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Editorial

Be Human: Change Your Axioms!

The world these days, particularly after September 11, and in the face of the global economic collapse recounted in this issue's lead article, is a rather terrifying place. If you are a bit older, say, middle-aged or more, think back to "the way things used to be", and ask yourself "What went wrong?" "How did this happen to us?"

The answer is: You did it. Yes, that's right: *You* did it. How? By "minding my own business", and therefore allowing the affairs of our nation, and of the world, to go to Hell.

All populists, as well as others seeking to evade responsibility, will always denounce "the politicians", or anyone else "in authority", for the evils which befall them. The reality is, as the great Classical tragedies of Shakespeare and Friedrich

Schiller make clear, that the problem is never the *leaders* of the population, but the population itself, which *chooses* such leaders. The "leaders", with the rare exceptions that from time to time have pulled mankind up out of the mud, reflect nothing so precisely, as the prejudices of those who have selected them. Take economic rationalism, which most Australians would admit is destroying this country. What is it based upon, except "me, myself, and mine"—a complete abnegation of the common good? Yet, if you have been "minding my own business" during the past two decades of economic rationalism, keeping your "head down, and tail up", how is your thinking really any different from those who plundered this nation?

The fact of the matter is, peo-

ple are controlled by their *axioms*, the beliefs that they hold so deeply, which seem so "normal", that they do not even realise that they hold them—like the belief in "minding my own business". For instance, do you, from time to time, with more than a touch of righteous indignation, denounce "those bastards" who are running this country? But what did *you* do, how hard did *you* work, what specifically did *you* do, to achieve a different outcome, than what you got? You *voted*? Don't be absurd! What, and who determined what there was to vote *for*?

Then ask yourself, "Have I ever said, or thought, any of the following": 1) "They" are too powerful, you can't change things, 2) the CEC has good ideas, in fact, really good ideas, but they're not popular, 3) this LaRouche

bloke, what do we need him for?—he's an American, 4) yes, there's definitely an economic downturn, but things will bounce back—"she'll be right, mate". If the answer is "yes" to any of those, then you see how axioms work, to prevent you from *doing* anything. But, here's the catch: once these private thoughts—these deep underlying axioms which seem "oh so normal"—have been pointed out to you, and made conscious, and you still refuse to change them, then you really are a jerk, and have no one to blame for the disasters befalling you, but yourself. Because, unlike animals, human beings can *think*. So why don't you quit being a jerk, *think* for a change, and join the CEC, so that you can help change your nation, and the world? It's the only *human* thing to do.



William G. Spence (left), founder of the Australian Workers Union, was Australia's greatest union organiser. He is buried in the Coburg Cemetery, Preston, Victoria, (right) one kilometre from the CEC national headquarters. Spence preached for a "New Unionism", in which unions, and the population in general, should not just fight for their own narrow interests, but for the "Common Good" of all Australians.

Said Spence, "The masses must not only take a deeper interest in political questions, but they must make the politics of the country. The welfare of the people must be raised to the first place—must be the uppermost and foremost consideration.... Let each remember that man

had failed before because each carelessly left to some other the work of the Common Good. Each must take his or her share."

John Curtin and Ben Chifley were both well-known for their commitment to the common good, and for being prepared to lose office, rather than sacrifice their principles. Compare that outlook to the pro-globalisation ALP of today, whose leadership has dumped any notion of the common good (along with the unions who founded the ALP), in favour of a ludicrous search for "aspirational", or "swinging" voters—those whom the ALP believes put their own selfish chase for personal riches above anything else.



The ALP hunts for swinging voters

Fascist Police State, or Economic Development?

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applied by U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt: the use of state credit to finance massive infrastructure projects which put a desperate population back to work, gave them hope, and launched an economic recovery. The second was that applied by Adolf Hitler in Nazi Germany: brutal austerity, as exemplified in Hitler's "useless eaters" policy and the crushing of the trade unions, a domestic police state, and the military conquest and looting of foreign populations.

Then, the City of London-Wall St.-centred world financial oligarchy organised coup attempts in both Germany and the United States. While they failed against Roosevelt, they succeeded against German Chancellor Kurt von Schleicher, who had had an identical economic recovery program to Roosevelt. Rather than lose any of their immense private financial control, this oligarchy brought Hitler to power on Jan. 28, 1933 in order to plunge the world into the hell of World War II.

In the present crash, this Anglo-American oligarchy faces a more dire threat to its existence than even in the 1930s. How will they react? In 1933, the Nazis lit the infamous "Reichstag fire", burning down the national parliament building in Berlin. This "terrorist

act" provided the pretext to pass their draconian *Notverordnungen* ("Emergency Decrees"), which consolidated the Jan. 28 coup. Not long after, they launched the "Clash of Civilisations" known as World War II. On September 11, 2001, the world saw a new Reichstag fire, the attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon by an Anglo-American faction within the United States military and intelligence community. (See p. 6.) Their intent was the same as that for which their fathers and grandfathers had brought Hitler to power: to establish police-states wherever possible, and to launch a "Clash of Civilisations". However this new clash, based upon the unleashing of global religious warfare, will be much more terrifying, much more devastating than even World War II. In the ensuing chaos, and from its strongholds in the U.K., the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, this Anglo-American faction hopes to consolidate control over a new, worldwide Roman Empire.

A New Rome?

Though the Sept. 11 coup did not immediately succeed in seizing control of the United States government and launching its intended "Clash of Civilisations" right there and then, under the pretext that "Bin Laden did it", enor-

mous pressure has been exerted upon President Bush both from within and without his administration, to move in that direction. Thus, in his January 29, 2002 annual "State of the Union" address to the Congress and the American people, Bush declared Iran, Iraq and North Korea—for starters—to be an "axis of evil". The United States would go anywhere, fight anywhere, intervene anywhere, Bush thundered, in pursuit of this "war against terror". The United States defence budget for FY2003 will be \$379 billion, the largest in history, dwarfing that of any other country. The United States military is already fighting Islamic guerillas in the Philippines; Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has argued vehemently for sending U.S. troops to Indonesia; and the United States is building bases all across Central Asia, on the borders with an increasingly-apprehensive Russia and China. Meanwhile, a plan is underway to set up a special military command for the domestic United States itself similar to its "Middle East Command", its "Far East Command" etc. Such a "homeland command" is unprecedented in U.S. history. At the same time, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft is ramming through the most draconian series of police-state measures ever seen in the U.S.

These include the establishment of secret military tribunals to try "terrorists"; a vast expansion of the United States intelligence and security agencies such as the FBI and CIA; the right to hold individuals incommunicado indefinitely without even a lawyer, and so forth. As of Dec. 1, 2001, at least 600 of the 1000 people, mostly Middle Easterners, who were rounded up in a dragnet, were still being held, most with no charges filed against them, nor anyone even knowing where they were being held.

The parallels in our own nation to what is happening in the United States are striking, complete with draconian police-state measures being rammed through Parliament; "night-and-fog" Gestapo-style raids against "terror suspects" and inhuman, extrajudicial treatment for refugees; military deployments abroad, and so forth. (See pages 8-10.)

Ozymandias

Not long before he killed himself and his mistress in their bunker, Hitler declared that he was establishing a "1000-year Reich". Decades later, communist dictator Erich Honecker made similar proclamations on the 40th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic, just weeks before it disappeared from history, the result of the economic

collapse of the once-mighty Soviet Union. The irony of the proposed new "Anglo-American empire" to which the Coalition and the ALP alike have attached their carts, is that just as it reaches the apparent pinnacle of its global rule, the very process which built it—globalist, free-trade looting—will ensure its collapse. Thus, its doom is sealed, just like the Roman Empire which also looted its subject territories, or like the tyrant Ozymandias in Shelley's famous sonnet.

Thus, a moment of great, almost-unprecedented peril is also a moment of extraordinary opportunity, just as the Golden Renaissance of the 15th Century arose from the "New Dark Age" of the 14th Century international financial collapse. In this issue of the *New Citizen*, we provide you the roadmap to a Roosevelt form of political economy, as updated by LaRouche, as opposed to that of Hitler. The LaRouche proposal for global economic recovery, based upon a protectionist, national-banking-centred New Bretton Woods monetary system and great infrastructure projects, is one that would make such heroes of "old Labor" as King O'Malley, Frank Anstey, Jack Lang, John Curtin and Ben Chifley, smile justly with pride, that the principles to which they had devoted their entire lives, had triumphed at last.