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## DANGER DOWN UNDER

Australia can be likened to a bus with disabled brakes rushing down hill towards a bend overhanging a precipice while various drivers fight for the right to hold the steering wheel.

Perceptive citizens view the situation with intense alarm and many are warning of coming disaster. The former Prime Minister, John Gorton, has just added his voice to the chorus warning that chaos and civil violence lie ahead.

The plight of Australia is illustrated by the following symptoms:

1. Raging inflation
2. Business bankruptcies
3. Increasing unemployment
4. A strike epidemic
5. Stagflation
6. Communist policy and power
7. Unstable government
8. Moral decline
9. Violence

### Inflation

Inflation has been and is much more serious in Australia than it is in the United States. Ten years ago the cost of living in Australia was much lower than that of the United States. Today it is higher. Inflation this year will be about 25 percent, and a group of economists associated with the University of Melbourne has predicted that within a few years this rate will increase to more than 100 percent. The effect this is having upon those with fixed incomes can be imagined.

The economists argue about the cause of this inflation. It is usually blamed on one of two causes: 1) Too much money available for too few goods causing "demand pull" inflation; or 2) High cost of production leading to increased prices causing "cost push" inflation.

Until recently, Australian inflation was blamed on "demand pull". There was an abundance of money readily available for borrowing at reasonable rates as money from outside, particularly from Japan, poured in. This situation has now changed. Money has become scarce. A credit squeeze has been imposed so that interest rates are very high and many find loans unobtainable. It is generally agreed that present inflation is of the "cost push" variety. Large increases in wages have been secured by strike activity and this increased cost has been passed onto the consumer in the form of higher prices.

### Business Bankruptcies

The difficulty in securing loans has imposed great strains on various businesses and an increasing number of them are going bankrupt. Building construction and real estate sales have suffered severely. One major construction and property management corporation which has gone bankrupt is Mainline Incorporated which was in the process of building the largest building in Australia. Twelve months ago it was making large

profits and had extended its operations into the United States by the purchase of the Squaw Valley ski facilities in California.

Because buyers cannot secure loans at reasonable rates, real estate operators cannot sell houses, apartments, etc. and many of them are going out of business. An increasing flood of bankruptcies is anticipated.

### Increasing Unemployment

The natural result of business bankruptcies is increasing unemployment. This is anathema in Australia. For decades unemployment has been kept in the region of one percent and full employment has been regarded as a permanent state of affairs. Unemployment is now approaching two percent and will probably go much higher. To Americans this may seem insignificant but the industrial and political consequences in Australia threaten to be disastrous.

### Strike Epidemic

Labor in Australia is heavily unionized. Union membership is compulsory for a large majority of workers. There is a system of arbitration and conciliation in which independent arbitrators such as arbitration courts, judges, and conciliation commissioners adjudicate industrial disputes. Their decisions are supposed to be binding on both employers and unions.

In practice, however, arbitration decisions bind only the employers. If the decisions do not suit the unions, they simply ignore the law and go on strike. The unions consider themselves and are in fact above the law.

Many unions are reacting to the increase in prices by demands for large wage increases backed up by strike action. They often demand immediate increases of about 50 percent and their industrial power is such that increases approaching this magnitude are being granted. An epidemic of strikes is plaguing Australia and the general public is the immediate victim.

Small groups of workers strategically placed can cause unbearable hardship for the Australian people. Recently the oil refinery workers went on strike. Drastic consequences followed. Rail, bus, and air service between the states was reduced to a trickle and individual cars were threatened with gasoline becoming unavailable. It was obvious that such a strike could cause massive starvation within a few weeks.

When the strike of the oil refinery workers was about to be settled, the gasoline truck drivers threatened to strike.

Such groups of workers can blackmail the authorities by threatening destruction of the life of the entire community. The usual response has been to grant their demands. This has added fuel to the inflationary conflagration.

### Stagflation

Formerly, unemployment tended to reduce inflation. When individuals were unemployed, they were prepared to accept lower wages to secure work. This reduced the cost of production so that goods could be sold at lower prices. This process no longer operates. The workers are universally unionized. The unions demand higher wages even when unemployment is extensive. This creates the phenomenon of increasing unemployment and increasing prices which has been named "stagflation".

### Communist Policy and Power

The situation is made much more serious because communists control powerful labor unions, and their policies are supported by many who do not acknowledge communist affiliation.

Communist policy is to destroy the Australian economy. The national president of the Australian Communist Party is Jack Munday. Formerly Mr. Munday was secretary of the Builders and Laborers Federation. He appointed himself the "ecological conscience" of Australia. If he considered that a building was of historic importance to Australia, he placed a union "black ban" upon it. This meant that no labor was available to tear down the building so that residences or office blocks could be constructed. This endeared him to many liberal intellectuals, and he became something of a charismatic figure. He also organized a roving team of goons who enforced the "black bans" and strike decisions.

Although his actions were illegal, this has not prevented his becoming a hero to many people. For example, at the beginning of the year, Mr. Patrick White, Australian novelist and Nobel prize winner, was crowned "Australian of the year". In his acceptance speech, he said that the honor might have gone to Mr. Jack Munday concerning whom he said, "He gives me hope for the future."

Mr. Munday is an efficient communist. He practices social science. He has harnessed the force of ecological concern and used it to multiply his personal power. He follows the formula: "Find out what people want, promise it to them, go to work to get it for them so that you can come to power over them."

On Sunday, August 4, Mr. Munday appeared on Australian television. He coolly announced that the Communist Party had decided to use its considerable trade-union power to bring about a general nationwide strike in the early months of 1975. The following day his fellow communist, Mr. Carmichael, Assistant National Secretary of the Metal Worker's Union, confirmed and backed up his statement as did other communist spokesmen.

This threat must be taken seriously. The communists have great power. They control or heavily influence key unions in the metal industry, like the AWMU, with a membership of over 180,000 and a growing annual income of over \$5 million; in the transport industries like the Seamen, Railwaymen and Waterside Workers; and in the power industry like the Miners Federation.

In one group of 25 unions, there are no less than 230 Communist Party members in executive positions. Of these, approximately 150 are fulltime officials.

The communist parties have 35 fulltime officials in the Metal Workers, 25 in the Watersiders, 25 in the main building industry unions, and 8 in the numerically small but strategically and financially powerful Seamen's Union.

These unions have hundreds of thousands of members, millions of dollars in annual income and strategic positions from which to disrupt production and distribution.

The general strike has always been regarded by the communists as their most effective weapon for the conquest of a country. While communist power may not yet be adequate for conquest, it is certainly adequate for the creation of chaos.

### Unstable Government

The government of Australia is presently in the control of the Australian Labor Party. The Australian Labor Party is an avowedly socialist party with the announced policy of the nationalization of production, distribution and exchange. It is based upon the labor unions which exercise considerable influence over its policies. Since the labor unions are influenced by the communists, the Australian Government is influenced by the communists to some extent.

The system of government in Australia is parliamentary and similar to that which exists in Canada and

England. The executive is responsible to the legislature, not independent of it. The chief executive, the Prime Minister, is elected by the parliament. This means that the party which obtains the majority vote in the House of Representatives elects the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is the leader of the majority in the House of Representatives. He can be dismissed at any time by a majority vote of the House.

The Labor Party presently has a small majority in the House of Representatives, and the Prime Minister is its leader, Mr. Gough Whitlam. He presides over a cabinet of about 25 members all of whom are labor members of Parliament. Both he and the cabinet are responsible to the labor caucus which is made up of all the labor members in Parliament, and a vote in the labor caucus can overturn any decision of the Prime Minister or any Cabinet Minister.

Australian political parties are tightly disciplined. Every labor member of parliament must vote in accordance with the majority decision of the caucus. If a member dares to vote his conscience, contrary to the decision of caucus, he is automatically expelled from the Labor Party. This is equivalent to a political death sentence.

Many factions exist within the Labor Party and these factions fight for the control of caucus. Mr. Whitlam is generally regarded as a centrist with powerful groups both to his right and his left. It is reported that some of the majorities in caucus supporting Whitlam's policies have been slender indeed. At present there is bitter internal wrangling concerning the best measures to control inflation. Different groups are fighting for the right to hold the steering wheel on the runaway bus. The present government is rendered even more unstable by its position in the Senate. The Australian Parliament consists of two houses: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Senate does not initiate legislation but reviews legislation passed by the House. The Senate must pass this legislation before it can become law. Thus, the Senators cannot create laws but they can prevent them.

Originally the Senate was regarded as a House to represent the states. Consequently each state has the same number of senators independently of its population. This concept is now obsolete as the senators vote as disciplined party members in accordance with the decisions of their parties.

While the Labor Party has a small majority in the House of Representatives, it is a minority in the Senate. Thus the Senate can and does block most legislation the Labor Party introduces. This adds up to paralyzed and unstable government.

### Moral Decline

The Australia of today is very different from that of a decade ago. The Labor Government in Australia has opened the flood gates and Australia is presently wallowing in a sewer of pornography. Most of the films showing in the major theaters are of the X-rated variety while major bookstores and news agencies carry the "adult" literature promoting perversion and promiscuity, which is usually reserved for the dirty little "adult" bookstores here in the United States. Crimes of violence such as brutal murders and gang rapes are increasing in frequency. Nudity and promiscuity are presented on television. While abortion on demand is not yet fully legal in all states, that situation appears to be drawing near. Alcoholism is rife and growing. Gambling is everywhere.

### Violence

I have just returned from a visit during which I traveled extensively. There is a somber mood prevailing which might be called a premonition of violence. Essential goods are in short supply. This affects the rural industries particularly as long waits are necessary to secure essential articles like barbed wire, tires,

and spare parts. The farmers are outraged by the activities of the strikers who deny their products access to the markets and are discussing means of direct action. Polls reveal that the great majority of the Australian people believe the power of the unions is too great. There is a general sense that nobody knows how to control inflation and the future is regarded with apprehension. Many Christians are convinced that the days of great trouble, foretold in the Bible, are upon us and are looking for the return of Christ.

### Tyranny or the Kingdom of God

Industrial society has become so complex that many small groups have the power to destroy it. When such groups are dominated by uncontrolled selfishness, society cannot be governed by the democratic process. Consequently, many people are prepared to accept an authoritarian form of government which will control these groups by force. Democratic society can only exist where groups, which possess the power to destroy society, will exercise voluntary self-restraint in the public interest. Decline of morality means the death of a free society. "That nation which will not be ruled by God will be ruled by tyrants." As the nations of the western world turn from God, group selfishness replaces responsibility to ones neighbor and tyranny triumphs.

Morality is no longer merely a private matter. The selfishness of one can destroy the liberty and life of many. Morality is therefore a proper subject for legislation.

Moral renewal is essential for national well-being. Moral renewal is inconceivable without recognition of God and His laws. Personal acknowledgment of the being and authority of God is the foundation for the survival of freedom.

As Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33

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### THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND COMMUNISM

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was formed by Martin Luther King and was under his leadership until his assassination. He personally picked its present leader, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, as his successor.

During his lifetime, Martin Luther King was accused by certain individuals of collaborating with the communists. The supporters of Dr. King hotly denied this charge and treated it as a smear. There is no doubt, however, of the willingness of his successor to associate and cooperate with the communists. The 17th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was held in Philadelphia during August, and a report on it was written by Sumner Jones and published in the communist DAILY WORLD, Friday, August 16. This report states:

"Rev. Abernathy's speech compared the country to a human body. 'America is sick and it would be highly unethical for SCLC to leave the bedside of a patient on her deathbed,' he said, calling for increased efforts in the area of civil rights.

"He stressed prison reform and alluded to the recent demonstration in Raleigh, N.C. organized by the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, in which he shared the podium with Angela Davis. She is slated to lead a workshop on racism and political repression along with attorney Jerry Paul at the convention today." (Page 4)

Angela Davis is a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party, U.S.A. and the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression is a front organized by the Communist Party, U.S.A.

## A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE ON PORTUGAL

This alarming report on the situation in Portugal has been written by a European correspondent who has just visited that country.

### Portugal: Primary Target for the Communists

By Eric Brodin

Western intelligence sources, including NATO observers, are viewing the present developments in Portugal with great misgivings. It is obvious that Portugal itself has become the chief target, and the communist support behind the so-called "liberation movements" in Southern Africa, is of lesser priority. If by diplomatic and propagandistic and political means the will to defend Portugal's Ultramar can be undermined at home, there may be no need for so much military hardware in Africa. (After all, they observe, is that not what happened to American engagement in Indo-China?)

According to intelligence sources, the communist nations have made Portugal the chief target for the present political campaigns. During the past decade, anti-NATO forces have singled out Portugal, because (as they have openly and frankly admitted), "As Europe's poorest country, it is also NATO's weakest link." For the past five years special agents have been educated in Czechoslovakia and now, speaking fluent Portuguese, 800 of them are operating in Portugal.

It is estimated that one-fourth of the 100,000 draft-evaders and deserters will return to Portugal from western cities where their politicization has made them into a veritable "Fifth Column"--in effect a new "International Brigade". But not only Europe's left is making a contribution to keeping political ferment alive in de Spínola's Portugal. Brazil's leftist opposition (many of whom are now in Europe as "exiles" by way of Allende's Chile) are even more serviceable not needing to learn the complex Portuguese language. Some of these have come to Europe as part of Castro's willingness to export "revolution" (or at least revolutionaries). Every month 1,000 "refugees" arrive in Madrid from Castro's Cuba. Even the most conservative estimate would agree that ten percent, far from being refugees from communism, are trained communist agents.

It has been estimated that within the first two months of the post-Caetano government, the communists spent \$19 million dollars for salaries of their functionaries. There are an estimated 3,000 full-time employees, another 3,000 part-time workers, and a further 3,000 that could be used on special occasions when the Portuguese Communist Party should have need of them. There is evidence that there is no lack of money to add incentive to their ideological convictions.

Within two weeks of the coup radical-leftist literature was placed into the hands of a large part of Portugal's school children, suitable for whatever age-level they had, from inexpensive handouts to slick weeklies and even effective comic-book material. This sowed the seeds of further revolution in the young and the barely literate Portuguese workers.

Although much does not seem to have changed in the average street scene of Lisbon, the new book-sellers, and the street-corner vendor of newspapers and magazines, now make available an almost incredible plethora of printed matter, all in the end intending to undermine the present military Junta and transform the Provisional Government (Lenin-Kerensky style) into a functioning Communist Apparatus.

To the present state of affairs, the socialists are contributing. It was Mario Soares, Portugal's socialist leader, who categorically stated he would not participate in a provisional government if the communists

were not involved. He said in London, "The communists are completely Portuguese. Why shouldn't they participate in a cabinet?" And in Paris Soares insisted on the inclusion of the communists "because all the democratic groups should be represented and we regard the communists as democratic." It was perhaps not a co-incidence that Soares was a guest of Castro two months before the coup in Lisbon, and Alvaro Cunhal, Portuguese Communist Party leader and minister without portfolio in the Provisional Government, was with Castro just a couple of days before the April 25 coup. It is not a secret that the Soviet Union prefers to use Castro's forces to export their "wars of national liberation" throughout the world. (It is one concession they are making to detente, presumably). Among the other agents of International Communism is the unlikely figure of Castro's ambassador to the Holy See, Luis Amado Blanco, who was also active in feeding the revolutionary fervor of the Spanish missionaries in Mosambique-- (whose ministrations proved to be more secular than sacred). Blanco's father, a dentist, left Spain at the end of the Spanish Civil War and sought refuge in Cuba. He is now back and in charge of the "Portuguese Connexion".

To indicate to all of Portugal its political muscle, the communists-cum-socialists held the largest political assembly in the history of the nation, 30,000 strong, with a skill that Madison Avenue and a crowd Madison Square Garden could envy. They featured as special guests members of the World Council of Peace (Moscow-based) and Francois Mitterand the French Left's defeated presidential candidate. Today the Communist Party of Portugal is in its historically strongest position ever. On one side is the 60 splintered, leaderless political groups and the increasingly tired face of General de Spinoza, while Alvaro Cunhal's attractive T.V. personality is given generous exposure in Portuguese T.V. which is solidly in the hands of the leftists.

With a raging inflation of 26.6 percent, a near-anarchy in the economic sector as foreign investors are pulling out, foreign remittances from Portuguese workers down to 15 percent of what they were a year ago, and tourists staying away due to cholera so that Algarve's hotels have only a 30 percent occupancy, the communists stand ready to take over, by force if necessary; but given the present conditions, the use of arms may not prove to be necessary.

"The prospect of the total communist power in Portugal is now better than anywhere in Europe." True, how sadly true.

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#### THE MORAL SCHIZOPHRENIA OF SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON

Senator Jackson of Washington State has led the fight against granting most favored nation treatment to the Soviet Union. His objections to concessions have largely been based on moral grounds. He has demanded that the Soviet Union grant the right of emigration, cease persecution of intellectual dissidents, and grant the people greater civil liberties before the U.S. helps their economy. Anticommunists have applauded his activities.

Recently Senator Jackson visited Communist China. His attitude to that communist giant is quite different from his attitude to the Soviet Union. He advocates the immediate granting of most favored nation treatment and speaks favorably of conditions in that country.

He could not do this if he applied the same standards as he does to the Soviet Union. There is no right of emigration from Communist China. The plight of dissidents is even worse than it is in the Soviet Union. Sakharov, the Soviet dissident, can communicate with western friends but the whereabouts or existence of Liu Shao-Chi, former president of China, is unknown. The writings of Mao Tse-tung monopolize the publishing field and tyranny over mind and body is total and universal.

Senator Jackson has destroyed the moral foundation on which he has based his opposition to concessions to the Soviet Union.

SURGERY UNLIMITED: THE REMARKABLE WORK OF GEORGE WESTCOTT, M. D.

"Last night at 7:00 p.m. I left the operating room and thereby completed an even year of work. This has been one of the busiest I've ever put in and ended with a total of 1410 operations and over 8,000 air miles in the little Cessna 185 plane. I counted 109 different types of operative procedures and it has been necessary to tackle a lot of problems I'd never done before. But it has been interesting; time has passed rapidly, and I've kept well. This has been more interesting than sitting around in Florida and playing shuffleboard.

"Last week I operated on a case of hydrocephalus where you bore a hole in the skull, sew in a plastic tube, pass the tube down under the skin to the abdomen where the excess brain fluid is drained. Then there are dislocated hips that have been out of joint for up to a year, open fractures, spinal fusions, ruptured uteri, Caesareans, goiters of all sizes, tumors galore both benign and malignant, etc.

"The books came through in record time--20 days. I proceeded to read "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)" again and my colleague, Dr. Becker, is well into "I Led Three Lives". I have a waiting list already so they'll get used.

"One sees some great personalities among these people. Recently I flew an emergency trip 165 miles to the north for a case of ruptured uterus that was bleeding badly. It looked like she would die before help arrived but she said, 'If the Lord wants to take me now, it is O.K.; I'm ready and willing to go.' Her preparedness and entire absence of fear could well be envied by many of the affluent. She had little of this world's goods but had everything that really counts."



The work of George Westcott exemplifies true Christian social action. He gives himself without reserve to alleviate the suffering of others. His ministry to the body is integrated with ministry to the mind and soul. He serves the complete man.

I remember my first meeting with Dr. George Westcott. It was in 1953, and I was speaking to a class at the Detroit Bible Institute on the subject of communism. Many in the class were preparing to be missionaries and would probably have to confront the practitioners and doctrines of communism. A man entered quietly and sat in the back of the room. At the conclusion of the lecture, he came forward and introduced himself. He was Dr. George Westcott, a surgeon practicing in Ypsilanti, and he had formerly served as a Baptist medical missionary in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire). He had been teaching a class on tropical medicine.

He became Vice-President of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, and a close friendship developed. His capacity for unselfish service was almost infinite, and he never sought personal praise or aggrandizement.

His beloved wife Ellen died in 1972 and despite the fact that he has suffered one heart attack and is past retirement age, George returned to serve his God and suffering humanity in Zaire.

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