

# Australia: Debt Driven Globalism

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"We have before us the greatest question that has yet been submitted for our consideration. It involves Australia's national supremacy in finance, and the peace, good government and prosperity of generations yet unborn...."

— King O'Malley M.H.R. speaking on the need for the Commonwealth Bank as a 'peoples' bank', House of Representatives, September 1909.

"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up round the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered...." —Thomas Jefferson, former US President, 1802

The Prime Minister of the UK, Mr. Gordon Brown, in an article in the Washington Post, (Friday October 17, 2008) advocated that "The Financial Crisis is also an Opportunity to Create new Rules for Our Global Economy."

There it is! Now out in the open! President Bush's swan song in mid-November will be to host a Global Conference (150 nations) to establish a World Money System! There'll be plenty of dire warnings about the consequences if we fail to take this last chance for humanity!

#### WHICH WAY FOR RUDD?

Prime Minister Rudd, and his Treasurer Wayne Swan, will naturally be there. Statements they have made so far indicate that they also favour a globally-enforced solution; but perhaps this is being unfair. Surely they are aware of the prolonged and dramatic history of their own party – the A.L.P. – in seeking to defend Australia's financial and economic sovereignty? Would the same Party which founded the Commonwealth Bank after Federation end up sacrificing our Nation's sovereignty to a New World Order 100 years later?

#### FISHER SETS THE SCENE

The Fisher Labor Government in 1910, at the instigation of Tasmanian Member King O'Malley, founded the Commonwealth as a "peoples' bank". Almost immediately it showed its value and potential. Among other items, it funded expenditure on World War 1 to the tune of \$700 million at an interest rate of five-eights of one percent! Sir Dennison Miller, the single Director of the Bank, claimed shortly after the war that his bank had the capacity, not only to finance the war all over again had it been needed, but that it could save Australia

untold millions in peacetime projects as well.

As King O'Malley had foretold, the need for foreign borrowing and compounding debt had been averted for future generations.

#### THE 'BANKSTERS' MOVE IN

By 1924 disaster struck! A young Dennison Miller unexpectedly died. A federal election saw Lord Bruce, a London banker, become a Liberal Prime Minister. The Commonwealth Bank was put under a Board selected from the private world of finance, and was increasingly crippled from there on.

The Great Depression, which struck five years later, could have been averted had the Commonwealth still been a "peoples' bank". There were no physical shortages in Australia. The causes were financial, as they are now.

MANY REMEMBER ...

Five years after the Depression started, with untold misery and unemployment up to 27 per cent at one point, a young Labor candidate stood for Fremantle in the federal election – John Curtin. A traditional Labor man, he was destined to become a great wartime leader.

Curtin's election platform was to return the Commonwealth Bank to its original position – as the "peoples' bank". His platform said:

"...Legislation will be passed restoring the management to a Governor of the Bank, as was originally the case when it was established by the Fisher government. Outside control by private interests will thus be removed and the bank will function in the public interest only. The progress made under Sir Dennison Miller, without interference by directors from outside, justifies the restoration of similar control.... The main purpose of securing national control of banking and credit is to utilize the credit of the nation for the benefit of the people ...."

# TURMOIL AND CONFUSION

Arguments about the causes of Depression waxed and waned during the thirties. The faulty concept that it was due to "too much money chasing too few goods", gained credence among orthodox economists, resulting in the Premiers' Plan, whereby wages were cut by 10 percent. This increased public misery. Finally, in 1937 a Royal Commission was held into Banking, where it was conceded that the Commonwealth Bank had the constitutional authority to create and lend money on any terms it considered necessary including the waiving of repayments and interest! Had the outbreak of war not occurred a short time later, it is almost certain that genuine reform of the financial system would have occurred. It only remains to say that the Depression disappeared in three days, once unlimited finance was made available for war!

# THE SUBTLE NEW IDEA

As the post-war period of peace occurred a new change overtook the Labor Party. Ben Chifley was the last genuine working Prime Minister. By the time Whitlam came to power in 1972 the Fabian dream of internationalism as outlined by Marx's Socialist International took hold. The remnants of the traditional working man's Labor Party were steadily weeded out. By the time Hawke, and then Keating, came to power the Fabian takeover was all but complete. Keating himself sold the Commonwealth Bank which Old Labor had striven so hard to establish. Its biggest single shareholders – as with the other three of the Big Four – are Listed nominees of New York. Australia's financial policies were shaped far away, in the lavish halls of the International Monetary Fund and the OECD. The creation of credit became a private banking monopoly.

Only the growth of marvelous technical, industrial and electronic innovation held at bay the final onslaught of 'debt slavery'. It has now caught up with a vengeance.

#### BAILING OUT THE BANKS

With scant knowledge of Australia's financial history, and intoxicated with the idea that the New World Order is the only way to go, Australia's politicians are now assuring us that banker-driven globalism is the solution. To reach this solution the perpetrators of the worldwide crisis must be 'bailed out" with the peoples' money, so they can resume their debtcreation business. Once handed over to a New World Order regime there is no turning back. Australia's national sovereignty is gone forever.

Surely there must be a few – even one or two – politicians, no matter what party, who will speak out now for Australia's own constitutional authority and integrity; for the people rather than the banks; for our farmers, manufacturers and workers, who have been the grist through the mill.

#### THE REAL AUSTRALIA

The real Australia was described by a World Bank Survey of over 150 nations in 1995 as "the richest per capita nation in the world." But only a portion of the Australian people see that wealth. Ten per cent – 2 million people – live in poverty. Many are now being dispossessed. Debt has robbed the people of what truly belongs to them. Can this be reversed before it is too late?

The most URGENT task is to prevent our weak-kneed Parliament from surrendering to the seduction of the New World Order. If this can be done, we can then examine how to return to Australians the benefits, robbed by the banks, to which they are rightfully due.

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