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**"WE SWEAR BY THE SOUTHERN CROSS TO STAND TRULY BY EACH OTHER
& FIGHT TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS & LIBERTIES" - EUREKA REBELLION OATH 1854**

CONFUSED

I'm a little confused by The Age's editorial (7/6) "Leading involves more than talking the talk PM". The editor gets stuck into Kevin 07 suggesting that the Prime Minister doesn't understand the difference between "the alluring work of making headlines and the hard work of making policy". Since Kevin Rudd was elected Prime Minister, I've been impressed with Mr. Rudd's honesty when discussing the power he is able to exercise.

If there is one thing the Prime Minister is well aware of its the limitations of the office. When Kevin Rudd stated he'd done all his government could do to decrease petrol prices, he made the mistake of telling Australians the bleeding obvious. Power doesn't lie in parliament, it lies in the boardrooms of national and transnational corporations. What post modern government can or cannot do is directly related to the very real power that small group that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange is able to exercise over the government of the day and the state.

Mr. Rudd understands the role of a post modern government is to iron the wrinkles out of the economy for that small section of the community that exercises real power in society. The Prime Minister knows he cannot represent the interests of the people that have elected his government to office. Aware of the utter powerlessness of the government to influence economic policy, Mr. Rudd does what Barack Obama is doing in the United States, raising expectations among electors, that once he gets his hands on the levers of power he will be able to implement policies that will redistribute wealth and power.

Once in office faced with entrenched powerful interests, heads of government, like Mr. Rudd, are prone to make wide ranging empty statements that give the people they lead the illusion that things are changing. Rudd, unlike many of his political predecessors and The Age editor, understands that to stay in office he needs to be seen to be doing everything, while doing nothing to rock the boat.

EASY TO DENIGRATE

It's easy to denigrate Barack Obama's remarkable victory in the United States Democratic primaries. Using hope as his main political weapon, he was able to mobilise the disillusioned to become involved in the political process. It's easy to forget that only 40% of eligible electors vote

in United States presidential elections because the majority don't believe the system works.

The paradox of United States democratic institutions is that they're held in a crushing vice like grip by some of the wealthiest and powerful people on the planet. Faced with a system that is democratic in name only, many Americans have used the opportunity the primaries provided to use the democratic institutions they inherited as a result of the American revolution to propel a candidate who uses the rhetoric of hope towards the presidential office.

The problem in all representative democracies is that giving the reins of power to a representative to act on your behalf does not guarantee the hope generated during the electoral campaign will not be dashed on the institutional walls erected by that small section of society that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange to protect their interests. Power and wealth are the essential ingredients that make up the democratic soufflé. Hot air alone, no matter how passionate, how full of hope, how sincere, is not enough to make the democratic soufflé rise.

The problem with United States politics is not the calibre of the men and women who strive for high office. The problem is rooted in the fact that the institutional framework that underpinned the lofty ideals of the American revolution have been hijacked by that small section of society that dominates economic and political activity in the United States today. If Barack Obama pulls off the impossible dream and wins the presidential election, his chances of breathing life into the hope he will be carrying on his shoulders on behalf of the American people is likely to fail. He will fail in his endeavours, not because of his failures as a man, but because of the limitations of a political system dominated by the desires and aspirations of that small section of the American community that controls political activity in the country because they, not the President or the Senate or the House of Representatives have their hands on the economic levers.

"ADOPT A PENSIONER"

No I'm not kidding, a major Australian television channel with the help of Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson and some has been who advertises chops on television, is pleading with Australians to "adopt a pensioner". The "news" story is festooned with vinaigrettes of pensioners who are having trouble making ends meet. I'm the first one to admit old aged pensioners

are having problems meeting their day to day commitments. What I find disgusting about this so called "news" story is how pensioners are being manipulated for conservative political ends.

Old Aged Pensioners find themselves in this deplorable situation as a consequence of the Howard government's eleven years in office. Howard successfully played his biggest supporters, old aged pensioners, as suckers. Time and time again he used the fear card to keep them in line. Asylum seekers, Muslims and Africans were the political battering rams he used to break down any concerns about his government's economic policies towards old aged pensioners.

Politically serenaded into a false sense of security, the Howard government took old aged pensioners support for granted. Howard never warmed to old aged pensioners. He blamed and punished them for being on pensions. His policies were aimed at rewarding self funded retirees. These were his love children, nothing was too good for them. Old aged pensioners were losers in his government's eyes, they didn't deserve the support that self-funded retirees deserved.

Australia's old aged pensioners have only themselves to blame for their current predicament. Allowing themselves to be used by the Brendan Nelson's of the world for his short term political ambitions does them no justice. Aged pensioners need to become involved in more direct action, they need to lay the blame squarely on the Howard government for the unsatisfactory situation they find themselves in.

Most importantly of all, if they want to change their conditions they need to apply consistent pressure on the Rudd government. The new government has ignored old aged pensioner's concerns and continues to promote the reactionary and conservative Howard government agenda, because old aged pensioners continue to allow themselves to be manipulated to promote Brendan Nelson's political ambitions.

JOIN ME IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST VOMITORIUM

Every year I look at the upper division of the Queen's Birthday Honours List I feel like vomiting. This year was no exception, I made a couple of trips to the vomitorium to cleanse my body and soul. Australians who have devoted their lives to helping their fellow citizens don't ever rate a mention or if they're "lucky" score a lesser prize in the

Queen's Birthday Honour List, while the usual suspects race off with the main prize.

I've never understood why there are four divisions in the Australian honours list. It smacks of elitism to create a hierarchy of honours. You either deserve your medal or you don't. Having a hierarchy of honours belittles the honour system and creates division in the community. Looking at who has been honoured over the past decade its obvious the Howard government's reactionary politics has changed the criteria by which honours are awarded. It is time the whole sorry system was scrapped and new criteria were used and a new selection committee was appointed to distribute medals to those worthy Australians who don't have the political clout to receive one today.

The Anarchist Media Institute Eureka Australia Day Medal was introduced in 2005 as a reaction to the usual suspects dominating the Australian honours list. Every year half a dozen Australians are chosen whose thoughts and actions best encapsulate the sentiments expressed in the Eureka oath sworn by the Ballarat miners who took up arms against the government "We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties."

Every year on Eureka Day, the 3rd December, the Anarchist Media Institute honours Eureka Australia Day Medalists at a ceremony conducted at Bakery Hill in Ballarat at the spot in 1854 the Eureka oath was taken. We encourage Australians to send us their nominations for the 2008 Eureka Australia Day Medals. We hope you will take this opportunity to nominate people whose name you'd never see in the Australian honours list because they had the audacity, strength and courage to work outside the right channels to create a community where power and wealth is held by all, not just those who seem to make the upper division of the Australian Honours List on a regular basis.

I WANT TO KNOW

Listening to Israeli's next Prime Minister Shaul Mofaz tell the world that with United States help they would be willing to launch a military strike against Iran. I want to know about the Australian government's response to this threat. I understand Israel has around 400 nuclear warheads stockpiled in the country, many are ready to be launched at a moments notice against every major Middle Eastern city. Unlike Iran, Israel has never signed the Nuclear Non proliferation Treaty. Iran does not have a nuclear weapon, although if we are to believe news reports it is in the process of developing them that's why we're told the Israeli government wants to bomb them.

Unfortunately even if the Rudd Labor government does not support an attack on Iran, we will be part of the process that will be used to carry out that attack. The inaptly named joint defence facility at Pine Gap outside Alice Springs is a key facility used to pursue the United States political objectives around the world. The Australian government lifted all stops to prosecute Christians Against All Terrorism when they

entered the Pine Gap facility in 2005 to curry favour with the United States government.

Pine Gap, like Camp X in Cuba, is American territory. What happens at Pine Gap is a matter for the United States military, not the Australian government. The Prime Minister and his cabinet don't know what's happening at Pine Gap. They don't even have the authority to enter the Pine Gap facility without United States permission. Whether we like it or not we are part and parcel of the United States military industrial complex. We are being used to pursue United States foreign policy initiatives around the world. If Israel and the United States attack Iran, the Pine Gap facility will be used to launch and carry out that invasion irrespective of the views of the Australian government. The sooner Pine Gap is closed down and the United States is sent packing from Australian soil, the sooner we will cease to be a nuclear target.

ANARCHIST QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. Who decides what projects are carried out in an anarchist society?

A. An anarchist society is based on the satisfaction of real not manufactured human needs. In an anarchist society the needs of the community are decided by the community – not community representatives. Although experts provide much needed advice on what projects need to be carried out, they don't make decisions about whether a particular project goes ahead.

Once the community accepts that a need has occurred, that community is faced with the problem of what to do about that need. They can choose to ignore the situation and deal with the consequences later on or they can choose to deal with the problem now. Discussion is not held in a vacuum, experts in particular fields would present their point of view. A community debate about the issue will focus people's minds on the problem at hand and give them the opportunity to reach a collective decision about what needs to be done to tackle the issue. Once a decision has been made, the necessary resources can be marshalled to deal with the issue. If the resources are not available to deal with the problem at hand, the community has to decide how to acquire the resources to tackle the problem.

Anarchist communities that are unwilling or unable to for fill the needs of the community they live in, will implode, creating the conditions for the emergence of a strong ruler who could impose their will on the people they rule. Although the process required to reach a decision about how to for fill a community's human needs may seem unnecessarily convoluted and complex, the process itself helps to focus the community's mind on the problem at hand so the whole community's energy and intelligence is used to tackle the issue. Once a decision has been made about the best way a particular issue should be addressed, the community will fall behind the decision and make sure the decision is carried out because they have been involved in the decision making process.

ACTION BOX

11th NOVEMBER

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

JOIN US BETWEEN

11:30am – 12:30pm

TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2008 OUTSIDE THE OLD MELBOURNE GAOL

11th November 1854

11th November 1880

11th November 1918

11th November 1975

The 11th November has played an important part in Australian history. This year the Anarchist Media Institute will be reclaiming the radical spirit of the 11th November by holding a public gathering outside the jail in Melbourne where Ned Kelly was hanged in 1880.

On the 11th November 1854 over ten thousand miners gathered at Bakery Hill in Ballarat to adopt the principles and objectives of the Ballarat Reform League –

1. "Every citizen has the inalienable right to have a voice in making the laws he is called upon to obey"
2. "Every citizen has a duty to resist and if necessary remove the irresponsible power that tyrannises them"
3. "It is the object of the League to place the power in the hands of responsible representatives of the people to frame wholesome laws and carry on honest government."
4. "It is not the wish of the League to effect an immediate separation of this colony from the parent country, if equal laws and equal rights are dealt out to the whole free community."

The Ballarat Reform League's charter set the scene for the Eureka Rebellion.

On the 11th November 1880 over 6,000 people gathered outside Old Melbourne Goal to protest at Ned Kelly's hanging. Ned Kelly had a few years previously taken to the Victorian bush waging a guerrilla war against a police and judiciary that often acted cruelly, irrationally and vengefully. Justice Redmond Barry had in 1868 sentenced Ned Kelly's uncle, the sentence was later commuted to fifteen years in prison. In 1878 he sentenced Ned Kelly's Mother and two others on trumped up charges that they had attempted to murder a policeman. The jailing of Ned's mother led to the formation of the Ned Kelly gang. Two years later on the 29th October 1880, Ned Kelly was sentenced to death by the same judge. When Barry handed down his sentence on the 24 year old Kelly, he told Kelly "and may the lord have mercy on your soul". Kelly told the startled judge, "I will go further than that and say I will see you there where I go". Barry died on the 23rd November, 12 days after Kelly was executed.

On the 11th November 1918 the country stood still to mark Armistice Day, the day on which a peace treaty was signed that ended hostilities between the warring European states. Of the 300,000 Australians who volunteered to fight in "the war to end all wars" over 60,000 died for the glory of God, King and Country in a war fought by workers at either end of a bayonet. Every Australian town, every village and every suburb has its monument to the thousands who died on the altar of Mammon. On Armistice Day we remember this senseless slaughter and the efforts of the hundreds of thousands of Australians whose participation in the anti conscription struggles prevented another 60,000 young Australian men being slaughtered on the European killing fields for the glory of Mammon.

On the 11th November 1975 the Governor General dismissed a legally elected government – the Whitlam led Labor government.

The Whitlam government had in four short years introduced more reforms to benefit more Australians than had occurred since federation in 1901. Faced with a massive public backlash in the streets, the Australian military forces were mobilised to deal with public protests.

Join us on the 11th November and mark four important moments in this country's history. Reclaim the past, to understand the present and change the future.

JOIN US - 11:30am – 12:30pm

Tuesday 11th November Outside the Old Melbourne Goal.

AUSTRALIAN RADICAL HISTORY

**THE EUREKA SERIES No. 6 2008
THE DIGGERS FIRST VICTORY**

On the 8th December 1851 information had leaked out that the government wanted to increase the license fee to 3 pounds per month from the 1st January 1852. a notice mysteriously appeared at the Forest Creek diggings that stated; "You are called upon to pay a tax originated and concocted by the heartless, selfishness, a tax imposed by legislators for the purpose of detaining you in their workshops, in their stable yards and by their flocks and herds"

The government and the squatters aghast at the thought of losing the cheap labour they required to run the land they had stolen from the aborigines, introduced the license fee to prevent workers trying their hand at the diggings that were springing up around Victoria.

Over 14,000 men attended a public meeting at Chewton (Forest Creek) on the 15th December 1851 to protest against the proposed license fee increase. The diggers, incensed at the prospect the license fee would be doubled within a fortnight, agreed to refuse to pay the new fee. The meeting chose three delegates, Captain Harrison, Mr. Plaistow and Dr. Richmond, to let Governor La Trobe know of their decision to oppose any increase in the license fee. Concerned about the very real possibility of a revolt on the new goldfields, La Trobe sent another 130 troops to Forest Hill to impose the government's will by force. When the 99th Regiment arrived at Forest Hill, the pensioners who made up the bulk of the regiment were laughed off the goldfields by the 25,000 miners that were looking for gold at Forest Hill.

Governor La Trobe, finally realising he did not have the military power to impose his will on the miners, was forced to back down on his proposal to double the license fee on the 1st January 1852. La Trobe was so out of touch with what was going on in the goldfields he refused to believe the report in the Argus that the diggers were buying up arms and ammunition to drive the government out of the goldfields. He added fuel to the fire by sending more troops to Forest Creek. La Trobe's humiliating capitulation made him a relatively ineffectual figure in Victoria. In September 1852 when he tried to impose a duty of 2 shillings and six pence on every ounce of gold exported, there was such an outcry among both merchants and diggers he was forced to rapidly shelve his new proposal. By the end of 1852 La Trobe presided over a corrupt civil service, a bankrupt treasury and a hated corrupt police force. The smell of revolt against the government, not just the license fee, was in the air.

NEXT WEEK: The Embers of Revolt are Lit

BOOK REVIEW
'GOLDEN GULAG PRISONS, SURPLUS, CRISIS, & OPPOSITION IN GLOBALIZING CALIFORNIA'
By Ruth Wilson Gilmore - University of California
Press 2007 ISBN 13: 9780-520-24201-2

Ruth Gilmore an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Southern California has taken the scalpel to the Californian prison system. The United States prison system bloated by a 450% increase in prison inmates since the 1980's despite the crime rate falling for decades before the rise in the inmate population has become an inscrutable instrument of capitalist oppression. The Californian prison system has become the yardstick by which other prisons are compared.

Ruth Gilmore, a member of the founding collective of Critical Resistance, one of the most influential anti prison organisations in the United States, methodically peels off the layers of justification that has resulted in the massive number of cages that have been built behind razor wires for the United States disposable people.

Golden Gulag is no piece of recyclable political polemic, it is a detailed economic and political analysis that goes a long way towards explaining the growth of a modern day gulag that has been accepted by Californians and Americans as the price outsiders in their communities have to pay so they can sleep comfortably in their beds. The expansion of the United States and for that matter,

the Australian prison system, is essentially a political fix for a political problem.

Incarceration has little to do with protecting the community or rehabilitating inmates and everything to do with maintaining the political status quo. Imprisoning the very people who have been failed by the system is nothing new. European settlement in Australia began as a penal colony for the human flotsam and jetsam of 18th and 19th century England that had been created by the closure of the commons and the industrial revolution.

Ruth Gilmore highlights how the Californian political economy is dependent on the burgeoning prison system. She highlights the role capitalism plays in creating prisons. Despite the serious concerns she raises, she ends her book on a positive note - What Is To Be Done? Ass. Prof. Gilmore has in *Golden Gulag* coloured in the squares so ordinary people have the power and knowledge available to reclaim their children from this nightmare scenario. She has by exposing the nature of the beast given the reader the key to breaking the hold the prison system exercises over Californians and Americans.

The book has an extensive bibliography and invaluable notes to help the reader make sense of her arguments.

Thanks to Stuart Highway for lending me his copy of *Golden Gulag* to review. Try your local bookshop for a copy. You can order it from Dymocks in Australia for \$42. Otherwise try the publishers. www.ucpress.edu to get hold of a copy of this interesting and useful publication.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

I may have written this story before, I can't remember. You know how some thoughts keep coming back into your head. Thinking about thoughts coming back into my head reminds me about how post traumatic stress syndrome ruins the lives of many people, the lives of their children and the people around them. Whether its returned servicemen or women, the child who suffered at the hands of a sexual predator, the survivor of a Nazi concentration or extermination camp or the woman or man abused in a personal relationship, the process is the same.

Not all people who have suffered at the hands of others suffer from post traumatic stress syndrome. Some successfully bury abuse for years, the billions of synapses in the human brain successfully paper over the abuse. Some never consciously think about it, others wake up one morning, the flood gates opened their brain overwhelmed by the memories of the past while others wake up with manufactured memories believing they were the victims of abuse that never happened. Many others compartmentalise their suffering driving it to a corner of their brain, getting on with their lives occasionally overwhelmed by their experiences, picking themselves up and moving on.

A proportion of those people who have alcohol and drug dependency issues experience drug and alcohol problems as a direct result of them trying to unconsciously treat problems associated with post traumatic stress syndrome. When the thoughts overwhelm them they've learnt that alcohol and drugs can banish them for a few hours. What at first begins as a successful coping mechanism eventually becomes an emotional and physical addiction. The physical and emotional addiction is the legacy of an abuser whose moved on with their lives, leaving a trail of human flotsam and jetsam behind them. The alcohol or drug dependant individual normally drives a wedge between themselves and their children passing on the consequences of their experiences to the next generation.

Many abused pay with their lives and the lives of their children. Not all abused people fall apart, most cope and get on with their lives, a small percentage never cope with their experiences and pass on their legacy to their children.

Now where was I, I was going to tell you a story I may or may not have told you before. On second thoughts I'll keep the humorous little human ditty with a twist of anguish that popped into my brain when I sat down to write this weeks Personal Observation for another day.

STOP PRESS
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY or MABO DAY

The discussion about the Queen's Birthday weekend in the Sunday Age (8/6) is a timely one. *'Let's give the Queen's Birthday weekend to the kids'* Instead of giving the Queen's Birthday holiday to the kids it would make more sense to bring it forward a week and make Mabo Day, the 3rd June, a public holiday. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders celebrate Reconciliation Week the previous week. The week begins on Sorry Day, the 28th May, the day the 1967 Referendum transferred the responsibility for indigenous Australians from state government to the Federal government and the day eleven years ago when the Bringing Them Home report was handed down.

Reconciliation Week ends on the 3rd June, Mabo Day, the day when the High Court of Australia recognised sixteen years ago that indigenous Australians had rights to land in law because of their prior occupation of this land. In Australia no public holiday exists for indigenous and non indigenous Australians to become involved in the Reconciliation process.

Mabo Day is important to both indigenous and non indigenous Australians because it marked the day that the first small step was taken towards reconciliation between indigenous and non indigenous Australians based on justice, not charity. The Queen's birthday public holiday is a day that marks a past that is no longer relevant to Australians. Mabo Day, on the other hand, acknowledges that the injustices of the past can now be addressed by all of us. Holding a public holiday on Mabo Day would keep the idea of reconciliation fresh in the public's mind. It would provide an opportunity to heal the festering sore that continues to do so much damage to us as individuals, as a community and a nation.

A Mabo Day holiday could be the day that all Australians, young and old, Australian born and immigrants, men and women could put their minds to sorting out the unfinished business that exists between indigenous and non indigenous Australians today.

Joseph TOSCANO /
Libertarian Workers For A Self-Managed Society.

POEM - Stephen Roberts
TORTURE "CAUGHT YOU"

Torture has "caught you"
throughout the world
"Bought you" by Legal Eagles
-Desthovit of Harvard
-Deakin
That have justified torture
to combat terror
A grievous error
These Legal Eagle's blight
That might prevails over rights
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To increase its hegemony



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WRITE TO AKIN SARI TODAY!

**AKIN SARI, c/- Barwon Prison,
Locked Bag 7, Lara 3212, Victoria, AUSTRALIA**

Akin Sari a 29 yr old Turkish political refugee who was granted political asylum in Australia has been sentenced to 2 years & 4 months imprisonment for offences related to his involvement in the G20 protests in Melbourne in November 2006. Akin has already spent 7 months in prison awaiting trial & sentencing. He has been set a minimum 14 months sentence. Akin will have to serve the maximum sentence of 2 years & 4 months if he fails to obtain parole in October 2008.

ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE

EUREKA AUSTRALIA DAY MEDAL NOMINATIONS 2008
Know someone you believe should receive the Eureka Australia Day Medal, then why not nominate them today. If you don't, chances are nobody else will. The criteria used to choose recipients is reflected in the spirit of the Eureka oath -
"We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other & fight to defend our rights & liberties"
NOMINATION CLOSE - 31st OCTOBER 2008

Send in one nomination or as many as you like. Send us the following information:
* The name of the person nominated

* A few sentences outlining why they should receive the award

* A contact address for the nominee (We need to contact them if they wish to receive the award)

* The person you nominate can be a public figure or somebody only known to a few people.

SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS ASAP TO

EUREKA AUSTRALIA DAY MEDAL, P.O. BOX 20, PARKVILLE 3052, VIC, AUSTRALIA
or email your nomination to anarchiststage@yahoo.com

ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE OBSCENITY OF THE WEEK

Has been awarded to Kevin Rudd for refusing to cut off the heads of the many headed Howard appointed public service bureaucracy that is currently aborting almost every reform the mildly reformist Labor government is attempting to introduce.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Post modern parliamentary democracies act as the servants of that small section of society that owns the means of production, distribution and exchange while paying lip service to the principle they act on behalf of the people who they represent in parliament." - Joseph TOSCANO - JUNE 2008

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS - (ATNTF)

A police officer sanctioned the 'marriage' of his 13 year old daughter to a 19 year old. The Northern Territory officer allowed the young man to sleep with the girl in the family home, and allowed the couple to undergo a traditional Aboriginal marriage ceremony. The child became pregnant in September 2006. But the foetus died inside the womb and the victim had to be operated on. She also tested positive to three sexually transmitted infections. The young man was sentenced to 6 months jail. However the sentencing judge noted that "there was no role model or person in authority to bring home to you that what you were doing was wrong...rather, those who might be expected to tell you that a sexual relationship with the child was wrong took the opposite view and encouraged your relationship." (Source: Brisbane Times)

Qantas engineers claim there has been a massive jump in the number of 'allowable defects' on the airline's planes in the wake of staff shortages and overtime bans. In one instance, a plane that has been on the Melbourne-to-Perth and Sydney-to-Perth routes had an unusually high 59 defects. Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association national secretary Steve Purvinas said usually a plane would have just three or four of these sorts of minor defects. Allowable defects can range from a broken coffee machine to an indication problem on equipment. Planes are permitted to fly for a limited period before the defects need to be fixed. Mr Purvinas said the number of allowable defects had risen from about 750 three weeks ago to more than 1800 in Qantas' fleet of about 130 planes. "It's not just the overtime bans, it's the way the engineering business has been run on the smell of an oily rag for the last two or three years" he said. Mr Purvinas said the 59 defects on the one plane could result in pilots becoming over-burdened. (Source: The Age)

Senior Defence officials have been accused of trying to cover up corruption allegations against a fellow official. Former Liberal Party official Gillian Marks has been on paid sick leave for 18 months, while investigations continue into her decision to award \$5 million worth of contracts - nearly all without tender processes - to law firms that she either once worked for, or had close personal links to. The Defence Department recently refused a freedom-of-information request to release a 128-page report into Ms Marks' conduct. Several Defence sources told the Age newspaper of their concerns that senior Defence Department officials want to "cover up" or "keep quiet" the controversy surrounding Ms Marks. Another Defence source claimed those behind the current investigation into Ms Marks were either incompetent or engaged in an attempted cover-up. Ms Marks has also been accused of working as a migration agent while on sick leave. Defence officials must request permission before engaging in paid work outside the Department. The Defence Department advised Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon that they have "no reason to believe that Ms Marks has undertaken work as a Migration Agent while on paid leave." Australian Securities and Investments Commission documents show she registered Global Skilling Australia as a business in March 2005. (Source: The Age)

QUOTE OF THE MOMENT: "The most serious threat to democracy is the notion that it has already been achieved." - Anonymous.

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