that the voyage was in fact meticulously planned - reflecting its importance to Britain's imperial and commercial ambitions.

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