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The Heretics' Hour: Fredrick Töben on Truth, Maturity and Social Nationalism August 29, 2011



Fredrick Töben, Sydney Harbor, Australia

Carolyn brings back revisionist historian Fredrick Töben to discuss the latest personal disagreements arising from [articles and comments](#) on 9/11 that have appeared at *Veterans Today* web site. With the 10th anniversary of the event just around the corner, disinformation is ramping up. When will the 9/11 "Truthers" see they are up against the same powers as are the "Holocaust Deniers" and join forces? Töben also spoke about Nigeria, Libya and [Alexander Lukashenko](#) of Belarus.

Fredrick Töben was born in Germany; his family moved to Australia when he was young. He received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Stuttgart University in 1977 and subsequently taught in secondary schools and colleges in New Zealand, Germany, Rhodesia and Nigeria. He founded the Adelaide Institute in 1994 and relinquished the Directorship to Mr Peter Hartung in 2009. He's best known for his work on Holocaust Revisionism and has been persecuted, including given jail time, for his views. He is the author of *Forty Days in Teheran*, *50 Days in Gaol*, and *ARBEIT MACHT FREI: impertinent incarceration*, plus numerous papers and articles. He currently lives in Adelaide, Australia.

Announcement: The Heretics' Hour with Carolyn Yeager is going to two hours beginning Sept. 5, with call-ins the second hour. Join us then for a special Labor Day evening! 13 MB / 32 kbps mono / 0 hour 56 min. <http://reasonradionetwork.com/20110829/the-heretics-hour-fredrick-toben-on-truth-maturity-and-social-nationalism>

Fredrick Töben says: The biggest of all lies in recent history is, of course, the Holocaust-Shoah, and as I have studied this topic on a full-time basis for just on 18 years, I can soon detect an anomalous pattern within a justified narrative that I then label 'official conspiracy theory'.

The lesson is that Oslo, Tuscon Arizona, 9/11, 7/7, WMD, Oklahoma, incubator, Port Arthur, etc. all display the typical deceptive-lying pattern found in the

Holocaust narrative, except that legal force protects this massive lie.

And if you wish to blame the Jews only I counter by stating: Don't blame the Jews, blame those that bend to their pressure.

Of course one has to remember that Talmudic thought-structures embody the death dialectic as opposed to the Hegelian life-giving dialectic.

I add another factor: anyone who attempts to bolster their argument with a negative reference to Adolf Hitler and the German national Socialists has already lost the argument. Why? Because the current prevailing world power structure is a continuation of that WWII conflict, and it is exhausting itself.

Remember, too, that a day after his birthday, on 21 April 1933 Adolf Hitler enacted a law against kosher slaughter - thereby attacking a major pillar of the Jewish religion that he considered to be inhumane. This

fact alone makes sense of the proposition that the impulse to create the Holocaust lie rests on Jewish revenge because Germans are too civilised for such Jewish religious customs. The Holocaust serves the purpose of blackening the good German name - and through a thorough re-education program by Allies it succeeded taking the German nation from National Socialism to the national masochism mantra 'Yes, we killed six million Jews in homicidal gas chambers' - that no-one ever saw.

What has Happened to Veterans Today?

Anthony Lawson Salem-News.com, August 15, 2011 18:31

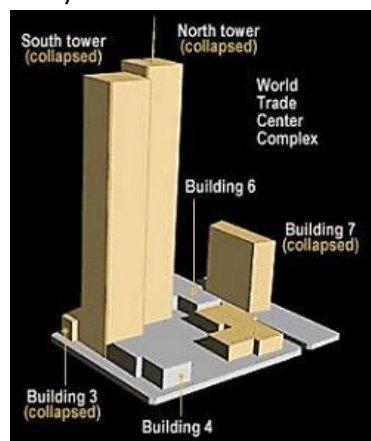
As the 10th anniversary draws closer, the disinformationists are cranking up their propaganda machines to try and divert attention away from the really serious issues.

BANGKOK, Thailand - For some time now, *Veterans Today* has been hosting my videos and a few of my articles, and my relations with them have been cordial, up until a few weeks ago when the notorious James Fetzer suddenly appeared out of nowhere, as a contributor, dredging up the almost-laid-to-rest No-Planes-in-New York theory.

This is the 9/11 conspiracy theory that the mainstream media cannot get enough of, because it allows it's well-paid lackeys; commentators and comedians like Glen Beck and Bill Maher to ridicule the entire 9/11 truth movement as being made up of foil-hatted nutters who think that thousands of New Yorkers must have been hypnotised or drugged into thinking that real planes actually hit the Twin Towers, when they were really holograms or computer-generated images in a made-for-TV spectacular.

The theory has been thoroughly debunked, but some logic-challenged diehards still cling to it, and a few others, with sinister agendas, use it as the thin edge of their disinformation wedge to keep a lot of people from taking the basic step from a state of: Our-government-could-never-have-been-involved-in-something-like-that, to the conclusion that terrible things of gigantic proportions could not possibly have happened the way that the world was told they happened on that dreadful day: September 11, 2001.

As the 10th anniversary draws closer, the disinformationists are cranking up their propaganda machines to try and divert attention away from the really serious issues such as:



(Graphic source: usnews.com)

How could WTC 7, a 47-storey building suddenly collapse, at 5:20 that evening, virtually in its own footprint when it had not been hit by an aircraft, and when the falling-debris and fire damage could not have been serious enough, or more importantly, *evenly spread* enough for that building to fall as though it had been brought down by a controlled demolition?

WTC7 – This is an Orange

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zv7BImVv>

[Eyk](#)

Of course there were other anomalies of monumental proportions which will never be properly understood unless access is given, to unbiased investigators, to whatever small amounts of the WTC buildings remain in storage, or that can be exhumed from their hurried burials in a land-fill on Staten Island.



A theory that there were 'no planes at all' in New York on 11 Sept 2001 is crashing into legitimate points about the false flag story, watering it down, giving critics ample ammunition ten years later.



Just the action of spiriting away as much of the evidence as possible, including the jet-engine core that fell out of the South Tower, constituted a series of criminal acts known as tampering with the evidence; literally burying evidence relating to the deaths of then, almost 3,000 people, which figure has now risen well above that level because of the illnesses that can be directly connected to the dust from the Towers, which contained tons of cancer-inducing asbestos.

For some, this heinous crime lives on as they approach their own deaths in the certain knowledge that they have been lied to, marginalised and virtually forgotten like the victims of the so-called collateral damage, brought about by the three wars that this yet-to-be-solved crime was the excuse for. Millions of people killed in Afghanistan and Iraq and the victims of the War on Terror are on the rise, with false accusations of involvement in planning acts of terror, and there will also be an equally sinister fallout as the after-effects emerge of increased exposure to full-body X-Ray scans at airports, and anywhere else these lethal machines might be placed to fill the coffers of those who manufacture them. And all because of a gigantic pack of government lies about who was responsible for 9/11.

And now, *Veterans Today*, which once seemed to pride itself on trying to present honest, well-researched articles on all kinds of issues, is knowingly hosting a person who surrounds his no-planes-in-New York arguments with a bodyguard of lies. Lies about facts; lies about the people he regards as experts, and lies about what he claims those who challenges him have said or written, in the past. One example is all that is necessary.

James Fetzer, originator of the website "Scholars for 9/11 Truth", once hosted a radio discussion about the speed of the plane that hit the South Tower (almost certainly not UA 175) during which one of his favourite "experts" was thoroughly debunked by two experienced pilots as knowing nothing about such flying matters, but whom James Fetzer still claims is an aerospace engineer and now claims that he developed a non-existent airborne safety system. In Fetzer's own words:

"Joe Keith, for example, actually designed the shaker system for Boeing, which is used to determine when a plane is going to come apart in flight."

(Please note, this has nothing to do with the stick-shaker, stall-warning system that has been around since the 1960s.)

There is no such system that determines "when a plane is going to come apart in flight", and this has been pointed out to James Fetzer and the editorial board of *Veterans Today*, which includes **Gordon Duff** and **Dr. Alan Sabrosky**, in an e-mail written three days ago. Far from anyone showing concern, I have only heard from Gordon Duff, who has been critical of *me* for keeping the "dispute" going.

Dispute? There can be no dispute, the statement was untrue, and James Fetzer will not retract it. However his latest bit of reasoning shows a degree of arrogance that is bordering on a belief in his own infallibility.

"But since I believe everything I am saying and have no intention to mislead anyone, I am not lying."

Members of the alternative media, including the staff and contributors to *Veterans Today* are constantly criticising the mainstream media for telling lies and twisting the truth to fit the agendas of those who control it, so I would like to ask who is now controlling *Veterans Today*, which allows a provable liar to continue to make false claims about an "expert" he is constantly quoting to back-up his thoroughly debunked No-Planes-In-New York theory? He has also made a number of serious accusations about what I have written and said, which I can prove are not true, so shouldn't *Veterans Today* be asking:

What else is he lying about? Perhaps more importantly: What does he actually know about the subjects he pontificates on? But of paramount importance: How can anyone trust the veracity of anything else published by *Veterans Today*, if they continue to ignore the totally provable accusations of one of its own, hitherto, trusted contributors? Me.

Anthony Lawson is a retired international-prize-winning commercials director, cameraman, ad-agency creative director and voice over. He used to be known for shooting humorous commercials, but doesn't find much to laugh about, with the way the world is going, these days.

After recovering from the shock of seeing the Twin Towers collapse, on subsequent showings, I developed a strong feeling that what I was seeing and what I was being told were quite different things. For two such buildings to collapse, in the manner they did, solely because they had been hit by large aircraft, did not make sense. The collapses were too uniform. If aircraft impacts were the cause, at least one of the buildings should have fallen over. I subsequently made a video called "WTC7 -- This is an Orange" to express my concern that the public was not being told the truth about 9/11.

<http://www.salem-news.com/articles/august152011/veterans-today-al.php>



**Unashamedly Right-Wing High Tory - <http://hightory.com/>
Few realise how sinister the European Arrest Warrant really is -**

<http://hightory.com/2011/01/04/few-realise-how-sinister-the-european-arrest-warrant-really-is/>



The European Arrest Warrant is a truly sinister piece of legislation which threatens civil liberties unlike any other. It can be used at will by any EU country to order the arrest and extradition of someone in the UK for relatively minor offences, even if the offence is not a crime here.

The Freedom Association have written a report on the EAW, and its implications are quite extraordinary. Any member country can order the arrest of a UK subject, in the UK, and British courts are powerless to stop it. The requesting country does not need to provide any evidence against the person it wants arrested, and once extradited that person is at the mercy of the requesting country's legal system, which is often not very accommodating for foreign nationals.

Case 1: The alleged football hooligan

On 15th June 2004, during the European Cup, violent clashes erupted between England fans and police in Albufeira, Portugal. One of the people arrested was former fire fighter Garry Mann, who claims to police beat him and deprived him of sleep. He was tried and found guilty less than 24 hours later, and sentenced to two years imprisonment. He claims that CCTV footage which would have shown him at a bar at the time of the disturbances was not shown in the trial and destroyed. Eventually, however, he was allowed to return to Britain, on the agreement that his sentence would be suspended if he agreed never to return to Portugal.

At the time of his return Home Office officials decided Mann would not serve his sentence in the UK because there was no legislative framework to support it. The Portuguese, unhappy at this, ordered Mann to be extradited back to Portugal under the European Arrest Warrant to serve his sentence in a Portuguese prison, despite the fact he had violated no part of the original agreement.

Mann appealed this decision up to the High Court, who called the case "an embarrassment" but admitted they could do nothing to stop the extradition.

So British courts were powerless to stop a UK subject being extradited to a foreign country, after that country tried him in an unusually swift trial that didn't take into account all the evidence.

Case 2: The Holocaust denier

Dr Fredrick Toben is resident in Australia and posted comments denying the Holocaust on a website hosted in that country. When he set foot in the UK on a connecting flight between the US and Dubai he was arrested for those comments. Holocaust denial, however, is not a crime in the UK. The warrant for his arrest was not served by the UK at all, it was in fact a European Arrest Warrant from Germany.

Germany's argument is that as these comments were viewable in Germany were therefore "published" in Germany. Under this logic they were also published in the UK, where such comments are not illegal.

So a man who wrote something that was not illegal in the country where it was written was arrested by another country where it was not illegal at the behest of a totally separate foreign nation.

Under the terms of the often criticised UK-US extradition treaty this could not happen as to be extradited to the US the person needs to have done something there which would also be illegal here. This "double criminality" does not apply under the EAW.

It is therefore perfectly conceivable that if a UK subject writes something on the internet denying the holocaust they could be extradited to Germany, even though it is perfectly legal in the UK, and face prosecution by a country of which they are not even a citizen.

Other Abuses

It has even been reported that Poland has issued a European Arrest Warrant against a man in the UK for "unintentionally receiving stolen goods". The stolen goods in question being a £20 mobile phone! You'd better be careful what you buy in a Polish market, or even on ebay.

As well as the Holocaust denial listed above, a more general term of extradition under the EAW is "racism and xenophobia". These are such incredibly subjective terms that they could be applied to a wide range of expressions. The term "white trash", for example, could be seen as racist by some, but not by others. It is conceivable that any criticism of immigration could lead to extradition under the EAW.

Read the full Freedom Association report here: <http://www.tfa.net/files/eaw-submission-by-the-freedom-association-dec-2010.pdf>

And finally watch this video of proceedings from the European Parliament:

<http://hightory.com/2011/01/04/few-realise-how-sinister-the-european-arrest-warrant-really-is/>

... and remember, after returning home in November 2008 Töben began serving his Australian prisons entence on 13 August 2009:

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**Australian Holocaust denier sentenced to prison
Fredrick Toben sentenced after violating 2002 court order to stop publishing anti-Semitic material on his website**

Associated Press, 05.13.09, 17:43 / Israel News

An Australian man who has denied the Holocaust occurred was sentenced Wednesday to three months in prison for defying an order to stop publishing anti-Semitic material on his Web site. Fredrick Toben remained free after the sentencing, however, because the judge gave him two weeks to lodge an appeal.

Justice Bruce Lander of the Federal Court found Toben, 65, guilty of 24 counts of contempt of a 2002 court ruling that barred him from publishing anti-Semitic

material on the Web site of his organization, the Adelaide Institute.



Model of Auschwitz presented at Tehran Holocaust denial conference Photo: AFP – [The model is of Treblinka Concentration Camp, while the Auschwitz model was presented at a conference at Mashhad – ed.]

The material found to be in breach of the order included suggestions the Holocaust did not happen, that questioned whether there were gas chambers at the Auschwitz death camp, and that challenged the intelligence of Jews who questioned Holocaust deniers' beliefs.

Toben said the ruling was a defeat for free speech. "I am quite prepared to sacrifice my physical comforts for the sake of free expression," he told reporters outside the court.

Toben last year avoided prosecution in Germany on a Holocaust-denying charge when a British court ruled against extraditing him after he was arrested in London on a German warrant. Prosecutors said at the time they still wanted to pursue the charge.

Toben was previously arrested while traveling through Germany and convicted by the Mannheim court of Holocaust denial in 1999. He served seven months in prison before being released.

'No vilification of minorities'

The case against Toben stemmed from allegations made by Jeremy Jones, a former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, who welcomed Wednesday's ruling as a victory against the vilification of minorities online.

"In Australian law we have very open debate on most subjects, but that debate does not include a right to insult and abuse and humiliate people based on their race and ethnicity," Jones told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Toben participated in Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's 2006 conference called to debate whether the World War II genocide of Jews took place, where he argued the Auschwitz death camp was too small for the mass murder of Jews to have been carried out there. He suggested only 2,007 people could have been killed at the camp. [Töben never said anything like that – he talked about Treblinka – notice how the mmedia avoids the real issue: questioning the 6 million,

the systematic extermination claim, the murder weapon a gas chamber - ed.]

Researchers estimate that between 1.1 million and 1.5 million people - mainly Jews - were killed at Auschwitz by the Nazis, part of the total 6 million.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3715568,00.html>

Jews elected to new Australian parliament August 22, 2010

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) – Three Jews were elected to Australia's federal parliament in national elections. Michael Danby, Mark Dreyfus and Joshua Frydenberg -- all from Melbourne -- emerged victorious in Saturday's ballot. But neither the incumbent Labor Party nor the opposition Liberal Party managed to muster the 76 seats required for an outright majority in the 150-seat House of Representatives, prompting the probability of the first hung parliament in 70 years. Early voting and mail-in votes could yet prove pivotal, according to observers.

Danby, a Labor lawmaker who has been Israel's most ardent advocate in parliament, served as the only Jewish federal lawmaker between 1996 and 2007, when Dreyfus was first elected, also to Labor.

Frydenberg, a graduate of Bialik College in Melbourne and a former adviser to Liberal lawmaker and one-time prime minister John Howard, on Saturday became the first Jewish Liberal representative in Canberra since Sen. Peter Baume in 1991.

Robert Goot, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, said it was "very encouraging" to have three Jewish federal lawmakers. From 1974-75 there were four Jews in federal parliament.

The election also produced several firsts: Dr. Ken Wyatt is likely to become the first Aboriginal member elected to the lower house; Adam Bandt became the first Greens lawmaker elected to the lower house, and Ed Husic became the first Muslim lawmaker ever elected.

<http://www.jta.org/news/article/2010/08/22/2740562/jews-elected-to-new-australian-parliament>

New Israel Fund opens Australia branch May 11, 2011

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) – The New Israel Fund has opened a branch in Australia, sparking renewed debate about the pluralist, human rights organization.

NIF, which has raised in excess of \$200 million for more than 800 nongovernmental organizations in Israel since 1979, will be led by Sydney-based barrister Robin Margo, the president of the Jewish community in New South Wales from 2008 to 2010.

"NIF strives to promote the vision of Zionism that is contained, indeed promised, in Israel's Declaration of Independence, namely 'equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex,' " said Margo, who represented the Executive Council of Australian Jewry in its long-running legal battle against Holocaust denier Fredrick Toben, in a statement Monday announcing the formation of the organization.

Critics, however, have been quick to accuse the organization of supporting groups that seek to delegitimize Israel.

In a letter published in last week's Australian Jewish News, Dr. Gerald Steinberg of the Jerusalem-based NGO Monitor wrote that NIF funds "political groups that promote BDS [the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel], demonization and the discredited Goldstone report."

The advent of NIF in Australia comes a year after the last-minute cancellation of a visit here by NIF President Naomi Chazan following a controversial campaign by the Israeli right-wing student organization Im Tirzu, which alleged that "without the New Israel Fund there could be no Goldstone report and Israel would not be facing international accusations of war crimes."

NIF rebuffed the accusations as baseless.

"Attempts by some in Australia and overseas to denigrate the NIF have failed to dent the enthusiasm we are seeing for the establishment of NIF in this country," Margo said.

The Australian branch will be launched officially in June by Chazan, who will be speaking at the Limmud conference in Sydney. NIF also has branches in America, Canada, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

<http://www.jta.org/news/article/2011/05/11/3087653/new-israel-fund-opening-australian-branch>

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Support Malcolm Turnbull Minister for GOLDMAN SACHS

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The People vs. Goldman Sachs

Matt Taibbi: A Senate committee has laid out the evidence. Now the Justice Department should bring criminal charges. May 11, 2011 9:30 AM ET



Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein testifies before the Senate in April 2010 Mark Wilson/Getty Images

They weren't murderers or anything; they had merely stolen more money than most people can rationally conceive of, from their own customers, in a few blinks

of an eye. But then they went one step further. They came to Washington, took an oath before Congress, and lied about it.

Thanks to an extraordinary investigative effort by a Senate subcommittee that unilaterally decided to take up the burden the criminal justice system has repeatedly refused to shoulder, we now know exactly what Goldman Sachs executives like Lloyd Blankfein and Daniel Sparks lied about. We know exactly how they and other top Goldman executives, including David Viniar and Thomas Montag, defrauded their clients. America has been waiting for a case to bring against Wall Street. Here it is, and the evidence has been gift-wrapped and left at the doorstep of federal prosecutors, evidence that doesn't leave much doubt: Goldman Sachs should stand trial.

This article appears in the May 26, 2011 issue of Rolling Stone. The issue is available now on newsstands and will appear in the [online archive](#) May 13.

The great and powerful Oz of Wall Street was not the only target of *Wall Street and the Financial Crisis: Anatomy of a Financial Collapse*, the 650-page report just released by the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations, chaired by Democrat Carl Levin of Michigan, alongside Republican Tom Coburn of Oklahoma. Their unusually scathing bipartisan report also includes case studies of Washington Mutual and Deutsche Bank, providing a panoramic portrait of a bubble era that produced the most destructive crime spree in our history — "a million fraud cases a year" is how one former regulator puts it. But the mountain of evidence collected against Goldman by Levin's small, 15-desk office of investigators — details of gross, baldfaced fraud delivered up in such quantities as to almost serve as a kind of sarcastic challenge to the curiously impassive Justice Department — stands as the most important symbol of Wall Street's aristocratic impunity and prosecutorial immunity produced since the crash of 2008.

Photo Gallery: How Goldman top dogs defrauded their clients and lied to Congress

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/photos/how-goldman-execs-screwed-their-clients-and-lied-to-congress-20110511>

To date, there has been only one successful prosecution of a financial big fish from the mortgage bubble, and that was Lee Farkas, a Florida lender who was just convicted on a smorgasbord of fraud charges and now faces life in prison. But Farkas, sadly, is just an exception proving the rule: Like Bernie Madoff, his comically excessive crime spree (which involved such lunacies as kiting checks to his own bank and selling loans that didn't exist) was almost completely unconnected to the systematic corruption that led to the crisis. What's more, many of the earlier criminals in the chain of corruption — from subprime lenders like Countrywide, who herded old ladies and ghetto families into bad loans, to rapacious banks like Washington Mutual, who pawned off fraudulent mortgages on investors — wound up going belly up, sunk by their own greed.

Read Matt Taibbi on Goldman Sachs, the 'great vampire squid' -

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-great-american-bubble-machine-20100405>

But Goldman, as the Levin report makes clear, remains an ascendant company precisely because it used its

canny perception of an upcoming disaster (one which it helped create, incidentally) as an opportunity to enrich itself, not only at the expense of clients but ultimately, through the bailouts and the collateral damage of the wrecked economy, at the expense of society. The bank seemed to count on the unwillingness or inability of federal regulators to stop them — and when called to Washington last year to explain their behavior, Goldman executives brazenly misled Congress, apparently confident that their perjury would carry no serious consequences. Thus, while much of the Levin report describes past history, the Goldman section describes an *ongoing?* crime — a powerful, well-connected firm, with the ear of the president and the Treasury, that appears to have conquered the entire regulatory structure and stands now on the precipice of officially getting away with one of the biggest financial crimes in history.

Read Taibbi's 2010 piece on how bailed-out banks are recreating the conditions for a crash - <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/wall-streets-bailout-hustle-20100217>

Defenders of Goldman have been quick to insist that while the bank may have had a few ethical slips here and there, its only real offense was being too good at making money. We now know, unequivocally, that this is bullshit. Goldman isn't a pudgy housewife who broke her diet with a few Nilla Wafers between meals — it's an advanced-stage, 1,100-pound medical emergency who hasn't left his apartment in six years, and is found by paramedics buried up to his eyes in cupcake wrappers and pizza boxes. If the evidence in the Levin report is ignored, then Goldman will have achieved a kind of corrupt-enterprise nirvana. Caught, but still free: above the law.

<http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/blogs/folklaw/archive/2011/03/08/water-man-turns-court-into-religious-whine.aspx>

Water man turns court into religious whine

Posted **Mar 08 2011, 07:52 PM** by [Lawyers Weekly](#)

A business man in an [IP](#) dispute over bottled water has asked the [judge](#) on the matter if he is Jewish or a Freemason.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* reports that Paul Makucha, who is being sued by Sydney Water with regard to his water bottling business, asked to have Justice John Sackar of the NSW [Supreme Court](#) disqualified from hearing the case because he would not reveal his religious identity.

Makucha asked Justice Sackar if he was a Freemason because he was "terrified" of the masons, whom he said "conceal the crimes of their brother masons". He also requested that the Judge be disqualified if he is Jewish, because "they may be influenced by religious beliefs regarding intellectual property".

Makucha also claimed that the NSW Treasurer, Eric Roozendaal, who has shares in Sydney Water, had used masonic code in a published picture in January because "his eyes were looking up - that's an imitation of Jesus".

Justice Sackar refused to reveal what religion he may or may not practice and also refused to stand down from the case.

Makucha has what could be described as a colourful past. In 2003, when he was a billionaire businessman living in the "Toaster" building in Sydney's Circular Quay, he took out nine apprehended violence orders against fellow residents after a dispute about parking spots.

During a civil case in 2004, Makucha was jailed and strip-searched for [contempt of court](#) by Magistrate Pat O'Shane, with the NSW Court of Appeal later finding he was denied procedural fairness.

Makucha is obviously enduring hard times now for in relation to this matter, the NSW Supreme Court was told last year that he only had \$10 in cash for living expenses.

Folklaw thinks that Makucha needs to pour himself a tall glass of water, calm down, and concentrate on the legal merits of this matter rather than the religious beliefs of the judge.

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JUSTICE WITH THE METER RUNNING

An application by **Paul Makucha** (the entrepreneur who planned to bottle and market Sydney water overseas) to have a Supreme Court trial judge disqualified on the grounds the judge refused to say if he was Jewish or a freemason, has come to nothing - nothing except a nasty bill, that is.

In March, Makucha, who is being sued by **Sydney Water Corporation** for \$293,000 and who is defending his claim of entitlement to use the Sydney Water trademark, kicked off proceedings by saying to the court "that any judge that is Jewish ... not hear this case because they may be influenced by religious beliefs regarding intellectual property".

He followed that by saying that the then NSW treasurer, Eric Roozendaal, who was one of two shareholding ministers in Sydney Water, was a mason, something Makucha had divined from a picture in the *Herald* in which Roozendaal's "eyes were looking up - that's an imitation of Jesus - it's a masonic code".

Unsurprisingly, **Justice John Sackar** refused to answer if he was Jewish or a freemason, saying "no aspect of Jewish law applies in this case. I have no idea what relevance it has to this case."

Five months later, on August 5, Makucha took it a step further by formally seeking Justice Sackar's replacement by someone not Jewish "who had not undertaken to abide by masonic oaths and obligations inconsistent with his or her role as an officer of the Supreme Court". On the same day,

Makucha filed a notice of motion seeking a stay of the proceedings before the trial judge, pending the hearing of his application to have Sackar replaced. Anyway, the meter was running while this was all sorted out.

Yesterday, the whole business was dismissed with costs awarded to Sydney Water.

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/thediary/aw-haleofatime201108091ikwt.html#ixzz1VHcogxCC>

Iran leads MidEast condemnation of "savage" Britain



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a parliament session, during which lawmakers are expected to pass the vote of confidence for four new ministers, in Tehran August 3, 2011.

Credit: Reuters/Raheb Homavandi

TEHRAN | Wed Aug 10, 2011 1:50pm BST

Reuters - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called on Britain on Wednesday to curb its "savage" treatment of rioters and the Libyan government of Muammar Gaddafi said Prime Minister David Cameron had lost legitimacy and should go.

Television pictures of riot police battling to quell unprecedented unrest in cities across Britain have led news schedules in countries that London accuses of human rights abuses, giving their leaders the chance to hit back. "What kind of country treats its own people like this? The ugliest treatment is the police's unacceptable attack on the people, who have no weapons in hand," Ahmadinejad told reporters after a cabinet meeting in Tehran.

Britain was in the forefront of Western countries that condemned Iran's crushing response to massive street demonstrations that followed Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election in June 2009, events Tehran described as anti-government riots stirred up by foreign enemies.

While Cameron has called the burning and looting in Britain "criminality, pure and simple," Ahmadinejad portrayed the events as peaceful protests brutally repressed by police.

"What kind of a treatment is this for the people who run out of patience because of poverty and discrimination? ... I advise them to correct their savage behaviour

because this kind of savage treatment of people is absolutely not acceptable."

A member of Iran's parliament, Hossein Ebrahimi, told the semi-official Fars news agency on Tuesday that Britain should allow a delegation of human rights monitors to investigate the situation in its troubled cities.

In Iran's ally Syria, where Britain's foreign ministry has said President Bashar al-Assad has lost legitimacy by killing demonstrators, state-run television repeatedly showed footage of a policeman chasing and knocking a man down. A breaking news caption read: "Cameron: 'We face a problem confronting the gangs in Britain.'"

"CAMERON MUST GO"

Syrian authorities say they are combating armed "terrorist groups," blaming them for the deaths of 500 soldiers and police and saying they are also responsible for the civilian deaths. Rights groups say 1,600 people have been killed in the crackdown.

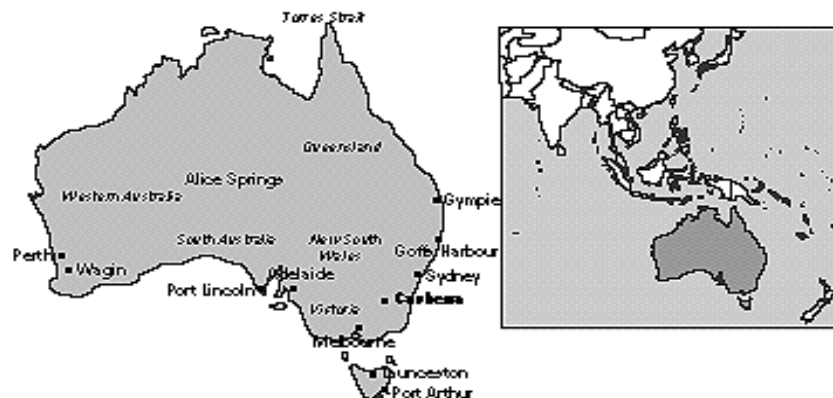
In Libya, where Britain is involved in a military campaign against Gaddafi after his forces turned on an anti-government movement earlier this year, a government spokesman said Cameron should step down. "Cameron has lost his legitimacy and must go... after the massive popular protests that reject him and his government, especially after the violent police repression unleashed by his government against peaceful protesters... to force the British people to accept a government it rejects," Khalid Ka'im, a foreign ministry spokesman, told the official Jana news agency. "The international community (should) not stand with arms folded in the face of this gross aggression against the rights of the British people, who are demanding their right to rule their country," he was quoted as saying.

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<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2011/08/10/uk-britain-riot-mideast-idUKTRE77937H20110810> .

[The death-killing of the Libyan leader on 20 October 2011 will have repercussions in the Arabic-speaking world because the whole episode of his ouster is seen as an Anglo-American-French-Zionist operation - welcome to the new colonialism. - ed]

15 Years ago - FROM ADELAIDE INSTITUTE'S ARCHIVE: We're watching you! LATEST UPDATE DECEMBER 1996 Australia



Total population: 17,840,000
Jewish population: 90,000-100,000 - mainly in Melbourne and Sydney

General Background

In the federal election on 2 March, the Australian Labor Party (ALP) government was defeated by the Liberal Party-National

Party coalition (the Coalition) under the leadership of John Howard. The Coalition gained a large majority in the house of representatives but failed to secure a majority in the senate. When the Coalition took control of the state government in Queensland, the ALP was left in office in just one state, New South Wales (NSW). The Coalition also retained power in state elections in Victoria and Western Australia.

The Australian economy improved over the year with a rise in gross domestic product of nearly 4 per cent. Inflation remained low, though unemployment stayed between 8 and 9 per cent.

The murder of thirty-five people in Port Arthur, Tasmania, by a lone gunman provoked intense debate over gun ownership. All states passed laws limiting civilian access to automatic weapons. A number of organizations noted for promoting antisemitic material were part of an identifiable "gun lobby" that criticized the new laws as an attack on civil liberties (see PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS, MOVEMENTS).

Historical legacy

Australian Jews have experienced little or no institutional or organized antisemitism. Civil rights have never been restricted. This is largely due to the presence of Jews in the country since British colonization in 1788. Jews have figured prominently in Australian public life. One of Australia's most prominent military figures was Jewish, as were two of Australia's governors-general (the Australian representative of the British monarchy).

However, according to Paul Bartrop's *Australia and the Holocaust, 1933-45* (1994), informal restrictions, guided by a conscious desire to minimize the number of Jews entering the country, were placed on the number of Jewish immigrants to Australia who were refugees from, or survivors of, Nazism. Nevertheless, 40,000 Jewish refugees from Europe entered Australia between 1933 and 1955.

Racism and xenophobia

Historically, racial and ethnic tensions in Australia have centred on conflict between established communities and more recent waves of migrants, particularly from southern Europe and Asia. Some racial hostility exists towards Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, who are known collectively as indigenous Australians. Successive governments have followed a multi-cultural policy that provides protection for minority groups in the areas of community relations, social justice, access and equity.

Despite ethnic, cultural and racial diversity, levels of racist vilification and harassment are generally low. However, racist attitudes and practices are a feature of everyday life for indigenous Australians and they continue to face general socio-economic disadvantage.

Tensions over racial intolerance were heightened in 1996 during the federal election. Problems resurfaced later in the year, when various opponents of multiculturalism and immigration sought to carve a niche for themselves in the new political landscape created by the Coalition victory.

While the Coalition government confirmed its commitment to an ongoing process of reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, its first budget cut funding to key indigenous organizations by 10 per cent. The National Inquiry established to investigate the removal of indigenous children from their parents, a practice that began in 1910 and continued until 1970, conducted hearings throughout the year. The government's commitment to the Royal Commission was questioned when the minister for Aboriginal affairs commented in October that Lois O'Donoghue, the former leader of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, could not

have achieved so much if she had not been removed from her birth mother as a child and raised in a non-indigenous home. Under the federal Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) 583 complaints were lodged between July 1995 and June 1996, a fall of 17.5 per cent on the previous year. In October 1995, the Commonwealth government passed the Race Hatred Act. The Act gave victims of racism recourse to civil sanctions. By 31 October 1996, 112 complaints had been laid under the Act, the majority being lodged by Australians of Asian descent. Six of those complaints related to alleged antisemitism. No new race hate laws were passed in the state legislatures in 1996. A bill failed to pass through the South Australian parliament despite cross-party support for the concept of race hate laws. Queensland's existing law is currently under review.

Australia has had a reputation as a haven for refugees. Despite promising to maintain existing programmes, the new federal government reduced the humanitarian/refugee migrant intake from 15,000 to 10,000 in 1996. The migrant intake for 1996-7 is 74,000, down 9,000 on the previous year. The composition of the planned intake evidenced a shift from family reunions towards business migrants.

A poll published in the Australian found that 71 per cent of those surveyed felt that the level of immigration was too high. Another poll in the Australian Financial Review found that 33 per cent of the survey wanted immigration reduced "a lot".

Parties, organizations, movements

During 1996, several antisemitic organizations raised both their public profile and level of activity. The Australian League of Rights (ALR) remained the best organized and wealthiest racist organization operating in Australia. During the year, it sought to extend links with mainstream organizations, and several ALR supporters made controversial public statements (see MAINSTREAM POLITICS). It also courted the gun lobby (see below), but by December it had failed to extend its reach beyond its traditional, ageing membership. The ALR's newsletters and bookshops continued to disseminate books, cassettes and videos that deny the Holocaust and encourage hatred of Jews.

The dealings of the Melbourne-based LaRouchite Citizens' Electoral Council (CEC), who are followers of Lyndon LaRouche (see United States of America), were exposed in June on an Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) current affairs programme and in the Melbourne Age, and in July in a special issue of the Australia/Israel Review. One member of the house of representatives called for an independent judicial inquiry into the activities of the CEC.

On several occasions during the year the CEC's newspaper, the New Citizen, attacked and harassed prominent members of the Jewish community. The attacks continued even after the paper had lost a court case against an ALP branch president and leading Jewish community member (see LEGAL MATTERS). In 1996 the CEC had seventeen full-time staff and put forward three candidates in the December Western Australian state election. In the Western Australian lower house seat of Wagin, it received 7 per cent of the vote.

The debate about gun control led to increased focus on paramilitary groups and more radical gun supporters' organizations, such as the Firearms Owners' Association of Australia and the Australian Right to Bear Arms Association. At their most extreme, these groups called for armed resistance to government "Nazi" tactics, which they claimed threatened rural Australia's way of life. Some of the groups have links to the US militia (see United States of America). Members of the pro-gun lobby denounced proposed gun laws as totalitarian and an international anti-Christian conspiracy. They portrayed

themselves as patriots seeking to protect Australia from dictatorship. In attacking proposed legislation, these elements trivialized the horrors of Nazism by dubbing the prime minister "Hitler" and directly comparing the gun laws with the anti-Jewish regulations of Hitler's Germany. In July Ian McNiven, the vice president of the Firearm Owners' Association of Australia, addressed a rally in Gympie (Queensland) wearing a swastika armband and impersonating the prime minister.

Attempts were made in 1996 to form a new political organization, the Australia First Reform Party. The party was intended to galvanize the pro-gun lobby and disaffected right-wing and anti-immigration groups, and would have involved Graeme Campbell (Australia First) and Pauline Hanson (Independent, see MAINSTREAM POLITICS). However, the chances of a united group being created receded as splits occurred between Hanson and the Sporting Shooters Association (Australia Reform) on one hand and the ALR, Australians Against Further Immigration (AAFI) (see MAINSTREAM POLITICS) and Campbell on the other. The Australia First Party contested one semi-rural seat in the Western Australian state election, winning 8.6 per cent of the primary vote there.

Several small neo-Nazi groups operated in most large cities. The groups included National Action, the National Republican Movement, the Sydney-based Southern Cross Hammer Skinheads, the Melbourne-based White Aryan Resistance and the Australian National Socialist Movement.

In January, four people who were reported to be connected to National Action were arrested by South Australian police in connection with gun-running and drug offences. Michael Brander, the leader of National Action, stood as an Independent in the seat of Bonython in South Australia, but only received 1,200 votes. The National Republican Movement, which is known to have distributed white supremacist propaganda in the past, attempted to recruit school children to fight "multicultural Nazi" teachers.

Mainstream politics

In contrast to the previous two years, 1996 was comparatively free of antisemitism in mainstream political life. Nevertheless, the increase in opposition to immigration and immigrants after the federal election gave cause for concern. It has been noted by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) that incidents of antisemitism rise when racism against other minorities increases.

Several statements and activities of federal candidates and politicians came under question in the year: Bob Katter (National Party) was censured by his party leader because he had labelled his detractors "little slanty-eyed ideologues" in February; another National Party candidate, Bob Burgess, who had in January referred to naturalizations as "de-wogging ceremonies", failed to be elected but increased his share of the vote; Pauline Hanson, a Liberal candidate, was disendorsed by her party two weeks before the election because of controversial remarks about indigenous Australians (see below). However, she stood as an independent candidate in the federal state of Queensland and won her seat. In her election victory speech, she claimed to have won for the "white community . . . anyone apart from the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders".

In September, the debate about race flared again after Hanson made her maiden parliamentary speech. Hanson claimed that Australia was in danger of being "swamped by Asians" and opposed multiculturalism and immigration of unskilled, non-English speaking migrants, and condemned programmes established to help indigenous Australians.

Hanson's speech received extensive coverage in the domestic and international media. The debate gathered momentum over the next two months without attracting significant censure from the prime minister. Together with reports about violence and abuse directed against Asian migrants, military personnel, students and tourists, the perceived increase in racism in Australia threatened the development of political and economic ties with Southeast and East Asia.

Several other political figures made pronouncements that strayed beyond acceptable political conventions. Peter Davis, an ALR member for thirty years who was elected mayor of Port Lincoln (South Australia) in 1995, pledged his support for AAFI and Hanson in 1996. In an interview in the Adelaide Advertiser in October, Davis, who is opposed to multiculturalism, argued that children of inter-racial partners were "mongrels". At a specially convened council meeting on 21 October, nine out of ten of his fellow councillors resigned, disassociating themselves from him. In December elections, five of these councillors were defeated by candidates who supported Davis.

The mayor of Coffs Harbour in NSW also used a mayoral address to attack inter-racial marriage and advocate a return to the mono-cultural White Australia immigration policy.

Conversely, the high-profile ALP minister for Aboriginal affairs lost his seat to an above-average swing. The president of the ALP suggested that the results threw doubt on Australians' commitment to racial tolerance.

Both AAFI and Reclaim Australia-Reduce Immigration (RARI) contested the federal election. AAFI stood in twenty seats in NSW and gained an average 3.3 per cent of the vote. In Victoria, it contested thirteen seats and gained on average 1.7 per cent. AAFI was strongest in the traditional ALP seats of Werriwa and Banks, both in NSW, where it polled over 3,000 votes.

In the Blaxland federal by-election, held in June because of the retirement of former prime minister Paul Keating, AAFI won 13.6 per cent and RARI gained 8.9 per cent of the primary vote. After votes were redistributed, according to two-party preferences, RARI received 30.9 per cent. Referring to the "Hanson phenomenon", the leader of the National Party in the senate lamented that "otherwise rational people, community leaders and so on, fell in with this mob-lynching mentality".

The Jewish-born mayor of Woollahra (a Sydney suburb with a large Jewish community) was forced to apologize in February for a letter that he had written to a Jewish barrister in 1992, in which he declared that he "wouldn't work for Jewish clients". Under pressure from the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and his own council members he later stood down as mayor.

Manifestations

ECAJ, who maintains the only comprehensive database on antisemitic incidents in Australia, received 275 reports of incidents of violence, intimidation and vandalism between October 1995 and September 1996 from its local monitors. This represented a 12 per cent increase on 1994-5.

Compared with the previous year, serious or violent incidents increased by 26 per cent. Hate mail decreased by 9 per cent, telephone intimidation rose by 86 per cent, and antisemitic graffiti, posters and other vandalism rose by 10 per cent.

Attacks were made on Jewish communal property in most major cities. However, little of the damage caused might be classified as serious. During the year synagogues were vandalized in Queensland, Western Australia, NSW and Victoria. In several cases, windows were smashed and graffiti daubed. In April, a synagogue office in Perth was ransacked and the curtain covering the Ark was damaged. Also in April, the words "Jews will die" were carved into the door of a

Sydney synagogue. In Queensland and NSW, Jewish graves were damaged.

There were several reported cases of assault and harassment. Students at Jewish day schools in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth reported verbal harassment at school. In a few cases, damage to property or personal harassment occurred in people's own homes, including that of a Sydney rabbi.

There was a sharp rise in the number of antisemitic phone calls recorded by communal monitors. These included bomb threats against synagogues and death threats against communities. Community groups and individuals received antisemitic hate mail that included death threats, Holocaust denial and attacks on Jews because of their alleged immoral as well as supposedly anti-Christian and anti-white practices.

Continuing use was made of the Internet to transmit antisemitic propaganda and hate messages. Some of these messages were directed at individuals, others came in the form of contributions to discussion groups on religion or politics. Australian racists took part in international discussion groups and racist postings to local electronic discussion groups were made from non-Australian addresses.

Cultural and sporting life

The debate over the author Helen Darville (aka Demidenko), which emerged in 1995, continued to simmer. Darville received two of Australia's most prestigious literary prizes in 1995 for her debut novel, *The Hand that Signed the Paper*. The novelist, calling herself Demidenko and claiming Ukrainian ancestry, promoted the book as a fictionalized account of the Second World War based on the recollections of her family. It was later discovered that the author had no Ukrainian background; her parents were migrants from England and her name was Darville. Charges of plagiarism also beset the author, and of particular concern was the novel's reliance on the historical distortion that wartime murders in the Ukraine were the result of a cycle of violence and revenge initiated by Jewish communists.

In 1996 two books were published about the controversy. Robert Manne's *The Culture of Forgetting Helen Demidenko and the Holocaust* and Andrew Reimer's *Demidenko Debate* were both intended as discussions of the literary and cultural implications of the episode. However, Reimer's book was criticized by the associate director of the Centre for Comparative Genocide Studies in Sydney as being less academic and more of a polemic, as Reimer suggested that "more conservative elements of Australian Jewry" had inflamed the affair to combat secularism and assimilation.

Publications and media

The mainstream media in Australia are not sympathetic towards antisemitism. However, ECAJ noted an increase in material that included allegations of the existence of a powerful "Jewish lobby" in Australia, that denied the Holocaust, or that linked Judaism with critical opinions about Middle Eastern politics. Instances such as these most often occurred in letters to the publications. In November, the Australian Press Council defended the *Launceston Examiner*'s refusal to publish a letter from Frederick Toben (see HOLOCAUST DENIAL).

A small rural Victorian newspaper, the *Yarrowonga Chronicle*, which has a circulation of 3,500, carried a real estate advertisement in January with the wording "Jewish stock take" apparently referring to cheap prices. The Real Estate Institute of Victoria later apologized to the Jewish community.

ECAJ identified instances of antisemitism and other forms of racism that remained unchallenged on radio phone-ins. Of particular concern was the racist and sexist position taken by

several phone-in radio hosts modelling their rhetoric on American "shock-jocks". Occasionally their diatribes extended to antisemitism.

One presenter on an Adelaide radio station (5DN) was reprimanded and suspended by the station in April. He had called for the return of Hitler to deal with an American Jewish performer whose work at the Adelaide Festival had offended him. Sydney phone-in host Ron Casey (2GB) was forced to apologize for offensive comments made to Jewish callers on his show. Meetings between the local Jewish community and the radio station administration led to Casey visiting the Sydney Jewish Museum. Also in April, Melbourne phone-in host Neil Mitchell (3AW) said that the "Australian government" was frightened of criticizing Israel "because the Jewish lobby in this country is so strong".

The *Canberra Times*, which has a circulation of 42,500, blamed the failure of President Clinton to resolve the crises in the Middle East in part on "his dependence on Jewish funding of his election campaign". It followed this editorial with an article that asserted that Clinton was "a prisoner of the Jewish lobby". The Melbourne-based *Herald Sun* (circulation 566,000) ran a story about a dinner at the prime minister's residence attended by twenty business leaders under the title "PM woos Big Money". The report named only the three Jewish businessmen who were present.

There was much debate in the Australian media preceding the decision to refuse David Irving an entry visa into the country (see HOLOCAUST DENIAL). Several publications defended Irving's right to a voice in the country on the grounds of free speech, while others went so far as to reproduce his views.

A large sector of the print media serves ethnic communities in Australia. For the most part these publications do not concern themselves with Jews; however, during 1996 there were some instances of concern. Newspapers serving the Hungarian, Polish and Ukrainian communities all featured articles that attacked Jews for exploiting or oppressing their readership's compatriots in Eastern Europe. For example, *Tygodnik Polski* (circulation 4,000) claimed that Jews had collaborated with Poland's enemies and stated that five leading Nazis had been Jewish, an assertion repeated by the newspaper's editor.

The generally moderate Arabic-language newspaper *El-Telegraph* published an article in April alleging that the Jewish "death machine" was working to "apply" *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in murdering Lebanese citizens in Qana.

Al-Moharer Al-Australi, a pro-Iraqi and pro-Libyan publication with a presence on the Internet, published material that attacked "the Jewish lobby", which it alleged ran the US government.

The *Australian Islamic Review* published a letter in May that attributed the Melbourne Age's reporting of Israeli actions in Lebanon to "substantial Zionist ownership of the media, or the media's fear of losing Zionist advertising". Another letter warned readers of the evils of the Jews. *Nida'ul Islam* published an article that claimed that Zionists dominated "the ruling centres of most of the world capitals" through the "spheres of economics, money and media" and called for a jihad against "the filth of the Jews".

Several far-right publications, such as *Nexus*, *New Dawn*, *Exposure*, *The Strategy* and *Lock, Stock and Barrel*, purveyed antisemitic information through their articles and by publicizing antisemitic texts, lectures and mail order literature. Religion

In 1996 there was a continuing inter-faith dialogue between most religious groups. However, some sections of the Christian and Muslim religious communities were antagonistic

towards Jews and Judaism. US-style "Identity" churches (see United States of America), in particular, expressed their religion through antisemitism. In Australia, the Christian Identity Minis-tries, British-Israel World Federation, Covenant Vision Ministries and the Church of the Creator-all "Identity" churches-distributed antisemitic material through their newsletters, bookshops and mailing lists.

"Judaism is fundamentally anti-Christian" was a common theme of those churches that adhere to conspiracy theories. Jews were portrayed as practising "evil" rituals that are claimed to be outlined in the Talmud. The British-Israel World Federation maintained that the British race was the "ten lost tribes" of Israel and that they were therefore the "Chosen People" of God. One article in its newspaper, The Kingdom Herald, depicted Jews as "robbers" who controlled banking and who were full of "spiritual hatred". The author argued that the white races needed to "halt the headlong retreat before the modern representatives of our ancient foe".

The Covenant Vision Ministry in Sydney published a magazine, Covenant Vision, that claimed that Jews worshipped Satan, controlled President Clinton and aimed to enslave other peoples. The Christian Identity Ministries in far north Queensland reproduced and distributed Holocaust-denial, US militia and Nation of Islam literature (see United States of America).

Holocaust denial

Holocaust denial remained an important feature of antisemitism in Australia during the year. Several organizations distributed denial literature to Holocaust survivors, wrote letters to newspapers or called radio phone-ins demanding a debate on the existence or extent of the Holocaust.

Holocaust denial was promulgated by the Adelaide Institute, Australian Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the ALR, the British-Israel World Federation, White Aryan Resistance and several very small organizations such as Australians for Free Speech. John Bennett of the ACLU used his booklet Your Rights to attack the "Zionist lobby" and Jewish community organizations, and accused films about the Holocaust of inciting racial hatred against Germans.

The Adelaide Institute, run by Frederick Toben and David Brockschmidt, continued to produce its newsletter and Internet home page, "Australia's First Revisionist Website", in 1996. The home page included archives of work and interviews by Robert Faurisson, Ernst Zundel, Gemar Rudolf and David Irving (see France, Canada, United Kingdom).

In a radio interview on ABC's local Adelaide station (5AN) in November, Frederick Toben argued that "it appears that the gassings [of Jews during the Holocaust] were . . . technically impossible". In his December newsletter, Toben complained about selective grief for victims of the Second World War: "While the holocaust [sic] memorials and museums flourish for the alleged victims of Nazism, the German soldiers and civilians have not been laid to rest and their memories blessed. . .".

In November, David Irving (see United Kingdom) was refused an entry visa to Australia at an appeal hearing, on the grounds that he failed to meet the requirement in the Migration Act that an applicant be of good character. He intends to launch further appeals.

Legal matters

In March the Melbourne CEC (see PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS, MOVEMENTS) agreed to settle a defamation case initiated by a

prominent member of the Melbourne Jewish community. As part of the settlement the organization must pay legal costs and publish an apology to Michael Danby, following its 1993 publication of a series of false allegations about Danby's activities in the Jewish and political communities. At the time Danby was editor of the Australia/Israel Review.

During 1996 the Australian Federal Police continued investigations into eleven suspects alleged to have committed war crimes during the Second World War. However, no prosecutions were brought and the director of public prosecutions allocated no resources to the matter.

Countering antisemitism

During the federal election, the Coalition government promised an A\$2 million education campaign over two years to counter racism. After ten months in office, no further plans had been announced. However, as a result of the debate on racism in Australia, the federal parliament passed motions, supported by all major parties, that condemned attempts by politicians to foster racism for electoral benefit and reaffirmed the right of all Australians to be treated with equal respect.

Mainstream Catholic and Protestant churches actively sought to counter racism and antisemitism inside and outside their communities. The Lutheran church issued a statement acknowledging mistreatment of Jews by Christians, the antisemitism of Luther and Lutheran complicity in anti-Jewish propaganda in the Second World War. The statement declared that antisemitism ran contrary to Christianity. The Anglican church banned antisemitic and racist groups from using its facilities.

The memoirs of a Melbourne resident, Abraham Biderman, won two major literary awards for non-fiction. The World of My Past told of his experiences in the Lodz ghetto and later incarceration in Nazi concentration camps. The Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs sponsored advertisements on television as part of a campaign against prejudice.

Assessment

Australian antisemitism is influenced by various imported antisemitic traditions. Antisemitism manifests itself in theories of local and global conspiracies of Jewish power and influence, Holocaust denial, hostility of Jews to Christianity and Islam, and myths of Jews as practitioners of evil rituals, as unpatriotic and as mean and unethical.

Antisemitism is a factor in Australian Jewish life but is more of an "intellectual" than "street" phenomenon. Despite this, ECAJ recorded 275 separate instances of antisemitic vilification, violence and harassment. This is the highest number of instances recorded by ECAJ since it began its national database on antisemitism in 1990, and is a cause of some concern.

The year in review saw renewed and vigorous debate on Australia's racial and cultural identity. This gave some groups an opportunity to vent their opposition to immigration and immigrants. Nevertheless, Australia remains an open and tolerant society. While there is mounting evidence that an underbelly of Australian society is racist, there is only a small number of individuals and organizations that actively vilify Jews and other racial minorities, and they are the subject of wider community criticism. Without question, antisemitism continues to be unacceptable in mainstream Australian life and Jews continue to be seen as a vital part of the Australian community. © JPR 1997.

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