Fascist Race Law Passes in Australia

Her Majesty's Privy Council has rammed through a law whose main purpose is to silence LaRouche in Australia.

Under cover of legislating to outlaw "racial vilification," a fascist law has been passed in the state of Victoria, targetted squarely at the Citizens Electoral Council (CEC), the Victoria-based associates of 2004 U.S. Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. The Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill was passed by the Victorian Legislative Council (Victoria's upper house) on June 14, by a vote of 32-9, following its earlier passage by the lower house.

In a June 19 statement (see below), entitled "Australia and Hitler's Dictatorship," Mr. LaRouche excoriated the bill as an intent to violate human rights, and as legislation of the same character as the February 1934 decrees which first established the Nazi government as a dictatorship.

The bill passed only after fierce, almost unprecedented parliamentary debate, which was not reflected in the final votes; most of some 5,500 official submissions opposed it, and at least 10,000 citizens wrote letters of protest.

The bill decrees: 1) that a person is not allowed "to engage in conduct that incites hatred against, serious contempt for, or revulsion or severe ridicule of, that other person or class of persons," an intentionally vague, subjective clause which is capable of being interpreted as desired, while motive is specifically defined as "irrelevant"; 2) fines of \$6,000 for individuals, and \$30,000 for organizations, and jail sentences of up to six months, for such purely arbitrary "violations"; 3) that employers will be liable for their employees, and may be fined and imprisoned along with them; 4) that a "representative body" may file charges on behalf of someone else — which grants the bill's architects, the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai B'rith (ADC), the right to terrorize whomever they choose; 5) that the "offense" can occur inside or outside of Victoria; and 6) that authorities may use search warrants, including breaking down doors, to enforce the new law.

The search and seizure provision is particularly draconian, given that search warrants are used only for the most serious, indictable offenses. It was sneaked into the bill, after

Australia and Hitler's Dictatorship

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I speak from my official status as a registered pre-candidate for the U.S. Democratic Party's 2004 Presidential nomination.

What is fairly called Australia's "Murdoch press," and that press's accomplices, continue to aggravate their reckless disregard for both elementary decency and truth. It is much worse than that. If we take into account both the intent expressed by the conduct of the offending portion of the "Goebbels press"-like Australia mass media, and the legislation that crew has just sponsored, that legislation is: 1) an intent to violate human rights; and 2) legislation in the same character of law as the February 1933 decrees which first established the Nazi government as a dictatorship.

The style of these offensive actions is also relevant to the charges against the perpetrators of that mass-media conduct and legislation. First, the form of the legislation enacted is in keeping with the conceptions of law, crafted by the notorious Carl Schmitt, which were invoked. with Schmitt's approval, to establish the Nazi regime as a dictatorship. Second, considering the increasingly active role which the government of Australia is playing in the ongoing efforts of certain financier interests to dismember and



Carl Schmitt

pillage Indonesia, and who knows what beyond that, the adducible intention of the promoters of the disgusting statute in question is properly a matter of international concern.

I would hope that saner elements within the population and relevant institutions of Australia, would act in their own interests, to uproot and destroy this ugly legislation and the clear intention which the leading sponsors of the legislation have expressed so nakedly, and with what utterly reckless contempt for readily available truth.

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