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What is Happening to our Country? By Neville Archibald

The horrific attack on independent member for Indi, Helen Haines, marks a change in Australian life, one it will be hard to come back from. The shock of something like that happening in this Country, and almost on my doorstep, makes me question, where has our culture gone? The Region Helen represents is one I know fairly well, having helped a previous independent's run for parliament there in 1990; and to this day still visiting and holidaying there. There were no real contentious issues leading to hatred or serious argument back then. Politically, the constituency seemed like most other rural based areas in Victoria. A stronger aptitude for electing independents since then perhaps, but those I met and engaged with were far from radical. A few I would describe as Australian larrikins at worst.

Since those days back in the 90s, the character has altered, but so has the rest of this country. COVID has seen an exodus from the city, as has the desire of many for a tree change – out of the rat race of Melbourne (who can blame them). But they still appear to be Australians at heart.

What has changed, has been the perception that Parliament is not listening to us! Many times since the 90s, our frustration at this disregard has led to a protest, whether farmers, timber cutters or other industry doing it tough. The forced medication of COVID and the lock-downs, the taking over of rural land for 'Net Zero' infrastructure, the Voice turnaround (where we said NO, but still got a Victorian voice despite that rejection), and the many other times the public found itself powerless in the face of change.

Add to this the extreme element who protest in the cities and get away with violence and damage, while the calmer rural community looks on, and there has to be some anger created, especially when the relevant and peaceful

protests for rural concerns are harshly treated and condemned by both sides of politics.

Reflecting on all this, I can see why the population is changing its attitude, although I don't for a minute believe this is leading to the violence we are seeing elsewhere. All we ask for is sanity and balance, and the right to be respected for our opinions. Our will, reflected in parliamentary debate and our concerns listened to, not being derided or called petty names because we disagree. Anthony Albanese may well call to 'turn it down', but he must acknowledge the part he and his minions in Canberra and the States are playing. Only so much contempt can be shown towards us by our 'so called leaders' before something results.

In the past it has always been the ballot box that copped the anger, voting out those who peeved us off. But in Victoria at least, this too has been treated with contempt by the use of preference deals and shonky parties, the most recent being the 'sack Dan Andrews party' that promptly gave all their votes to Dan and the Labor party. No reprisals for such a nefarious action, and no apologies either. Many are fed up with politics, and it has been this style of politics that has created this estrangement.

So while it may be okay to ask us to take it down a notch, it would be easier to do if the integrity of government went up a few notches itself first.

The Media also has to face up to their actions. The soundbite and polarisation of reporting to garner viewers has increasingly focused on sensationalising arguments. Facts seem to be in the backseat to the driver of 'making a good story'. Genuine reporting, gathering and analysing the facts in an unbiased way, would appear to be a thing of the past. The use of division to create sides and make everything a contest, is not merely a monetary gain for them, it is also shaping our emotions and altering our actions, making that divisive argument a more bitter one. Barracking for a 'side' in everything we disagree on.

Manipulation of community for the purpose of gaining or retaining power, is now the way our political machine works, each competes for votes by analysing data rather than asking the population they are supposed to be working for. Not all the players in these fields are doing the wrong thing, we need to focus our energies on those who are truly representative or unbiased in their reporting and support them in making a change for the better.

We pray for Helen and her family, and the wider community of Indi, that this incident remains an aberration without repeat. The last thing we need is a rise in division on this scale. Violence like this, against those we disagree with, is not the Australian way. Let it be the last.

"Balance and sanity are essential for survival in the perilous days ahead. Realistic Christianity provides that balance." Eric Butler, *On Target* Vol 26, No. 40

In 1990 when Eric wrote these words, he had been on tour in the US and Canada. I had the considerable fortune to meet with him in Canada. Along with a fellow traveller, we accompanied Eric for a short leg of his tour, having ourselves been touring America. Various groups at that time were positioning themselves into our (Australia's) political realm, trying to 'harvest' the interest of the disaffected. We had run into conflicting views with the sponsoring party and needed a reliable sounding board, familiar with the history of political machinations.

I do not need to elaborate on our discussions, other than to say it was a pleasure to find that our educated guesswork, had been right. Apart from that, the short few days spent in the company of both Eric and his supporters, confirmed for me that the League 'family' as I have come to know it, were both reliable and concerned only with the welfare of our civilisation – as it should be!

I add those last words – as it should be – because those of us who look forward to society's development, do so with the betterment of the individual in mind. Douglas Social Credit Philosophy, can also be found in it's natural state, in those for whom the real world shows it's truths. There are certain natural laws, that when adhered to, lead to prosperity and freedom of the individual, enough freedom, both economically and spiritually, to become the best version of themselves that they can be. Society, reflecting these aims, has a potential to be so much more than it currently is. This is the promise that Douglas Social Credit represents.

National Week-end

The National Week-end, just concluded, has once again been an opportunity to further the building and consolidation of the intentions of the League. To allow this improvement in Society to be developed, free from manipulation by the self interested and power hungry, the culmination of political development, should be in the interest of 'the' individual, rather than for 'an' individual or group. The Quality of committed supporters and the discussions over the week-end give me confidence that the coming year will see the League continue it's work wherever it is needed.

Passing on the baton.

The National Directorship changed hands over the National week-end, I find myself now wearing those shoes, and I hope they are not too big to fill. Arnis Luks has stepped down from that role, to pursue a slightly slower pace, but knowing him, that may take a while. Many thanks to Arnis for his time at the helm and for his unwavering attention and commitment. I look forward to working with everyone involved and hope to continue to promote the League's well established mission.

For those who are new, and to remind those already familiar with our reason for being, we are here:

To promote service to the Christian revelation of God, loyalty to the Australian Constitutional Monarchy, and maximum co-operation between subjects of the Crown Commonwealth of Nations.

To defend the free Society and its institutions -- private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited decentralised government.

To promote financial policies which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities.

To oppose all forms of monopoly, either described as public or private.

To encourage all electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.

To support all policies genuinely concerned with conserving and protecting natural resources, including the soil, and an environment reflecting natural (God's) laws, against policies of rape and waste.

To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

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The texts of the talks given at the conference will be available in the coming *New Times* publications. The Video recordings taken at the time are already available to view on the League website at: <https://www.alor.org>

I might add that a selection of educational material is currently undergoing development and can also be found on this site, labelled: Adult Education from Douglas's Social Credit School of Studies. In it, the principles of Douglas Social Credit are explored and explained in detail. Those wishing to expand their knowledge and use it to help spread the positive message we have, are encouraged to do so. Now more than ever we need to get this message out.

Victoria votes: the upcoming election in Victoria will be one to watch. We have the usual suspects in Labor and Liberal, but falling support for both is a nationwide observation. The UNI-party, as it is beginning to be seen, holds little attraction for many and it has only been the fear of one side getting in, that has pushed people to vote for the other. Now that there appears to be a viable alternative in One Nation, many are hoping for something different.

Pauline Hanson (although we are not voting for her), has remained committed to doing what she believes is right for Australia, even when the other members of Parliament have condemned her, even when the Media has attacked her. That she continues to stand her ground and speak out, is an admirable trait in a house where posturing and posing seems to be the best most can do.

Many who comment on voting polls still argue the two party case, as if this were the only option, and that independents and minors mean little more than a stumbling block for either to take charge. The One Nation option is now changing that.

Some say we should vote for the lesser evil of the two party option, you don't like either option but you feel forced to choose one. While we continue with this attitude nothing will change! This is still a vote for evil! Being scared of voting differently is no excuse to continue supporting someone who has shown their contempt of you. The Voice, rejected, has been pushed at State level across Australia by the very parties who initiated and promoted it. Not content with being told NO, they continue on. The imposition of COVID restrictions and compulsory injections (of a substance they had to re-define the concept of a vaccine for – and that is admitted to be the biggest trial in the world), again reveals the contempt they hold for Individual choice. The ramifications of both these policies have not been examined anywhere near closely enough.

The vaccine damage is still being swept under the carpet, despite many other countries world wide conducting revealing reviews and enquiries. These two items alone should be enough to select option C, whatever you feel that might be.

On that note, the voting procedure we use, needs to be understood before you vote. Preference deals between the majors and their alternative counterparts are often the cause of the re-election of a party many don't want. Filling in your paper and using your own preferences, not their how to vote cards, and understanding why, is critical. The 'put the majors last' campaign over the past few elections has been a start, but nothing beats knowing it for yourself. If you cannot take the time to understand the system we operate under – perhaps you should be asking yourself if you deserve that right to vote! Rights and responsibilities go hand in hand. If you do not take the time to understand, and just vote without knowledge of what you are doing, then you must also take responsibility for the outcomes.

We have no other option than to look at the character of the potential candidates and our impression of their honesty. The media hype needs to be ignored (few believe much the media portrays these days), and our own involvement – active research, like contacting or interviewing the candidate

themselves would go a long way to using the system as it was meant. Many of course won't do this, nor will they follow the media conversations, they will turn up and decide on the day. A campaign for an educated vote, is a long term one, as is the understanding of our political system; something we should be working on all the time, not just before elections.

Use these Victorian elections to help you learn, offer to hand out how to vote cards for your preferred candidate, or get involved in the scrutineer process. Each candidate needs someone to watch the counting process for them. This is the best way to understand our system of voting and takes little effort on your behalf, other than a long night looking on. You do not get to count them or participate at that level, and there are rules that apply. To take part, contact your candidate and ask for a signed scrutineers form, submit this at the polling place of your choice (where your candidate stands) and have fun. Yes! It can be fun. Many others also take part and a lot of interesting conversations come about. Best of all you will come away with an intimate knowledge of our electoral process.

A *Scrutineers handbook* is available to download as a pdf from:

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/-/media/a601cc5549c04608951cc7c87b196624.pdf>

or better still, contact your local members office and ask for one.

France and Europe

The footage coming out of Europe is shocking! Historic buildings and infrastructure being burnt or otherwise destroyed. Groups of black clad and masked protesters rampaging through streets as police watch on, unable or unwilling to intervene. How can a society fall so fast? In the late 80s when I went through those areas, the beauty and prosperity was easily seen. The heritage of past genius was a delight to behold. I felt safe almost everywhere I went.

Now as the clock has turned, the countries I once admired are no longer to be seen. I feel a bit like Douglas Reed, watching Europe change before his eyes, heading inexorably towards the certain destruction of world war two. Something Reed saw and tried to explain to his News service, to his government, but which fell on deaf ears. All beginning again!

An extract from his second book 'Disgrace Abounding', explains his attempts in 1938, to put into words the frustration he felt of the political machine of the time, who seemed resigned to the direction they were headed. They had the ability to change things, but not the desire to go against the direction of the overall program that the party system and it's overlords was pursuing.

"Still in search of British Institutions, I visited the Mother of Parliaments and spoke, in a committee room, to two or three score Members, of Austria,

Czechoslovakia, Germany, of what was coming in Europe, of the things of which I understood a little. Left of me sat a General who was of progressive mind and broad and humane ideas. Over against me sat a Duchess, a woman of enlightenment and feeling. Right of me sat an Admiral, a die-hard of the truest deep-water blue.

The others, predominantly Conservatives, were men of similar type. The great majority of them, as I judged from their questions and manner, were well-informed and intelligent people. But I felt despondent as I contemplated them. They seemed to be the prisoners of a party machine from which they could not or would not break away even when it dragged England, and therewith Europe, from one disaster to another. Elected by an enthusiastic country to enforce peace against peace-breakers, they were now docilely following the Government in the opposite direction, in the policy of taking steps - long ones - away from the peace-breakers every time they became truculent.”

<https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Reed%20D%20-%20Disgrace%20Abounding.pdf>

In this and in his other books, Reed shows the progress of the lead up to war, the refusal by politicians to acknowledge it, and the even more strange refusal to deal with obvious problems leading to the destruction of freedoms for those individuals not of a lordly stature. Parliament was making laws for itself and its members, not for the common man.

This sounds very familiar today does it not? We face the dire consequences we see in Europe if we continue down the road we are on. The same failed methods used before are used again to rein in the likes of inflation, and we wonder why it doesn't work. Our society is being polarised by the pitting of one group against another and used by party politics to garner votes. The rate of Immigration also being used to prop up voting numbers, despite our infrastructure clearly being overwhelmed. We are not to talk of it! We must not question it! Housing, overcrowding in hospitals and schools and the clash of incompatible cultures are things that we must not look too deeply at, let alone critically – lest we be labelled.

This frustration with our 'leaders' can not be expressed in vigorous terms, the resulting anger these restrictions generate, must be the fault of the public, all who dare question it must be radicals, fit only for scrutiny and prosecution if the words are 'hurty' in some way.

Douglas Reed's books are a reminder that policy continues, even when the public is suffering. The end result we are yet to see. I hope beyond all hope, that the European experience does not come here too. We still have the ability to change, and the vote we cast at election time will show whether we realise the trouble we are facing or not.

Immigration

The rise of One Nation has largely been on the back of frustration over high numbers of migration. People are doing it tough, house prices and availability is a bigger problem than many will admit. As the riots and upheaval in England and elsewhere have shown, the general population eventually spits the dummy. Before this happens, an astute parliament would react, calming the population down. The fact that we are only being told we are racist or worse for our concerns, does little to placate the individuals it most affects. In the recent debate over numbers, those overseas visitors who come on a working visa were targeted. Backpackers and travellers, whom the rural community has come to rely on for harvest work, is to be reduced (which incidentally also provides supplemental income for those very travellers to continue their travels, spending what they've earned as they go).

This is not the concern being expressed. Temporary and travelling tourists will always be welcomed, in the spirit of closer relations with other countries. The permanent and far larger portion coming into our country and showing us they do not wish to assimilate is of much greater concern. If the parties involved in immigration policy changes were serious, they would know this. It is hard to see how we can be anything other than frustrated by this attempt to placate the immigration concern. Are they living in the real world?

Let your members know how you feel, the letter on following page sets a good example.

Ken rightly asks, what is the fault in our country that requires this massive influx of New people? Why is this the only method of dealing with it?

If the numbers are needed to prop up the economy, to provide a new source of borrowers to 'invigorate' or stimulate our economy, then why cannot this be done with the existing population?

Many people here would 'borrow' or expand their business if the financial system would allow them to. If the method being used to inject more money into our economy is reliant on new people in the system, surely the system itself is at fault! After all, we make systems to serve man, if they don't, then a simple adjustment is needed. The wealth we have and the potential we have to create, is not limited by the number of people we have in this instance, but by the permissions given by those doling out our tickets to access this wealth. It already exists in the community we have, and much more could be done given the opportunity to do so, given the money tickets that represent that potential.

A faulty financial system, is behind almost every societal concern. Until we realise this and make an effort to ensure it is fixed, we will not get what we want. That being said, those who currently keep us under this faulty system may well

offer a solution, be wary that it is not just more of the same on steroids!
Study Douglas Social Credit to understand how this possible option differs from
the 'own nothing and be happy' alternative! ***

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Letter to The Editor By Ken Grundy

Dear Sir

Several MP's and Leaders of Rural industries share the concerns of country people over lower immigration impacting local workforces. However, cutting immigration can be selective and I believe there is plenty of room for rural workers within proposed cuts.

The general concern over immigration levels concerns the massive numbers and the resulting impact on the national infrastructure. Population increase greater than the natural level, needs to be in step with more hospitals, more schools, more housing, more water supplies and more road maintenance. Let us face it; we are deficient in all those areas and this is why the population is very supportive of reduced immigration.

Quite apart from the above, we need to look more deeply at immigration.

If Australia cannot function without the need to import people; is there a fault in the way we manage the nation?

A perceived need for even a quarter of a million new people entering Australia each year, just to so the nation can function, is both alarming and unsustainable.

Compare the way a household operates. The occupants manage the food preparation; the laundry needs; general cleaning; the lawns are mown; even the toilets are cleaned etc.

In very few instances are people outside the home required.

Isn't this example the best model for operating the nation?

Yours etc *Ken Grundy* Naracoorte ***

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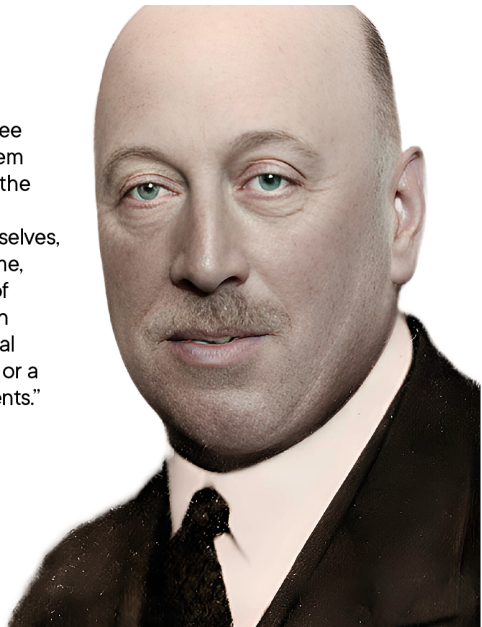
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[W]e have to be very careful to see that we run our productive system for the purpose of supplying all the tangible wealth that we can, as individuals, use with profit to ourselves, and do not, as at the present time, allow it to be run for a number of ulterior purposes amongst which we might instance that of a moral discipline, a hidden government, or a system of rewards and punishments.”

C.H. Douglas

Reconstruction (1943)

C.H. Douglas



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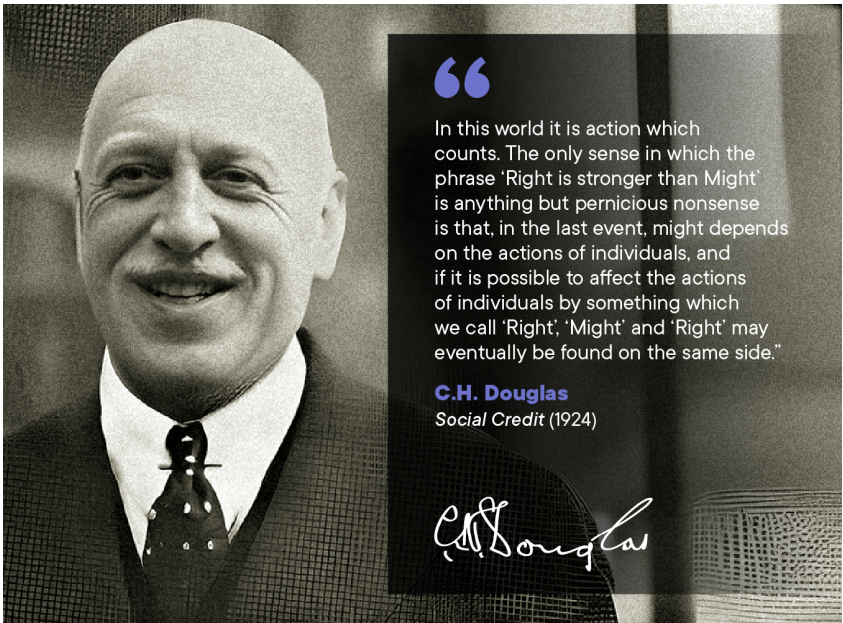
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In this world it is action which counts. The only sense in which the phrase 'Right is stronger than Might' is anything but pernicious nonsense is that, in the last event, might depends on the actions of individuals, and if it is possible to affect the actions of individuals by something which we call 'Right', 'Might' and 'Right' may eventually be found on the same side.”

C.H. Douglas

Social Credit (1924)

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