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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Adam Bandt was today elected unopposed to take over the Green leadership from Richard Di Natale. The 47-year-old MP for the inner-city Division of Melbourne, who once called for the overthrow of capitalism, will use his new platform to advocate higher taxes, more welfare and the end of Australia's most lucrative industries. Bandt completed his PhD at Monash University in Victoria, with his thesis titled *Work to Rule: Rethinking Marx*, Pashukanis and Law - supervised by cultural theorist and utopianist Andrew Milner.

Monash University delays classes for Melbourne students due to coronavirus

More than 100,000 Chinese students will not be able to start their university and TAFE classes in Australia because of the travel ban put in place to curb the spread of coronavirus.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND EXPLODING MIGRATION By James Reed

One only needs to take a stroll through the Australian universities during term time to see the migration link. One could be in China or India. But here is research that goes far beyond such crude empiricism from 2019, Bob Birrell, Overseas Students are Driving Australia's Net Overseas Migration Tide.

https://tapri.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Overseas-students-are-driving-NOM-final-18-April-2019.pdf

"There is widespread awareness that overseas students are a large and growing presence in Australia. But few observers would know that by 2017-18 overseas students were the largest contributor to Australia's very high level of Net Overseas Migration (NOM). According to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) estimates, overseas students comprised 104,987 of the overall level of NOM of 236,733 in 2017- 18. That's 44 per cent of total NOM. Overseas students holding higher education visas were the dominant source of this contribution to NOM.... The Coalition plans to reduce the impact on Sydney and Melbourne by diverting some who obtain permanent visas to regional areas. The far more important size of the overseas student component has barely rated a mention in this debate, either by the Australian government or commentators on the migration issue. Nor are many commentators aware that overseas students are by far the largest contributors to population growth in inner Sydney and Melbourne. Part of the reason for this neglect is that most observers think that with the permanent entry migration program set at 190,000 over recent years, it must be the main source of the growth in Australia's migration population. It is not. Near half of those receiving a permanent entry visa in 2016-17 were already residing in Australia when granted the visa.

As a consequence they are not included in the count of NOM arrivals. This leads to the central point of this paper. Most people are concerned about the scale of migration. It is not a big issue whether the formal migration program is pushed up or down a bit. NOM is the best indicator of this outcome. On this metric, overseas students are far more important contributors to Australia's population growth than the net inflow of permanent entry visa holders... As noted, overseas students are the main source of population growth in inner city Sydney and Melbourne. They are locating in the eye of the storm of these congestion problems. In the absence of overseas students, the need to transform these locations for high-rise apartment blocks, to rebuild inner city infrastructure and incur the massive future public debt resulting, would be far less."

Birrell concludes that there needs to be a reform of the university sector to reverse the il-liberal trends that have made them an international student immigration industry. Much more radical reform is needed to the higher education sector. They foster all manner of problems, including the cultivation of both Marxist-Leninist and Neo-Liberalism (laissez-faire) ideologies. We would be much better without them, with nation building education including limited constitutional government, federalism and civic's history taught in all our schools.

A CHANGE OF 'POLICY OUTCOMES' By Arnis Luks

It is a well-known principle of political organisation that the more centralised Government, Industry and Media becomes, the less chance electors have of influencing or controlling 'policy outcomes'. The UN 'sustainable development' policy is an example—top down policy with no local input.

Housing - Personal Debt - Abstract World View

Our (once representative) Local Councils, (amalgamated by all State Governments into statutory bodies corporate), shortened supply of available land for development, producing congested and highly expensive 'medium density housing', thus separating families from the soil, placing them into smaller and smaller blocks or high rise, being more easily managed with little appreciation of how 'nature works'. Councils' CEOs, carefully profiled and selected, hold no compunction to increasing revenue with an ever expanding population base.

Profit at all cost, including loss of societal cohesion.

Industry - Primary Production - Debt

State Governments of all persuasions repeated this process by shortening supply of rural land (stock access within National Parks and other public lands), then shortened supply of available water for irrigators by refusing to maintain and expand infrastructure (recently closing Paradise Dam), and again shortening electricity, refusing to maintain nor expand power generation to ensure sufficient, affordable and reliable electricity, thus, through price increases, endebting industry and farmers further.

Industry - Sale of National Assets - Debt

The Federal Governments of all persuasions (get big or get out) repeated this process (using the 1983 radical 'external affairs' interpretation by our High Court) via the already signed 1975 Lima Declaration to hand over our industrial base to third world nations, thus shortening the availability of jobs and driving down security and living standards in the process, exasperated by the almost 200,000 per-annum immigration policy to ensure an unstable, dependant, indebted and confused population.

Finance - Public, Personal and Private Debt

The 1924 emasculation of our once-independent people's bank - Commonwealth Bank- started by the Bruce-Page Administration 1923-29, continued with the signing of the 1944 Bretton Woods Agreement and finally the 1997 (Keating national competition policy *Hilmer reforms*) sale of CBA to complete the treachery, **handing over finance to internationalism**.

History of the Treachery

Australia has been in a cultural and economic war for at least the last 100 years, and communities are only just now realising. They have been incessantly needled into a position of discomfort and irritation by a compliant media, ...and events of which they tried to avoid facing at all costs, while their nation was de-constructed and handed over to international powers.

National Orientated Policy Outcomes

The first step in changing direction must be to realise that all major parties are playing from the same script. One political group promoting the 'neo-liberal' policy that fosters predatory confiscation of all our national assets and resources into private **international ownership**.

The other political group promoting socialist policy, locking up assets and resources, deconstructing industry to make a dependant, endebted and increasingly under-employed public easier for future **international administration**. All Governments are pursuing a utopian centrist model (totalitarianism).

Good Government = Small Government

All political power needs to be "safely managed", by residing within as many people's hands as possible. You **claim it back** by regular participation in open public forums, radio talkback, papers, social media, discussion groups, pamphlets, mailouts.

CREATING OUR OWN FORMS OF MEDIA

Community Engagement for Policy Outcomes

Politicians cannot be trusted with **too much power**. Concentrating always on "Policy Outcomes" - not methods, holds all accountable for **"results achieved"**. Electing of known, responsible candidates is important but not vital, providing those elected are held to account - letters to the editor, to the politician / public servant, to social media, internet-forums, radio-talkback, pamphlets. **Local government:** all issues that can be handled

locally in open public forums is good government. Public schools, lands, buildings, forest access, fire management are all **local issues**, resourced from the state. Attendance at the table of ideas is essential.

State Government: Target a secure and permanent state-located industrial-base, that develops apprenticeships for future tradespeople, with stable, reliable and affordable utilities, financed by long-term, low-interest loans. Support local farmer's markets to ensure local food sources. All financed by an independant State Bank for state-located projects including the "locally managed" schools and media.

Federal Government: only those powers unable to be performed by lower forms of government. Defence must include our own Banking - the People's Bank - providing long term, low interest loans to ourselves, of which we, as a free, moral and responsible people guarantee to ourselves. Debt must be eliminated as a control weapon. All forms of Media and NEWS outlets including education must be "locally" owned and operated.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE AUSTRALIAN REVOLUTION - 1983

This booklet, by Arthur Tuck, has a chapter 'Reason For Centralism' — which described very well the
"religious conviction" (Humanism) held:
"The reason for Centralism is that (Humanism-ed)
needs it. You see when the existence of God is denied,
the highest authority you are left with is "man" - who
is himself, (if God does not exist), just a product of
time and chance — of evolution — and therefore of no
individual significance. And today the existence of God
is denied by the religion of Humanism, which totally
controls the media and T.V. and (education-ed).
(Centralists of all persuasions-ed) are idealists. They
have a concept of a Utopia based on their own belief

about the nature of Man and they are determined to

achieve — to build here — this Utopia. Government

becomes the ultimate authority which if put into the

hands of the best brains can plan and control the mass for

the betterment of mankind ... to build the Utopia. To do so requires strict central planning by the best brains and strict control to make sure no one harms the Utopia and everyone lives correctly.

Then all injustice will be abolished by decree and all discrimination will be done away with — everyone will have enough, no one too much or too little and we will have a fair and just society ... and what a drab and frustrating society it would be! It will be a totalitarian system in which every aspect of life will be controlled. In the guise of giving us Human Rights we will lose the right to be human! To do this they must have central control and if the Constitution doesn't give them this they must get it one way or another. They are men and women on a crusade....for the utopia... and constitutions, States' Rights and the will of the people cannot stand in the way".

PARADISE BE DAMNED

SNEAK ATTACK: The Qld. Palaszczuk government has rushed new laws into parliament last Tuesday to clear the way to demolish Paradise Dam west of Bundaberg. (continuing to ensure a shortage of available water for irrigators-ed).

Ref: https://www.queenslandcountrylife.com.au/story/6614706/palaszczuk-clears-way-to-demolish-paradise-dam/

In a move that has angered irrigators, the proposed laws will sweep aside 17 separate pieces of legislation, enabling Sunwater to demolish the 300,000 megalitre dam without obtaining the usual council or environmental approvals. Farm group Canegrowers said there were concerns that Natural Resources Minister Anthony Lynham's legislative amendments would see the dam wall lowered before any reports into the structural necessity and economic impacts had been completed. Canegrowers chief executive officer Dan Galligan said if approved, the amendments to the Resources Safety and Health Queensland Bill 2019 would mean work to lower the dam could begin as early as next month.

"We would urge the State Government to have a more detailed and transparent conversation with the community around this issue," Mr Galligan said. "It's reasonable to expect the minister to consider all of the available government and external expert advice before proceeding with irreversible action to lower the dam wall. Everybody wants to ensure that all efforts are made to secure the safety of the community. However, it is also vital to the economic viability of the region that we safeguard the long-term security of irrigation water that the region's agricultural sector depend on."

The move has also angered the horticulture industry. Growcom chief executive officer David Thomson said any good faith that Dr Lynham may have built with the local community since a vast amount of water was released last year from the dam without warning had been lost.

"Decisions that affect the future of an entire region, importantly its economy and its jobs, are coming out from the State Government without consultation or explanation," Mr Thomson said. "It is easy to see why so much rumour surrounds these decisions, including the suggestion there's a hidden agenda to tear down Paradise Dam at all costs."

Mr Thomson said the timing of the legislation was particularly galling, coming less than a week after an international dam engineering expert had given confidence that there were good prospects for both making the dam safe and returning it to full capacity. Paul Rizzo had told a packed meeting of concerned residents that not one dam of hundreds built in the same way around the world had ever been known to fail. Dr Rizzo also advised that no dam built the same way with any structural issues had been unable to be repaired and restored to full capacity.

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Is China's 'social credit' System Coming to Australia? by Betty Luks

It was not 'accidental' that China named its system 'social credit'. Its 'social credit' system is based on the very opposite to the concepts of freedom and representative government as enunciated from the early 1930s in the body of works by Major Clifford Hugh Douglas, and known as 'Douglas Social Credit'. As an example: Douglas wrote "Freedom is the right to choose or refuse one thing at a time".

And, "In order to understand the unquestionable failure of present democracy it is necessary to understand its nature, what it can do from its nature, and what it cannot do. The literal meaning of the word is, of course, 'rule

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to The Australian

In her promotion of a practical referendum for Aboriginal constitutional recognition ("Referendum must be practical, not symbolic", 7/2) Shirleen Morris misrepresents the nature of conservative opposition to any such recognition. It is not that there is a fear of "legal uncertainty", but that the whole idea is seen as dangerously divisive and powered by a long-term plan for total separatism involving two discrete national states on this continent. The project is clearly against the interests of the great majority of Australians.

Morris also misidentifies its conservative opponents. Those she names are all supporters of constitutional change. The real conservatives are those who oppose any separatist policies, including the enacting of treaties. We need a more scrupulous as well as a more open debate to precede any referendum; and the government must ensure that the "No" case is fairly represented and funded. - *Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic*

to The Australian

Yingiya Guyula is a champion of his Yolngu culture and deserves respect for that ("Our culture is not to blame for all this violence", 3/2). However, he seems to be too ready to blame others for "violence and abuse" in Aboriginal communities. Those who misbehave must take personal responsibility for their actions; and it does seem that some aspects of Aboriginal culture are not helpful in the present time. Moreover, Guyula's references to "foreign solutions" and "colonisation" suggest that he is approaching the issue of Aboriginal welfare in a separatist spirit which is, rightly, anathema to very many Australians. Finally, his description of his society as one "that has existed since time began" is questionable. There are grounds for believing that our continent has experienced several invasions in the past. The ancestors of some Aboriginals may have been much more recent arrivals than is at present widely believed.

Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic

by the people', but I would prefer to call it the will of the people.

It is not rule by the majority, an important distinction to note. The idea of party government is comparatively modern, probably not ante-dating the Wars of the Roses, and contains in itself a subtle perversion of the democratic idea... the most cursory examination of the slogans on which elections are fought is sufficient to show that the machinery (of making the will of the electors prevail) has been completely perverted."

- C.H. Douglas in "The Nature of Democracy", 1934.

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