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# We cannot surrender

## States which shelter these killers will know no peace

Christopher Hitchens, 8 July 2005 Mirror.co.uk

SOMEWHERE around London at about a quarter to nine yesterday morning, there must have been people turning on their TV and radio sets with a look of wolfish expectation.

I hope and believe that they were disappointed in what they got. There just wasn't quite enough giggle-value for the psychopath.

It must have been infernal underneath King's Cross, but above ground no panic, no screaming, no wailing and beating the air, no yells for vengeance.

The preachers of this faith have taken care to warn us that they love death more than we love life. Their wager is that this makes them unstoppable. Well, we shall have to see. They certainly cannot prove their point unless we assist them in doing so.

I'm writing this in the early aftermath, but I would be willing to bet there will have been little or no bloody foolishness, either: no random attacks on mosques or shops or individuals. After all, devices on our buses and tubes are an open proclamation that the perpetrators don't care if they kill Muslims. Which, of course, is part of the point. When we use the weak and vague word "terrorism" we imply indiscriminate cruelty directed at civilians.

"Sadism" or "fascism" or "nihilism" would do just as nicely: all the venom that lurks just on the sub-human level of the human species.

In a tightly interwoven society, all that this poison has to do is ally itself with a certain low cunning.

People are afraid of plane crashes and of heights: in that sense 9/11 was the perfect strike on the collective unconscious. People are likewise afraid of fire and

of crowded or subterranean conditions: the mind of the fascist is naturally attuned to exploit such dreads. I am guessing the planners of this coordinated atrocity hoped for more mayhem than they got, but the casualty figures are in a sense beside the point.

WE all knew this was coming, and that one day a homely and familiar name like Tavistock Square would become a synonym for barbarism. The good old red London bus, a worldwide symbol of our capital, ripped to shards in an instant.

Random and "senseless" though such violence may appear, we also all know it expresses a deadly ideology; indeed that in some ways it is that ideology.

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My American friends have been impressed by the composure of the Londoners they have seen on the screen: I bet London Transport runs again rather sooner than US airlines resumed flying after 9/11.

I remember living in London through the Provisional IRA bombing in the 70s. I saw the very first car-bomb explode against the Old Bailey in 1972. There was no warning that time, but after a while a certain etiquette developed.

And, even as I detested the people who might have just as soon have blown me up as anyone else, I was aware there were ancient disputes involved, and that there was a potential political solution. Nothing of the sort applies in this case. We know very well what the "grievances" of the jihadists are.

The grievance of seeing unveiled women. The grievance of the existence, not of the State of Israel, but of the Jewish people. The grievance of the heresy of democracy, which impedes the imposition of *sharia* law. The grievance of a work of fiction written by an Indian living in London. The grievance of the existence of black African Muslim farmers, who won't abandon lands in Darfur. The grievance of the existence of homosexuals. The grievance of music, and of most representational art. The grievance of the existence of Hinduism. The grievance of East Timor's liberation from Indonesian rule. All of these have been proclaimed as a licence to kill infidels or apostates, or anyone who just gets in the way.

FOR a few moments yesterday, Londoners received a taste of what life is like for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, whose Muslim faith does not protect them from slaughter at the hands of those who think they are not Muslim enough, or are the wrong Muslim.

It is a big mistake to believe this is an assault on "our" values or "our" way of life. It is, rather, an assault on all civilisation. I know perfectly well there are people thinking, and even saying, that Tony Blair brought this upon us by his alliance with George Bush.

A word of advice to them: try and keep it down, will you? Or wait at least until the funerals are over. And beware of the non-sequitur: you can be as opposed to the Iraq operation as much as you like, but you can't get from that "grievance" to the detonating of explosives at rush hour on London buses and tubes.

Don't even try to connect the two. By George Galloway's logic, British squaddies in Iraq are the root cause of dead bodies at home. How can anyone bear to be so wicked and stupid? How can anyone bear to act as a megaphone for psychotic killers?

The grievances I listed above are unappeasable, one of many reasons why the jihadists will lose.

They demand the impossible - the cessation of all life in favour of prostration before a totalitarian vision. Plainly, we cannot surrender. There is no one with whom to negotiate, let alone capitulate.

We shall track down those responsible.

States that shelter them will know no peace. Communities that shelter them do not take forever to discover their mistake. And their sordid love of death is as nothing compared to our love of London, which we will defend as always, and which will survive this with ease.

Anyone, anywhere in the world, who has English-language medical, dental, veterinary or nursing texts or journals and would like to send them to Iraq, should contact David Gifford MD: [dgifford\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:dgifford[at]hotmail.com), for suggestions about how to do so. And please visit: [www.michaelyon.blogspot.com](http://www.michaelyon.blogspot.com)

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# Passing of Sir Harry Gibbs

Australians for Constitutional Monarchy, 29 June 2005

IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET that Australians for Constitutional Monarchy records the death on Saturday, 25 June, 2005, of the Right Honourable Sir Harry Gibbs, GCMG, AC, KBE.

Sir Harry was intimately involved with the foundation of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy, and with the defence of our constitutional system against proposals to change its fundamental nature.

Both in offering sound counsel, and in his intellectual arguments, Sir Harry remained loyal all his life to the Crown, and to the constitutional system which remains at the very basis of our nation.

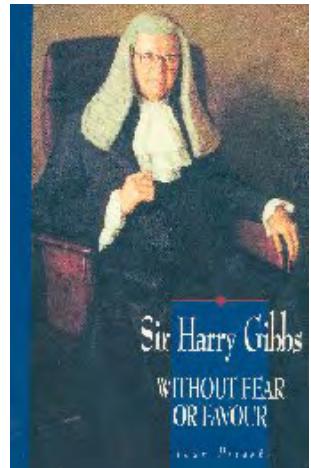
In the company of Justice Lloyd Waddy, ACM's first National Convenor, Justice Michael Kirby, Neville Bonner AO, Dame Leonie Kramer, the Hon Barry O'Keefe, Sir John Atwill, Dr Margaret Olley, The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC and others, Sir Harry was a signatory of the ACM charter and was a member of its Foundation Council.

Sir Harry played a leading role in the referendum campaign, speaking with that degree of authority which could only come from his well documented contribution to the law and its development.

Born in 1917, Sir Harry was educated at the Ipswich Grammar School and later attended Emmanuel College at The University of Queensland. He graduated a Bachelor of Arts with honours in 1937 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1939.

That year he was admitted to the Queensland bar, but his legal career was interrupted by World War II and he served in the Australian Military Forces from 1942 to 1945 and in the Australian Imperial Force in Papua New Guinea, attaining the rank of Major.

His interest in the legal system of Papua New Guinea became the basis for a Master of Laws Degree, awarded in 1946.



In the years following the war, Sir Harry built up a formidable reputation as an advocate and lawyer, and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1957, while also lecturing in law at the University of Queensland.

He was later appointed, successively, a Judge of the Queensland Supreme Court (1961-67); a Judge of the Federal Court of Bankruptcy (1967-70); a Justice of the High Court of Australia (1970-81); and Chief Justice of Australia (1981-87).

The University of Queensland awarded Sir Harry an honorary doctorate in 1980.

One of the organizations which benefited greatly from Sir Harry's participation was the Samuel Griffith Society. At a presentation in recent years to honour him, which had to be arranged without his knowledge because he would have forbidden it, it was noted that when John Stone and Ray Evans founded the Society in 1992, Sir Harry agreed to accept the role of President.

At the launch of the Society in 1992, he set the tone of his long and effective presidency when he presented a most substantial paper entitled Re-Writing the Constitution. It was thus in the Samuel Griffith Society, as well as to ACM, that Sir Harry was able to present his views on the defence of the constitutional system which we have had the good fortune to inherit.

Upholding the Australian Constitution, the record of the Proceedings of the Society, is replete with further contributions from Sir Harry---and not only in his succinct reports at the end of each conference. Most importantly, we find there a collection of papers, each examining a particular constitutional issue. These begin with his address in launching Volume 1 of the series, in which he spoke on the proposed review of the Constitution.

Then over the years, we find a number of most substantial papers, which demonstrate the breadth of interest Sir Harry had in constitutional issues. (These are listed in the record of the presentation referred to above at <http://www.samuelgriffith.org.au/papers/html/volume15/v15appendix1.html>)

In addition, it was Sir Harry's custom to issue a message on Australia Day each year, always on some subject of relevance to the time.

This program of publication---and it does not include papers given to ACM and elsewhere---was remarkable . It was stated at the presentation that this corpus contains more sense than that which flows from the pens of those who argue that we have a "horse and buggy" Constitution in desperate need of reform.

Sir Harry's funeral was held in Sydney on 28 June, 2005, the eulogy being delivered by his former Associate, the Solicitor-General for the Commonwealth, Mr David Jackson QC.

Sir Harry is survived by his dear wife of 60 years, Muriel, as well as three daughters, a son and seven grandchildren. Australians for Constitutional Monarchy extends to Lady Gibbs and all her family our sincere sympathy.

It is ACM's intention to collect and to publish Sir Harry's many papers on our constitutional monarchy. We shall always treasure his support and encouragement over the years.

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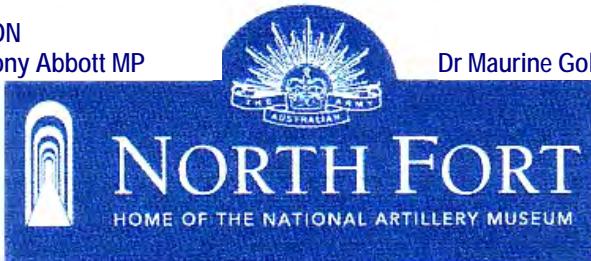
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**SEAFORTH TAFE**

An issue of great concern to Community Expressions is the scandal of the moribund TAFE College at Seaforth. For five years the purpose-built Seaforth TAFE has remained empty, after the precipitate closure decision forced 1,800 students to look elsewhere or abandon their studies. Landcom has been briefed to handle the disposal of the site. Landcom now seems to favour tearing down the structures and constructing through the site a road to replace the Seaforth roundabout. The replacement building cost of forty classrooms with workshops and laboratories is estimated at \$50m. The unsatisfied demand for TAFE places should count for more than the money-grabbing ambitions of the State Government. **RE-OPEN SEAFORTH TAFE!!!**

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# CRASH TRAGEDY

Queenslander Brian Ray, his wife Kathy and their pilot Russell Lee lost their lives near Mount Hotham, Victoria on Friday 8 July 2005, in the crash of a Piper Chieftain. Brian Ray was the driving force behind a series of high quality residential developments in South East Queensland and in Northern New South Wales, including Peppers Resort at Salt Village. His current project has been a \$500m development at Mount Hotham in cooperation with Queensland's MFS Group and the Grollo family, the official launch of the Hotham Alpine Resort having been on 11 June. MFS and the Ray Group own Queensland's two Sheraton Mirage Resorts and the BreakFree booking network and holiday apartment chain. On 21 May 2005 I last saw Brian Ray, a man full of life and highly focused on building for his family and his nation. Brian and Kathy Ray are survived by their children Tom, Savannah and Jack. May the loved ones of Brian and Kathy Ray and of Russell Lee find comfort in their time of great grief.

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# Going to Bat for Free Chinese Media

Sherrie Gossett, June 29, 2005

ACCURACY IN MEDIA's special report was translated into Chinese and reproduced around the world by The Epoch Times - which has a total circulation of over 1 million - as well as being published on a number of Chinese websites.

The pioneering independent Chinese New Tang Dynasty TV network (NTDTV) has received two extensions on its contract to broadcast into mainland China, delaying a scheduled shutdown of transmissions. Accuracy in Media previously released a special report detailing the travails of the network and Paris-based satellite operator Eutelsat corporation.

After being pressured by state-owned ChinaSatCom, Eutelsat moved to end NTDV's broadcasts by refusing to renew their contract. NTDV has repeatedly run afoul of China's repressive media policy by broadcasting news programs and documentaries highly critical of the Chinese Communist Party.

The network estimates some 2 million persons have rescinded their membership in the CCP and its affiliated organizations as a result of viewing a documentary series called "The Nine Commentaries." The series was based on editorials produced by the independent newspaper The Epoch Times. The reported exodus from the CCP and the independent reporting of NTDV has sparked a fierce reaction from the Chinese government no better exemplified than in the Eutelsat controversy.

The threatened shutdown was covered by the press internationally, with scores of politicians weighing in favor of NTDV.

- Eutelsat's actions were condemned by Reporters Without Borders and the International Federation of Journalists, two major journalism organizations in Europe who called the move a gross violation of the company's inter-governmental charter requiring Eutelsat to provide universal service, equal access, and respect for pluralism. 64 members of the European parliament signed a letter of support for NTDV's stance in the matter.
- A letter of support for keeping NTDV on the air to China was penned by Congressmen Christopher H. Smith and Tom Lantos, and was signed by 93 U.S. lawmakers.

- Accuracy in Media's special report was translated into Chinese and reproduced around the world by The Epoch Times—which has a total circulation of over 1 million—as well as being published on a number of Chinese websites. In addition AIM spoke out at the New York City Press Club in defense of NTD's right to freedom of the press and of speech. An AIM press release followed calling on President Bush to take action.
- 85,000 American supporters of NTD sent a petition to President Bush.

Two weeks ago, Senator Brownback wrote a letter to President Bush, signed by 14 other Senators. The letter states that Eutelsat was seeking "unacceptable terms" that would give it legal control over future NTD broadcasts into Asia. Noting that the US has 40% of its satellite contracts with Eutelsat, Brownback wrote that, "The U.S. government should not allow Eutelsat to hold this pro-democracy channel under duress for Beijing any longer." The letter also notes that the network was founded by "patriotic Chinese-Americans" in response to "viciously anti-American Chinese state propaganda after Sept. 11, 2001." Reminding the President of the previous letter signed by 93 US lawmakers and which questioned allowing continued US taxpayer support of Eutelsat, Sen. Brownback called on the administration to take the historic opportunity of securing this "open satellite window" to Asia.

Over the Memorial Day weekend Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld signed a petition supporting the mass exodus from the CCP sparked by "The Nine Commentaries" and denouncing the arrest of those who have withdrawn.

The media coverage and involvement of politicians has bought some time for the network but the outcome of negotiations is still very uncertain. Those negotiations are said to be marred by "game-playing." The shutdown was originally scheduled for April 15 then extended to May 22 as the two parties engaged in negotiations. The deadline was then extended to June 6 and now has been altered to June 13.

NTD Vice President Samuel Zhou told AIM "The negotiations have gone back and forth for a few rounds so far and still continue, some progress is being made but not enough to guarantee long-term transmission over Asia. NTD needs to retain its full rights to equal access with controls from third parties inside or outside the contract."

Even as the three-year old network enjoys exponential growth-now reaching some 200 million households worldwide-it represents something of a paradox: it continues to thrive in the very context of continued persecution from the Chinese state. In the case of the Eutelsat controversy, AIM agrees with the Lantos letter: with taxpayers enriching Eutelsat by subsidizing its whopping hold of 40% of US government satellite operator contracts, the company needs to start listening to its biggest client. Thanks to the efforts of AIM, European media watchdog groups, democracy groups and international leaders, the opposition to muzzling NTD-TV is becoming impossible for the Eutelsat to ignore.

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## **University Takes a Principled Stand against Chicom Bullying** (DR addition to headline)

**James Burke, The Epoch Times Jul 06, 2005**

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SYDNEY'S University of Technology (UTS) has stood up to pressure from the Chinese Communist Party by refusing to remove mention of a Falun Dafa meditation club from its website. As a result, the UTS website has been blocked in China, which is expected to lower the number of incoming Chinese students, substantially affecting university revenue.

At a Vice Chancellor's meeting on June 20, UTS Vice Chancellor Ross Milbourne announced that an increase in undergraduate student fees was largely due to the university taking a principled stand in keeping Falun Dafa content on the site.

The incident is in line with allegations by Chinese defector Chen Yonglin of a general pattern of petty harassment and monitoring of Australian Falun Gong practitioners by Chinese Government agents.

Student Representative Council President, Michelle Sparkes, says there is continuing concern by the council about occasions of discrimination against the Falun Dafa meditation club, because of pressure from the Chinese Government. The latest episode was the deletion of the club and any mention of Falun Dafa from the Union website.

"[We] were aware it was because of the political pressure to do with China's disapproval of the movement in China," said Ms Sparkes.

"A staff member of UTS union... e-mailed me pointing out that the union had been told by the university to remove the Falun Dafa meditation society details from the websites where all the other clubs and societies were listed," Ms Sparkes said.

Ms Zhao Ruoyun, a UTS lecturer in Business Studies and member of the Falun Dafa club, said she was shocked at such intimidation, but said the UTS Union and SRC were supportive and within a week the decision was reversed.

Ms Sparkes said: "I think that it is in part because the UTS Union employee didn't just be quiet about it, he quite obviously and pointedly e-mailed to seven different bodies with a string of letters of support."

The SRC passed a resolution, sent letters of condemnation to the Registrar, the university Vice Chancellor and the local state member of parliament. Ms Sparkes says that without student unions applying pressure and speaking up, issues such as these might not be addressed.

"[Unless] you have a framework and infrastructure set up there to do the kind of representational activity then who is going to take any notice? Who is going to listen?" she said.

The Falun Dafa meditation club was founded in UTS in the beginning of 2004. Ms Zhao said she and the other club members teach the Falun Dafa exercises for free and also participate in various club and university activities.

The meditation practice Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, was banned in China in July 1999 after its estimated numbers of over 70 million exceeded Chinese Communist Party membership. A brutal crackdown has followed, with over 2500 practitioners confirmed dead through torture and abuse in custody.

A Chinese diplomat who defected recently, in Sydney, has confirmed that the CCP has spread the persecution of Falun Dafa, to overseas countries, by harassing Falun Dafa practitioners and by pressuring, individuals, companies and nations to ignore human rights issues if they want to trade with China.

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# ZIMBABWE — the Eddie Cross Diary

Bulawayo, 27 June 2005

## The Future of Agriculture

Agriculture is not kind to those who abuse her cycles . . . . Any disruption of these cycles means lower yields and production and reaping problems. To achieve them a complex and wide array of resources must be made available and on time . . . . The managers who made all this possible are gone . . . .

WHEN ZIMBABWE gained its independence from Britain in 1980 we inherited an agricultural system which was not only capable of feeding the country but was also able to do so at prices that were significantly below those of all our neighbouring States. The system generated half our exports, 25 per cent of GDP and a third of all employment.

The system was then made up of 6,000 large scale farmers – 1,200 of them companies, some with multinational connections, some 800,000 peasant farmers and 23,000 small scale commercial farmers. The peasant farming sector generated about half the basic food needs of the country and 70 per cent of the cotton. The small-scale farmers had the highest average incomes per capita in the rural sector and the large-scale farmers had a well deserved reputation for conservation, productivity and quality.

At that time the country was the largest producer and exporter of tobacco, cotton, beef and white maize in Africa. We also exported sugar, coffee, timber, tea and a number of other products. Protected initially by the Lancaster House constitution, the farming industry boomed for the first decade after independence. Average growth per annum over this time was over 10 per cent per annum and it made a significant contribution to national growth and output. By 1985 the tobacco

industry had recovered from the years of sanctions and was number three in the world behind the USA and Brazil.

The land redistribution programme also made steady progress during this time - some 3.6 million hectares of land was purchased under willing seller willing buyer arrangements and settled by a significant number of otherwise landless people. By 1995 commercial farmers occupied 12 million hectares of land, of which only 8 million was actually owned and occupied by white farmers. 1,200 black large-scale commercial farmers had entered the industry successfully.

Today the whole system lies in ruins - some 600 large-scale commercial farmers remain, but their possession is tenuous and insecure. A number of foreign owned farming enterprises - some of them very large - continue to function. But by and large the whole system has collapsed. Food prices are now well above regional averages and the system can barely produce a third to half of what the country needs to feed itself.

The network of research stations, manufacturing and distribution companies that provided inputs and services to the industry have almost all gone. Fertilizer, seed and chemicals are difficult to find and even more expensive to buy. Fuel is a constant nightmare and the electricity grid in rural areas is in a very poor state.

A feature of this collapse that is often overlooked is that the peasant sector has shown a similar pattern of collapse to that of the large-scale commercial farming sector. This is despite the fact that it has not been affected by the same dislocation as the latter. The reasons for this are many - HIV/Aids, the migration of adults to the cities and neighbouring States and the affect of the deterioration in input supply and other services. The dislocation of marketing systems and the rise of corruption in all dealings with farmers has exacerbated the situation. So Zimbabwe now faces a situation where not only it cannot feed its cities, the peasant sector is also now a net importer of food.

What is the outlook? I am afraid the outlook is very gloomy. I am told that when the State President was given the first estimate of winter cropping he was extremely angry, as plantings are so small. But it is not just that - much of the

winter crop has been planted late - I saw one farmer trying to plant wheat last week, a full month too late. In addition, shortages of herbicides and fertilizers will reduce yields. I am also told that tobacco seed sales - the first indication of next years crop, are half what they were at this time last year.

Agriculture is not kind to those who abuse her cycles. Tobacco land preparation should be completed in April, seedbeds in May, other dry land cropping areas should be prepared no later than July. Early tobacco goes in shortly - irrigated and reaping can start as early as November. Wheat must be planted by the 20th of May. Maize must go in before the 15th of November.

Any disruption of these cycles means lower yields and production and reaping problems. To achieve them a complex and wide array of resources must be made available and on time - financing, fertilizer, chemicals, fuel, seed and equipment must be maintained in the off season so that it is available during the season. The managers who made all this possible are gone - driven out of the country by the land invasions, political and economic uncertainty or just concern about the future of families. It is not something you can put together again in a short period of time. Some might say it can never be put back together again.

One thing is absolutely sure, without a stable political and economic environment, without security of tenure and security of assets, no recovery is likely. On the contrary, under present conditions the situation can only get worse. The State continues to dispossess farmers - tobacco farmers are being forced off their properties with cured crops in their barns. Dairy farmers are still being harassed and the tiny pockets of remaining expertise and genetic stocks are being threatened or wiped out by illegal invasions on the part of politically connected thugs.

The Murambatsvina campaign may be partly designed to force people out of the towns and into the rural areas to "grow food" but this is unlikely to happen. Conditions in rural areas are desperate and it is much more likely that the economically active adults will simply seek greener pastures across the Limpopo or chose to sit it out in even more squalid camps and other informal settlements.

Even after the coming political transition, the reconstruction of the rural economy is going to take many years and will require very careful planning and implementation. It is unlikely that subsistence peasant style agriculture will ever be able to feed the nation or replace lost exports.

More than likely Zimbabwe will have to painfully reconstruct its large-scale commercial farming industry piece by piece. That will require, contrary to present wisdom, security of tenure underwritten by a new constitution and a firm undertaking by new leaders that the madness of the recent past will never be allowed to happen again.

Another factor that must be borne in mind is that any future development in terms of global warming will make both South Africa and Zimbabwe drier and the weather unstable. This will make it even more important to re-establish a sophisticated and well-managed large scale farming industry than before. This could then be used to foster small-scale commercial agriculture and a transformation of the peasant sector so that Zimbabwe can regain its position as a leader on the continent in all things to do with farming.

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# Schapelle Corby

ON 12 MAY 2005, Australia's greatest broadcaster, John Laws CBE of Radio 2UE kindly read the following at my request:

*Very many Australians believe that Schapelle Leigh Corby is innocent, and very many Australians fervently hope that Schapelle Leigh Corby will be found **not guilty** and allowed to return to her loved ones in Australia.*

*The best chance of the Indonesian Court finding Miss Corby **not guilty** is for someone to come forward and admit placing the offending material in the boogie board bag belonging to the lady.*

*So I am calling on the Attorneys-General of New South Wales, Queensland and the Commonwealth to issue a joint statement guaranteeing immunity from prosecution to anyone who comes forward with an admission which is supported by proof.*

*Under normal circumstances I would not call for any kind of amnesty for drug dealers. But these are not normal circumstances. An Australian is seriously at risk of spending the rest of her life in jail, or even of losing her life. And the Australian in question is most likely innocent.*

*So there it is, and I hope to read in tomorrow's Daily Telegraph that the Attorneys-General have agreed with my suggestion. Gentlemen, please immediately grant immunity from prosecution to anyone who comes forward with the truth of how that parcel got into Schapelle Corby's boogie board bag.*

Best wishes to John Laws for a rapid and total recovery after back surgery

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# John Malcolm Fraser now listed on the Ukqwitt Register

TO BECOME LISTED in the Ukqwitt Register, being very wrong – for example by advocating the convoluted policies of the Australian Labor Party – is not enough. One must in addition be demonstrably stupid and obsessively self-focused.

Malcolm Fraser was already betraying a hint of those characteristics when I first encountered him, in 1971, when he visited Toowoomba in the company of soon-to-be-Senator Neville Bonner to campaign for the Liberal candidates contesting the Toowoomba electorates in the Queensland State Election.

As an aside I mention that Senator Neville Bonner made a huge contribution to the 1975 campaign which propelled Malcolm Fraser into the Prime Ministership. As leader of the Liberal Senate ticket, Sen Bonner achieved a 56.1% vote, the highest ever polled under the current voting system by a Senate candidate. Fraser did nothing to defend or protect Bonner when in 1983 the Queensland Liberals demoted the Senator to an unwinnable spot on the Senate ticket.

In course of the polite interchanges as the Toowoomba event got under way, I heard twice what I understood to be Malcolm Fraser's standard "joke", his assertion that he was "neither right nor honourable".

With a room full of people I sat through an excessively long and boring speech read by Malcolm Fraser MP, a speech in which he thrice assured the people of Toowoomba how happy he was to be in Townsville.

Neville Bonner retrieved the situation which Fraser had brought to the brink of disaster. When the perfunctory applause for Fraser stuttered to a close, Neville leaped upon a chair and announced "I'm only a little bloke, so I'll get up here where you can see me". He then delivered, extempore, an enthusiastic and inspiring address which was also impressively brief.

Four years later when I asked him to accompany me to East Timor, Neville Bonner did not hesitate. My poem about this great Australian may be seen at: <http://michaeldarby.net/DarbyFamilyPoetry.pdf>

When Senator Neville Bonner returned from East Timor in September 1975 he made an appointment to see then Opposition Leader Malcolm Fraser. He expressed the opinion that the Opposition should campaign to keep the Indonesians out of East Timor. By Neville's account, Malcolm Fraser replied: "P --- off Neville, the East Timorese are all f ----- communists." I doubt that Neville ever forgave Fraser.

For those – including new subscribers – who missed earlier Darby Reports, the **Ukqwitt Register** was instigated by a Sydney northside businessman ("the Registrar") who is a keen student of public affairs, in recognition of Ferdinand Ukqwitt (1780-1828).

Ferdinand Ukqwitt (sometimes rendered "Ukqvitt") died as he lived, stupidly. He met his end, duelling pistol in his hand, shortly after dawn on 10 November 1828 in Berlin, not far from the site of the present zoo. Ukqwitt had repeatedly challenged a Prussian army officer to a duel over some misunderstanding regarding the affections of a lady. The officer reluctantly accepted the challenge from an obviously incompetent civilian, and arrived at the rendezvous in time to witness Ukqwitt accidentally shoot the right ear off his own second. The second, unsurprisingly, was not impressed and hurled a paving stone at Ukqwitt. Attempting to dodge the missile, Ukqwitt slipped and fell, impaling himself painfully – and fatally – on an iron fence.

In the course of his useless life Ukqwitt had incurred the contempt of the well-informed public of several nations through his obsessive pamphleteering and speechmaking in support of his ill-conceived plan for the incorporation of Switzerland into the Kingdom of Sardinia.

Prussian senior delegate to the Vienna Conferences Prince Karl August von Hardenberg described Ukqwitt as "the fool of the century".

The then British representative in Vienna, Lord Castlereagh, wrote in a private letter to Prime Minister Robert Jenkinson (the Second Earl of Liverpool): "The whole logic of European relations is threatened by Ukqwittism".

The rules of the Ukqwitt Register are simple:

- Any subscriber to the Darby Report many nominate a name to be inscribed in the Ukqwitt Register, with the right of veto being held by the Registrar.
- Persons with their names inscribed in the register instantly receive the cognomen “Ukqwitt” to be used immediately before the surname.
- From time to time the Darby Report will list a new addition to the Ukqwitt Register.

There was no contest for the entry at the top of the Ukqwitt Register, **Senator Bob**

**Ukqwitt Brown**, who almost daily consolidates his position with a renewed burst of Ukqwittism. Number two in the Ukqwitt Register, **Phillip Ukqwitt Adams**, received his place for his moronic, bigoted and demonstrably false assertion (The Weekend Australian Magazine, 15-16 November 2003) “*. . . the conservatives have absolutely no sense of humour or irony. . . satire is lost on them.*”

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Number three in the Ukqwitt Register is animal liberationist **Ralph Ukqwitt Hahnheuser**, the saboteur and enemy of Australian rural industry, who in mid-November 2003 conducted a raid against the Kobo Feedlot in Portland, Victoria, where he contaminated sheep feed by the addition of shredded ham.

Number four in the Ukqwitt Register is **Andrew Ukqwitt Bartlett**, somehow leader of a Party which holds itself out as upholding the rights of women. Bartlett’s supreme unconcern – indeed contempt – for the rights of women was evidenced by his 5 December 2003 assault upon fellow Senator Jeannie Ferris, in the Senate Chamber.

Number five is former MP **Mark Ukqwitt Latham**. As evidenced by his photo on page 2 of The Weekend Australian of 13-14 December 2003, the then Leader of the Federal Opposition organized a photo opportunity for himself, purportedly engaging in the popular sport of lawn bowls. At New Farm Bowls Club in

Brisbane, Mark Latham sent down a bowl for the photographer, Nathan Richter. Latham was not wearing a hat, an omission which most bowlers in Queensland would classify as stupid. Latham was wearing his suit jacket and tie, unthinkable on a bowling green, especially in Queensland. Latham was wearing his street shoes with raised leather heels, illegal on every bowling green in the civilized world. Since then, **Mark ("Supermouth") Ukqwitt Latham** has consolidated his position on the Register by various means including inventing stories about the content of briefings he received from senior public servants, in a failed and futile attempt to justify his ill-considered forays into foreign policy. His crashing fall from public favour and comprehensive electoral defeat is a tribute to the wisdom of the public (and perhaps the influence of the Ukqwitt Register).

**Greg Ukqwitt Barnes** earned his position at number six by challenging a journalist who was trying to interview Prince Frederik of Denmark, then visiting Hobart, the home of his fiancee, Mary Donaldson. Barnes gave the journalist the benefit of his opinion, an opinion so bizarre it would astound many if not most of his fellow republicans: "All monarchies are evil!"

Holding number seven position is former Lord Mayor of Sydney **Frank Ukqwitt Sartor** who for years masqueraded as an independent before becoming a Labor Party Minister. On Thursday 5 February 2004 in a telephone conversation with (then) Lord Mayor Lucy Turnbull and two senior public servants, Sartor repeatedly made reference to the Labor Government "destroying" Ms Turnbull and the Council. "Cranky Frankie" Sartor then uttered the phrase for which he will always be remembered: "You are *local government pissants*".

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Number eight on the Ukqwitt Register is a Vice-Regal appointment, former Governor of Tasmania **H.E.** (as he then was) **Richard Ukqwitt Butler**. Former Governor-General Bill Hayden in the course of his honourable vice-regal service did a great deal to disprove the axiom “Once a political hack, always a political hack”.

All that good work by Hayden has been undone by Richard Butler, who in addition to descending to tawdry levels of political nastiness, set the seal on his inclusion in the Register by asking (according to press reports) Mark Latham to make him Governor-General.

Entertainer Sir Bob Geldof beat off strong international competition to win the ninth spot on the Ukqwitt Register. Bob Geldof is a talented performer with a strong humanitarian streak who sadly lacks any idea about what causes poverty. His **Make Poverty History** Campaign was supported of course by political-organisation-masquerading-as-charity Oxfam. Another of the groups aligned with Geldhof was **Conscience, the Peace Tax Campaign** which wants “*the legal right for those with a conscientious objection to war to have the military part of their taxes spent on peacebuilding activities*”. Then we have **Unite Against Racism**, which campaigns “*to end France’s ban on the hijab*” and which ran a “*Unite Against Fascism Day of Action*” on 11 June 2005 (which must have been great news for the poor of Africa). Another listed group, **One World Action**, describes itself as part of the **Trade Justice Movement** which organised an anti-free-trade demonstration outside 10 Downing Street in April 2005. It is true that some of the groups aligned with Geldhof do little or no harm, and some of them do some good. None seem fussy about the company they keep.

The vital issue is that poverty and misery in Africa are not caused by

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exploitative western governments nor by the legacy of colonialism. Poverty and misery in Africa are caused by those rotten African Governments which institutionalise corruption, brutality, crime, female subservience and even genocide and slavery. Read what Eddie Cross has to say in this and previous issues of the Darby Report.

When Bob Geldof's mates all unite to drive Robert Mugabe from office, then they'll have some credibility. In the meantime, let's encourage and assist the minority of African Governments which support individual liberty and which are making a genuine effort to lift the living standards of their people. The Republic of Ghana is a rare but very welcome example.

No kind person objects to Bob Geldof organising concerts to raise money by voluntary contributions from attendees or even through the sale of television rights. But Geldhof goes far beyond the bounds of legitimacy by demanding that governments steal even more tax money from their citizens to bestow upon undeserving dictators. At the same time, he gives comfort and encouragement to those who seek to impede trade and investment, the most likely sources of genuine prosperity for the poor and oppressed. Therefore we have **Sir Bob Ukqwitt Geldof**.

Returning to Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser, most Fraser watchers hoped that after losing his trousers in Memphis in 1986, the undistinguished former PM would have the sense and decency to disappear from public life. Not Malcolm, whose life is spent in search of a sympathetic constituency, which will never exist for him on the free enterprise side of politics. His leftward search for a sympathetic constituency consistently brings him into conflict with the views of his former Treasurer, Prime Minister John Howard, whose success Malcolm Fraser bitterly resents. East Timor provides a clear contrast between the two; Malcolm Fraser endorsed the Gough Whitlam sell-out of the East Timorese, and John Howard is acknowledged by the East Timorese as their liberator.

Fraser always was a supporter of foreign exchange control, tariffs, single desk marketing, deficit budgeting and government operation of major industries. He has courted anti-monarchists, Whitlamites, internationalists, anti-Americans and open-door-immigrationists. The next article in this Darby Report is relevant.

In one very important area of international relations, Malcolm Fraser has earned the greatest opprobrium. Fraser put a great personal effort into persuading

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to reject the election of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia's Prime Minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa. More than any other Commonwealth leader, Malcolm Fraser through the 1979 Lusaka CHOGM and Lancaster House Agreement contributed to the empowerment of the appalling socialist, Robert Mugabe. Fraser's close ally in this endeavour was his friend the Caribbean socialist, then Prime Minister of Jamaica, Michael Manley.

As the one international figure might have had an influence upon Mugabe, Malcolm Fraser never spoke up. He remained silent through the Matebeleland massacres committed by Mugabe's North Korean trained Fifth Brigade. He remained silent throughout a litany of corruption, murder, dispossession, plunder, economic destruction and rampant electoral fraud. And Malcolm Fraser continues to remain silent while Mugabe treats his own people the way the Ukrainians were treated by the Soviets.

Hence: The Right Honourable John Malcolm **Ukqwitt** Fraser CH MP.

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# No leak, says Ruddock

From the Sydney Morning Herald June 29, 2005 By Joseph Kerr and AAP

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, Philip Ruddock, has defended his office's role in discussing ASIO raids in Melbourne and Sydney, denying it had leaked information. In response to claims from a Melbourne lawyer that Mr Ruddock's office had leaked defamatory information about anti-terrorism raids, Mr Ruddock said there was no legal basis that would support the allegations against him or his staff.

Rod Stary, a Melbourne lawyer representing a Victorian man charged with terrorism offences, said yesterday that while information that was defamatory and cowardly about someone accused of involvement in terrorist activities could deliberately be leaked from the Attorney-General's office, the accused could not publicly give their version of events.

The former prime minister Malcolm Fraser also criticised the Federal Government's anti-terrorism policies, saying they had created a "secret police" and a culture of fear. "No other country has found it necessary to exert such powers," Mr Fraser told Southern Cross radio. "You can be arrested because ASIO think you know something."

Mr Ruddock said the restrictions on public comment relating to warrants were limited. He said the only restrictions under Australian law on what could be said about warrants issued to gather information - such as on those suspected of involvement in terrorism - related to those warrants issued by a judicial officer under ASIO's questioning powers. "But there are no broader restrictions than those, and the characterisation of ASIO's powers in some way as having some quite sinister overtones, ignores the fact that the power to enter and search has been part of its modus operandi for decades, and is not something of a recent character," he said.

Mr Ruddock confirmed search warrants had been exercised in both Sydney and Melbourne.

# Soviet brutality: Books on the Deportations

"Seeds on the Wind – a family's journey to freedom during WWII" by Inara Kalnins, and

"Sentence: Siberia – a Story of Survival" by (the late) Ann Lehmts and her son-in-law Dr Douglas Hoile, ISBN 1-877059-18-8, Sid Harta Publishers, PO Box 1102 Hartwell Victoria 3124.



## We've got mail

### Victoria double standards

Dear Editor,

Two Christian pastors were recently prosecuted in Victoria under the Bracks' Government's Race Hate legislation for challenging passages of the Koran. This stupid, super politically correct law was passed without any dissent.

Recent ASIO raids in Melbourne revealed that a bookshop associated with a Mosque in Brunswick was selling books inciting hatred of Christians, Jews and non-Muslims. Will the Bracks' Government prosecute those responsible with the same vigour that it applied to the two Christian pastors? Will any member of the Victorian Opposition have the guts to demand that this happen or that the Race Hate legislation be repealed?

John Pasquarelli

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# Citrus Canker Disease

20 June 2005

The following email was today sent to members of the Consultative Committee for the Eradication of Citrus Canker in Australia. Bindi Pressler

In reply to the devastation of the Citrus Canker in Emerald, I can only say “I know how Connie Iddles feels”, which is more than all the recipients of this email can say, and I wonder how many of you have actually had the decency to reply. No-one could ever know or experience the feeling of this catastrophe unless you have experienced it yourself, which believe me I have, and will for the rest of my life, however long that is.

Do you know or care what it is like? - We see it, breathe it, live it every day. How many of you have children? How would you like to tell them, everything you've worked for is destroyed, through no fault of our own.

How would you like to tell them, “I’m not getting paid – this week or next week, or the next 7 years and there is NO MONEY. What do you tell you’re children when they ask “Mum, what are you crying, why don’t you eat?” Do you know what it is like as a grown adult to cry yourself to sleep every night? Do you know what it is like to smell “rotting leather”, yes the smell of your shoes, decaying away from the decontamination chemicals that you have to dip your feet in up to 20+ times a day for movement around the property. No? We do, we live it every day.

The anguish and despair is almost too much to take anymore, even though you’re trying to stay strong, if for nothing else your family - not even for yourself. Not once have you thought about the decisions you are making for the people, yes the people (not animals) and how it affects them both financially and emotionally. You, make decisions at the drop of the hat, and don’t care about the ramifications to the grower.

Aside from the massive financial loss of income – have you actually thought about all the other costs that are associated with this? Tell me how I pay for:

- Electricity guarantees – yes, when you have large irrigation pumps installed you must sign a guarantee that you will use X \$ of electricity, when you do not use it, you still have to pay.
- Irrigation Water – Part (A) Capital charge, you still have to pay whether you use the water or not.
- Lease Payments.
- A Packing Shed with millions of dollars of equipment. You still have to maintain it.
- Loans with the bank, yes we still have to repay them, and I mean substantial loans, not \$2,000,000; much, much more.
- Trees in our nursery, ready to be planted NOW – more than \$500,000.
- Just the day to day maintenance of these properties.

Apart from the financial loss, what about the years of research and development into our plant breeding? A plant breeding scheme encouraged to release new varieties to industry, not just kept in-house, but for the good of industry. Do you think this was funded by the government? - No by us and us alone. Does nobody care about this? How many other people in the industry and doing this sort of research and development? That's right. you don't know and don't care.

It's actually hard to believe none of you have been up here to Emerald in the last 6 months. Seen the blood, sweat and tears that make these properties tick. I wonder what your children would think.

Today, is the start of the school holidays here in Queensland and while many children will be lucky enough to have some fun, my children are faced with another day of “pulling out” baby citrus trees which they planted last July and September School holidays. Trees which do not have canker, but some bunch of people sitting in an office DECIDED had to be destroyed. I hope you think of my children today - think of the look on their faces, and the anguish in the minds and the destruction of their hearts.

I once felt proud to be an Australian. Now I feel ashamed. Ashamed that in this society a handful of bureaucrats and politicians sitting in their air-conditioned

offices, taking their pay cheques home every week can make decisions to ruin innocent people's lives and livelihood. And not give a damn. What sort of society are we living in?

And I wonder how many of you will actually have the want, desire or common decency to reply to me. Let's see! I ask each and every one of you to reply.

Bindi Pressler  
Ph: 0438 744 632

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## Citrus Canker Disease

Dear Consultative Committee

It's a travesty that the Consultative Committee keeps fobbing of any responsibility for any form of payment (be it compensation, payment for fruit that governments don't own but want destroyed, or payments for trees which governments don't own but want destroyed), as part of the National Citrus Canker Eradication Program.

There is real suffering at Emerald, and it has been wrong that CCEPP been able to go about its business without ensuring that the victims are also looked after.

It's interesting that the new plant health concept refers to growers who would receive assistance as "beneficiaries" - I don't think so.

Regards

Chris Simpson

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## Citrus Canker Disease

This is our dream destroyed! Can someone please explain to my 9 year old daughter why her dad has to destroy our farm! I started crying when she did, this is devastating to have to cope with. Tiarnee my daughter had expressed the words "I want to kill them" as she was crying. Obviously, she has been listening to us, the radio, the news and people talk of this "citrus canker thing" and what the government is doing to help people in this situation. I had explained softly to her that this is not our fault and it is something that needs to be done for Australia as this disease is not a very good thing to keep in the trees.

Thought you may be interested in looking at these pictures of our home farm life while it is being pulled up, ploughed up and then raked up before being burnt!

We have worked so long, hard and put all our money into this and have not had the chance to even start paying back the bank money for our outlay yet! This was to be our first year of full production. But, now it is all to be taken away from us! I feel so much for my husband. He is a very honest, gentle, hard working man with high principles, and now this is not something that anyone would wish on any person to happen to.

I invite all of you to come and have a look at what this is doing to our farm, family and our health! We will go bankrupt if someone doesn't step in and help.

I am writing this email and sending pictures to you in hope someone can listen. I am sorry if this email is an emotional one but, that is just the way I truly feel, cheated and left to rot in our loss caused by someone else!!!

Please forward this email on to Bruce Scott.

Connie Iddles

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## **Spit Hill Cameras**

### **Open Letter to the Ministry of Roads and Traffic.**

Dear Minister,

It is now apparent that the Spit Hill Speed camera detection point has been located further down the Spit Hill, thus allowing more distance for the many young speedway drivers, in their high powered buzz boxes, to increase their speed before testing their high speed cornering skills through the notorious S Bends.

When I invited Minister Scully to inspect the problems with the original camera we were standing at the S Bends when one such driver did his high speed, across 3 lanes, cornering exhibition. I suspect it was one of the reasons why Minister Scully felt persuaded, to relocate the camera to the uphill location.

Might I ask Minister, what "Yes Minister" reasons have been offered by the bureaucrats to justify the relocation?

I would hope that the reasons are more compelling than bus driver, demonstrated unreliability and inaccuracy of speed detectors and the real probability of the RTA having to refund many inaccurate fines?

The RTA CEO looked most embarrassed when he was asked about the breach of privacy caused from the front viewing cameras and their inability to detect vehicles without front number plates, i.e. Motor cycles.

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With the stream of excuses emanating from the RTA over the whole camera debacle, one could be easily convinced there is special department of lame excuses within the RTA, in the best traditions of Monty Python's "Ministry for Silly Walks".

I would further hope that the reasons are more rational than those advanced for the original camera being located at the bottom of the Spit Hill, some half a Kilometre from the real safety issue. Where it was directly responsible for a series of major accidents, which completely negated any suggestion that it was other than revenue raising.

Whenever we need a good laugh, I trot out those original bureaucratic excuse letters, they are well worn by now.

**Jim Reid**

*Middle Harbour Councillor and former Mayor of Mosman*

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Dear Editor.

The recent events linked to Terrorism in London are beyond rational explanation, and we are also told that a similar act could occur in Sydney. These fundamental religious Islamic zealots rely on Terrorism. Terrorism can only thrive in partnership with ignorance. The two greatest deterrents that can stop these Terrorists is a high level of security vigilance and a high level of Education of our population of all ages. These Terrorists regard Education as anathema. They tear education. They advocate ignorance. I would regard education as a powerful deterrent on a long term basis. The pursuit of Education here and abroad is the greatest deterrent we can invest in.

I would urge all readers to consider the above and if they agree with these statements, protest about the closure of Seaforth TAFE, and urge the Authorities to reopen these Educational facilities as a TAFE College as soon as possible in order to make a direct contribution towards defeating these terrorists.

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