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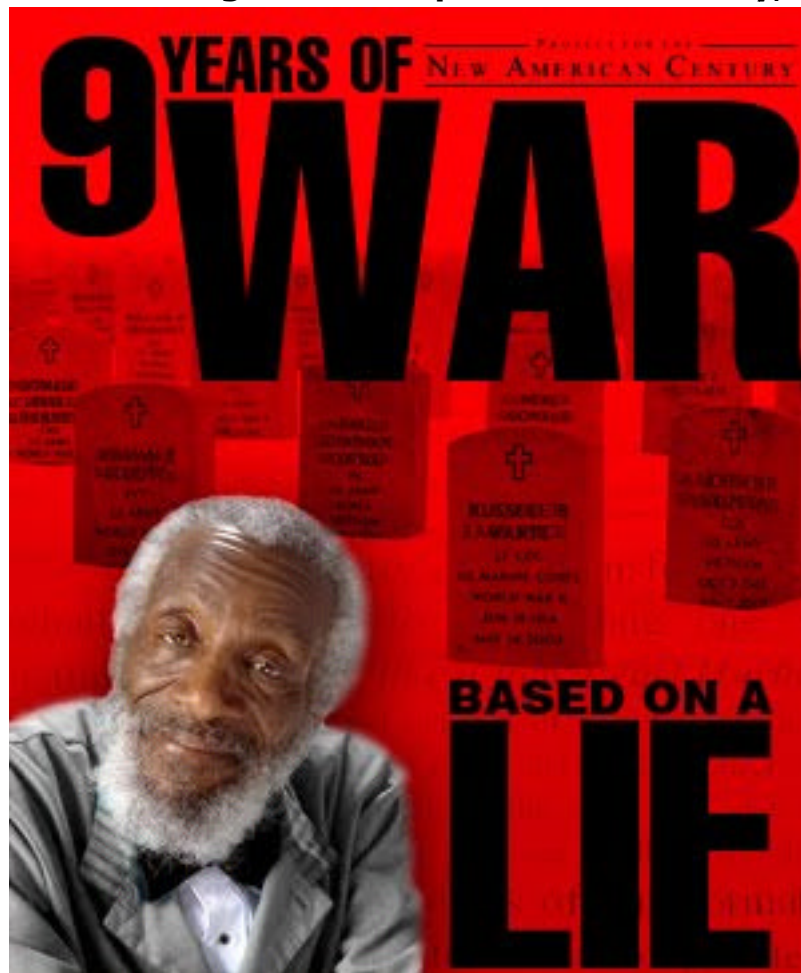


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A dialectical dilemma that's become an affliction: per mail@theneworder.org 17 July 2011

***"A slave is one who can
speak neither well of Hitler
nor ill of Jewry."***

Dick Gregory's 9/11 Hunger Strike Updates Wednesday, July 20, 2011



Gregory is beginning a liquid fast until 2012 until questions about 9/11 are answered by the government:
<http://redactednews.blogspot.com/p/dick-gregorys-911-hunger-strike-updates.html>

Mossad in New Zealand: Identity Theft



Mossad's Aussie Passport Theft Scandal

Better save a copy of the linked page because John Key has issued a statement clearing Israel, and all the New Zealand papers are obediently erasing the story of the Israeli spies, the un-credentialed "rescue" team from Israel and the five passports found on the body. New Zealand just got a taste of what we have to live with here in the US... And don't forget that the Mossad was caught stealing identities in Australia recently.

Identity theft may have been Israelis' goal – Wellington, 20 July 2011

"Because of New Zealand's international reputation the passports are extremely valuable for intelligence services. New Zealand has this reputation for independence and autonomy... people trust New Zealand. The passports would have been used for very covert activities - nothing light, which could include assassinations... They had to have had a handler and I have no doubt the SIS will be looking for that person who will more than likely be Jewish."

Michelle Cook

www.Stuff.co.nz

New Zealand passports are "extremely valuable" and it is most likely four Israelis in Christchurch at the time of the February 22 quake were on an identity-theft mission, a political risk consultant says. Israeli national Ofer Mizrahi was killed in the quake and the three friends he was with fled the country 12 hours later.

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[Israeli killed in New Zealand earthquake was Mossad agent, trying to infiltrate sensitive computer systems](#)
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Prime Minister John Key has confirmed Mizrahi was carrying five passports but refused to go into further detail. Paul Buchanan, who has worked at the Pentagon and trained intelligence officers in the United States, said it was suspicious that one of the Israelis was carrying multiple passports and that his friends left New Zealand so shortly after he was killed. He believed the four Israelis were probably on a "trolling mission" searching for identities they could steal.

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Zealand has this reputation for independence and autonomy... people trust New Zealand," he said. "The passports would have been used for very covert activities - nothing light."

He said those activities could include assassinations. Buchanan said it was unlikely they were Mossad agents because they were too young and Mossad agents would be involved in more high-level operations.

"However they may be recruits for the service and this might have been one of the tasks they needed to do, operating as sayanins, which is the Hebrew word for helper," he said. "That is likely what these people were and the question then comes - why were they specifically in Christchurch? It could well be in the aftermath of the first September quake that the decision was made to go into the damaged city and see if they could access public records or identity banks that would allow them to use the name of a living New Zealander who does not travel, or a dead one that could be falsified and put on to passports."

The police national computer had been under scrutiny since a Security Intelligence Service officer described the suspicious activities of several groups of Israelis during, and immediately after, the earthquake.

Three Israelis, including Mizrahi, were among the 181 people who died in the earthquake.

Israel showed immediate interest in the quake, with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calling Key four times on the day.

An unaccredited Israeli search and rescue squad was later confronted by armed New Zealand police and removed from the sealed-off "red zone" of the central city. Another Israeli group, a forensic analysis team sent by the Israeli

government, was welcomed in Christchurch and worked on victim identification in the morgue.

When it was realised the forensic analysts could have accessed the national police computer database, an urgent security audit was ordered.

Two Israelis were arrested in 2004 for stealing the identity of an Aucklander with cerebral palsy to fraudulently obtain a passport.

Tony Resnick, a former paramedic with St John Ambulance, was also believed to have been involved. He spent some time working in Israel and was a "person of interest" to police. He resigned from his job and left the country without warning in March 2004.

Buchanan said Resnick had access to official records and it was likely that if the Israelis in Christchurch were trying to obtain

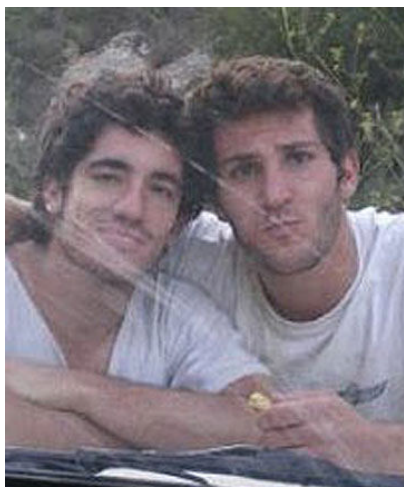
New Zealand passports they would also have had a relationship with someone who had access to government records.

"It would have had to have been such a person known as a handler in Christchurch because the sayanins wouldn't have had the local knowledge," he said. "They had to have had a handler and I have no doubt the SIS will be looking for that person who will more than likely be Jewish." He said it would have only taken "minutes" for the handler to copy information on to an external hard drive.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/5314120/Identity-theft-may-have-been-Israelis-goal-analyst>
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JOHN HARTEVELT: Family's fear over Israeli victim's passport

Last updated 08:51 21/07/2011



DIED IN THE RUBBLE: Gabi Ingel and Ofer Levy were found dead in a Christchurch street

The bloodied passport of an Israeli killed in the Christchurch earthquake has not been returned to his family, months after he was confirmed dead - and the parents of the man say they fear Kiwi officials may have done "something fishy" to it.

In a statement to Fairfax this morning, Gil Ingel criticised the "incompetence" of teams that tried to rescue or recover the bodies, including of his son Gabi Ingel, trapped by the February 22 Christchurch earthquake.

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"I was the one who sent the squad of [Israeli] searchers to New Zealand as I came very quickly to realise the incompetency of the people who were in charge of the Christchurch rescue operations," Ingel said. "Once I have understood that the NZ rescue teams are likely to give up much too soon on any attempts to rescue our sons, as they would have no problem to leave them to die in the wreckage even if they had still been alive, just so the rescue teams avoid taking any risk (real or theoretical), we managed to get a group of most professional people, who have vast experience in these kind of operations (unlike the person who headed the operation in Christchurch)."

The Israeli team had travelled halfway around the world on a "slim chance" of finding his son and his friend, Ofer Levy, alive, only to be turned away. They could have helped rescue other people, as well as Israelis, Ingel said.

His son had only one passport, he said. "The last we have heard about this passport was that it had been found stained with Gabi's blood on his body and then was in the possession of the NZ coroner. "In spite of our repeating requests to receive that passport, the Israeli embassy advised us that they were unable to recover the passport from the NZ authorities."

Ingel said he was shocked at reports linking his son to suspected spying. The only reason he could think of that he would be linked to the story was by a work of fiction or that New Zealand authorities had "got hold of Gabi's passport and done something fishy with it."

"Gabi was a backpacker who had been travelling in Asia for few months and then last December he met with his friend Ofer Levy (whom we know, as well as his family, for the last 18 years, since they were about 5 years old). Gabi was due to return to Israel and begin his studies shortly in mathematics and computer science at the Technion, Israel."

Gabi Ingel was on holiday in New Zealand after finishing military service in Israel. He and Levy were the first two foreign citizens confirmed dead by police after the February 22 quake.

Shortly after Ingel's death was confirmed on March 3, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu contacted Gil Ingel and told him: "We ache and cry with you. The people of Israel all followed efforts to trace your son."

Gil Ingel told Israeli media at the time: "The only thing that consoles us is having met so many good people in Israel who helped us try to find Gabi."

- Stuff

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/5318773/Familys-fear-over-Israeli-victims-passport>

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LANE NICHOLS: Police database like gold to spies, says SIS expert Hager

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Secret information contained on the police national computer would be like gold to foreign intelligence agencies, and highly valuable for espionage purposes, says investigative journalist

and SIS expert Nicky Hager. "You've got potential names you could steal and use, you've got all their backgrounds. You've got this fantastic resource on another country," he said. "If

you're an intelligence agency that would be a very high-value thing to seize."

It emerged yesterday that the Security Intelligence Service ordered a review of the national police computer system amid fears that Israeli agents had gained access to it after the Christchurch quake by loading sophisticated malware to obtain highly sensitive intelligence files.



NICKY HAGER: Wants answers

Hager, who has written extensively about covert intelligence activities, believes any breach of the system by Israeli Mossad agents was likely to have been opportunistic in the aftermath of the earthquake, rather than premeditated.

"That wasn't the purpose of the mission they were here for. If you were in an intelligence service, there's many reasons you want to have a list like that, opportunistic or otherwise. It's a gem for them."

However, high-level intelligence shared between New Zealand and the United States gleaned through the Blenheim spy base would not have been accessible through the police computer, he said.

If Israeli spies were based in Christchurch, their original mission would probably have been passport-related. New Zealand passports were highly sought-after by foreign spies as they raised low levels of suspicion at immigration checks.

If the dead man had multiple passports, that suggested links to espionage, Hager said. "When there are people with multiple passports they can be high-level criminals. But coming from Israel, it sounds suspiciously like intelligence services – the strongest suspicion, I would say."

Both Hager and Labour leader Phil Goff called on the prime minister to come clean about the incident rather than hiding behind claims of national security. "You can't just say this is about security because whose security are you talking about?" Hager said. "Israeli security? If you've got foreign spies in your country, it isn't a good enough reason."

Police national headquarters issued a statement denying its computer system had been compromised.

Defence Force chief Lieutenant General Rhys Jones revealed yesterday that SAS personnel had been deployed in the red zone immediately after the quake for humanitarian aid purposes. But he denied reports that SAS soldiers had been issued with ammunition and deployed in relation to an unaccredited Israeli search and rescue squad.

- The Dominion Post

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/5317435/Police-database-like-gold-to-spies-says-SIS-expert-Hager>

KATE CHAPMAN: Foreign-owned banks wine and dine Treasury staff

Last updated 14:32 21/07/2011

Foreign-owned banks were among the biggest givers to Treasury staff and management, newly released information shows.

Westpac was the biggest donor with 43 gifts and hosted events in the past 11 month period. ANZ was close behind on 34, BNZ 14, Barclays Capital 17 and Deutsche Bank 16.

The totals include events hosted by all arms of the respective companies.

New Zealand taxpayer funds also went into wooing Treasury staff. Meridian sent deputy chief executive Andrew Kibblewhite to its season of the Royal New Zealand ballet's Carmen and KiwiRail paid for senior adviser Paul Goodhead and Kibblewhite to attend Toast Martinborough.

Many Kiwis would never have heard of some of the companies who were wining and dining the government's financial advisers, including Kay Shipping, Be Green and Arista Marine.

More than 45 companies, both international and domestic, gave gifts or hosted Treasury staff during the 11 months.

More than 17 tickets were given out to rugby games, including the Wellington Sevens and Super Rugby matches, and tickets to the league and soccer were also up for grabs.

Among the stranger gifts were a book titled "The Dry Valleys of Antarctica" given to John Whitehead by Antarctica of New Zealand, a glass ornament given to NIU executive director Richard Forgan by the Austrian Trade Delegation (but he passed it on to Treasury) and tickets to the Great Gatsby theatre show by Chapman Tripp, who sponsored the production.

Economic adviser Dasha Leonova, in Finance Minister Bill English's office, was given concert tickets by Greenstone and communications manager Mike Munro was given a Kirkcaldie & Stains voucher from the Wellington branch of the International Association of Business Communications.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/5320968/Foreign-owned-banks-wine-and-dine-Treasury-staff>

Yvonne Ridley: Israeli lies ... 9/11 and the Holocaust

Sunday June 6, 2010 7:58AM

The full extent of the atrocities carried out by Israeli on board the Gaza Freedom Flotilla is beginning to emerge as the survivors return home with their powerful eye witness accounts.

Now would be the time, you might think, for some humility or even an apology from the Zionist State, but not content with the hole it is already in, Israel keeps on digging.

And the latest piece of propaganda coming out of Tel Aviv is probably more revealing than anything else that has happened in the last week. I am talking about an audio tape which

purports to relay a conversation between the Israeli naval vessels and the Turkish-owned ship Mavi Marmara.

It allegedly occurred prior to the brutal Israeli assault in which nine people were martyred and scores more injured during the early hours of 31 May in international waters in the eastern Mediterranean.

Here is the audio clip, which the Israelis titled "Radio Transmission from Mavi Marmara to Israeli Navy".

ISRAELI SHIP "This is the Israeli Navy, you are approaching an area which is under a naval blockade"

MAN'S VOICE 1 "Shut up, go back to Auschwitz."

WOMAN'S VOICE "We have permission from the Gaza Port Authority to enter."

MAN'S VOICE 2 "We're helping Arabs go against the US, don't forget 9/11 guy".



If you want to listen for yourself, here is the link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxY7Q7CvQPQ>

I immediately recognized the voice of the woman, it is that of Huwaida Arraf, a heroic Palestinian who co-founded the ISM and is chair of the Free Gaza Movement.

We sailed together on the first FGM boat into Gaza in 2008 and her voice is very distinctive.

So yes, I can confirm that is Huwaida's voice, but I can also confirm that Huwaida was on board Challenger 1, a much smaller passenger ship in the six-boat flotilla. She was NOT on board the Mavi Marmara.

And so, there you have it - a botched tape on a bungled operation which reveals Israel's desperation to try and redeem itself by any means possible.

But let's examine the transcript more closely.

What it also exposes is just how far Israel is prepared to go in its bid to deceive the world and justify its actions ... even if it is at the cost of the memory of those blameless Jewish souls who perished in the Holocaust.

By invoking the Holocaust - a favorite trick of the Zionist State - we were all expected to recoil in horror and disgust and accept blindly the evidence put before us by these masters of mass deception. To even question would have exposed us to accusations of being anti-Semitic.

It is a trump card often played by Israel as it conveniently flips from tyrant to victim in the blink of an eye.

The fact that they have been exposed, hoisted by their own stinking petard, also reveals the extent to which Israel is losing its reputation as a leader in the field of intelligence.

This careless slip up is one in a long line of blunders carried out by Israeli Intelligence in the last year. The Zionist State used to be a world leader in the black art of propaganda, psychological warfare and political deception, but now it has all the panache of a one-legged man in an ass-kicking competition.

I notice that they also attempted to invoke the memories of 9/11 - a trick employed so ruthlessly by former US President George W Bush whenever he needed to get the support of the American people.

Not content with insulting the memory of the Holocaust victims, Tel Aviv has shown it is prepared to exploit the deaths of those who perished in 9/11 ... clearly nothing or no one is sacred.

Today Israel stands exposed for what it is - a failed Zionist project, a rogue state which sets itself above the law and one which is now living on borrow time.

It is headed on a course of self-destruction - at this rate it will wipe itself off the map.

Journalist Yvonne Ridley is the European President of the International Muslim Women's Union, a member of the Free Gaza Movement, Viva Palestina and the Respect Party. She is also a presenter of The Agenda and co-presenter of the Rattansi and Ridley show, both Press TV shows.

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From: godhas kad
Sent: Wednesday, 13 July 2011 3:28 PM
To: Fredrick Toben
Subject: Qods News Agency

Dear Toben

We in Quds News Agency (QODSNA) wish to share your ideas concerning the following question.

We are grateful in advance.

1. How the ongoing uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa might affect the Palestinian issue?

From: Fredrick Töben – 14 July 2011 - currently in Sydney, Australia.



Dears at QODSNA – Salam

2. How would you forecast the future of the Palestinian issue and the likely trend of developments?

3. We are on the eve of anniversary of 33-day Israeli war on Lebanon. Five years after the war, how would you see the situation of Israel?

Please elaborate.

Thank you for your email questions, and herewith my answers:

1. The fact that the western democracies' Zionist-influenced media refers to the uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East as the ARAB SPRING indicates how desperate the western propagandists are in trying to conceptually grasp what is going on in these regions.

2. That after 10 years the USA finally 'killed' Osama bin Laden, the alleged world's No 1 terrorist, is further proof of how desperate the USA and its allies are in maintaining the myth of Islamic terrorism. If it takes the world's only superpower ten years to kill the world's most notorious terrorist, then that means the superpower is indeed powerless, which it is because it is living on a lie that it created itself, beginning with the lies of 9:11, WMDs in Iraq, 7:7 London bombing, etc.

3. It is evident that by creating trouble elsewhere in the world, for example in Afghanistan, the world attention is deflected from the on-going Palestinian issue. It did not, however, prevent friends of Palestinians from organising another flotilla of ships to 'liberate' Palestine, and the fact that the Greek government attempted to prevent ships from sailing from Cyprus indicates how enslaved the Greek government is to Zionist power.

3.1 The more the US foreign policy is failing to grip its intended targets and beat them into submission, the stronger the Palestinians will become. The US foreign policy is still to have a war with the Islamic Republic of Iran because Iran is the only central power in the Middle East that cares about Palestine in any depth. And this upsets those who wish to have Israel dominate the Middle East.

3.2 Fortunately people are beginning to wake up that for example in Libya the forces trying to remove the current government are all NATO-backed interests that hate nationalism as practised by the Libyan government, especially its monetary policy. This is also what Iran has achieved, autarky, being in control of its own monetary supply and not being beholden to the IMF or the World Bank, as are the current problem nations of the European Union – the PIIGS – Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece and Spain.

3.3 It is important that the only world superpower, USA, begins to wake up and look after its own people rather than spend billions supporting the Zionist regime in Palestine. Once the American people wake up, then it is also possible for other nations to liberate themselves from the dictatorship that the USA imposes on the world under the guise of 'freedom and democracy'.

3.4 This could happen within the next months – Afghanistan is a test-case in this respect because US forces are depleting the national US economy, seriously causing national problems within the once strong USA – see below. As long as the USA remains a super power the Zionist state will continue to exist at the expense of the Palestinian people's cry for nationhood.

3.5 The other factor is the political climate within Israel itself. Demographically it is in decline while Palestinians are still producing children that will make up the next generation to fight for Palestinian nationhood.

3.6 Hence, on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the 33-day Israeli war on Lebanon we can now see how the western-induced unrest in northern Africa will fail to bring about a situation positive for Israel. Where people power brings about change there is hope and that happened in Egypt where the border to Gaza is now open for traffic. It is hoped that the West Bank will likewise become a single unity with Gaza so that the Palestinians can again resume a normal life-style with Al Quds again becoming the capital of Palestine.

4. If you can view it, here is a clip that shows how Hillary Clinton celebrates US freedom and democracy but then security forces out of that meeting a man who disagrees with her foreign policy by standing silently in protest with his back to her:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqJv5ZOXQ2s>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyVKPtsFOI0&NR=1>

5. A Google search reveals how this Arab Spring term is being used to deflect from the problems faced by western democracies that claim there is still freedom to demonstrate dissent in the western 'free and democratic' world, which is not available anymore. Iranians have more freedom than Americans.

[Arab Spring - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

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4. All this hides the deeper problems faced by the USA - as noted in the following points:

AMERICA IS NO. 1: Count the many ways!

1. The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world and the largest prison population on the entire planet.

2. There are more car thefts in the United States each year than anywhere else in the world by far.

3. There are more reported rapes in the United States each year than anywhere else in the world.

4. There are more reported murders in the United States each year than anywhere else in the world.

5. There are more total crimes in the United States each year than anywhere else in the world.
6. The United States also has more police officers than anywhere else in the world.
7. The United States spends much more on health care as a percentage of GDP than any other nation on the face of the Earth.
8. The United States has the highest percentage of obese people in the world.
9. The United States has the highest rate of illegal drug use on the globe.
10. The United States has more people on pharmaceutical drugs than any other country on the planet.
11. The percentage of women taking anti-depressants in America is higher than in any other country in the world.
12. The United States has the highest divorce rate on the globe by a wide margin.
13. The United States is tied with the UK for the most hours of television watched per person each week.
14. American students score consistently lower than those of other developed countries in math, science, language skills, and historical and geographical knowledge.
15. Americans have more student loan debt than anyone else in the world.
16. More pornography is created in the United States than anywhere else on the entire globe. 89 percent is made in the USA and only 11 percent is made in the rest of the world.

17. The United States has the largest trade deficit in the world every single year. Between December 2000 and December 2010, the United States ran a total trade deficit of 6.1 trillion dollars with the rest of the world, and the US has had a negative trade balance every single year since 1976.
18. The United States has the most complicated tax system in the entire world.
19. The US has accumulated the biggest national debt that the world has ever seen, and it is rapidly getting worse. Right now, US government debt is expanding at a rate of \$40,000 per second!
20. The United States spends 7 times more on the military than any other nation on the planet. In fact, US military spending is greater than the military spending of China, Russia, Japan, India, and the rest of NATO combined.
21. The United States has far more foreign military bases than any other country does.
22. The United States was the first to recognize the Jewish state of Israel.
23. The United States has given more mega-billions to the Jewish entity than any other nation on Earth.
24. The United States has fought more wars and shed more blood for Israel than any other country in the world. As Michele Bachmann has told us, America is truly exceptional. It has blessed Israel and, as promised, it has been blessed as a result.

Andrew Bolt

Things I never thought I'd see here

Wednesday, July 06, 2011 at 07:01am

HERE are some things I never thought I'd see in this country I love.

I never thought I'd see people picketing shops because their owners were Jews.

But in Melbourne last Friday, 19 protesters were arrested as they tried to stop people from shopping at the Max Brenner chocolate and coffee store in Melbourne's QV.

In Sydney last month, Leftist and Muslim protesters did the same to a Max Brenner shop in Sydney, claiming the Jewish-owned franchise company supported the Israeli Army.

I've seen pictures of Jewish shops being attacked before, of course, but they were in black and white, in another country at another ghastly time.

But this is Australia. Today.

Here's another thing I never thought I'd see in this country I've loved for its fair go.

I never thought I'd see academics sign a petition demanding someone be stopped from simply arguing.

But in Western Australia last week, that's just what was done by 50 academics, from professors to a PhD candidate specialising in the representation of the Salvation Army in Finnish cinema, who demanded the University of Notre Dame stop warming sceptic Christopher Monckton from speaking there.

I've seen pictures of people being silenced for heresy before, of course, but they were in history books, drawn from inquisitions centuries ago, in another continent.

But this is Australia. Today.

Oh, and I never thought I'd see people getting doctorates in Australia on how Finnish films depicted the Salvation Army. But they do in the University of Western Australia, and, to be honest, that's a first anywhere.

Here's another thing I never thought I'd see in this country, which I've loved for those great home-making suburbs that artists once mocked for being boring.

I never thought I'd see parents killed after telling off naughty teenagers, or great masses of people brawling in our streets.

Yet this week, a Melbourne mum, with her 11-year-old daughter beside her, was stabbed to death after confronting youths who'd egged her house. Yet this week, 300 youths fought each other and police in a Melbourne suburb.

Oh, I'd heard of such stuff about the meanest streets of the United States, years ago.

But this is Australia. Today.

Here's another thing I thought I'd never see in Australia, a land I've long loved for its peaceful ways.

I never thought I'd see clan members shoot at each other in road chases or kneecap each other, while their more glamorous members smiled for snaps in the society pages.

I never thought I'd see a man with a criminal record and links to the underworld given the honour of having his whitewashed memoirs published by a university.

Yet that's what I have seen in Melbourne just last week, and in Sydney's western suburbs for years. That

what I have seen with Melbourne University Publishing, the preferred publisher of Mick Gatto.

Sure, I saw such things in Hollywood movies about wild Chicago, and heard of them in the bloodier parts of the Middle East.

But this is Australia. Today.

Here's another thing I thought I'd never see in Australia, a land I'd long loved for its sturdy good sense. I never thought I'd see a government-funded arts festival treat a terrorist supporter as a hero and a former prime minister as a terrorist.

Yet at the Sydney Writers Festival last month, the audience cheered al-Qaida trained David Hicks and heckled John Howard.

I'd heard of such insanities in Latin-American tyrannies, many years ago.

But this is Australia. Today.

Here's yet another thing I never thought I'd see in Australia, where we have long loved to smell the air of careless freedom.

I never thought I'd see academics and activists agitate against democracy, while respectable journalists look away, too polite to protest.

Yet this week, 1000 Muslims met at a hall in Sydney last weekend, to hear a speaker tell them to reject democracy. Yet I've heard a former Greens candidate, Professor Clive Hamilton, suggest a "suspension of the democratic processes", in case global warming got too bad.

I've read another professor, this time Emeritus Professor David Shearman, of Doctors for the Environment Australia, propose the world be run by "an authoritarian government" of environmental "guardians". And last week I watched in amazement as Greens leader Bob Brown suggested we give up our sovereignty to a "global people's assembly".

I'd heard of such things in pre-Nazi Germany or the more oppressive Muslim theocracies, or read them in the pages of the wildest-eyed dreamers of a century ago.

But this is Australia. Today.

And one last thing I thought - hoped - we would not see in this country, which I've loved for insisting that we see each other as individuals, not marked off by birthplace, ancestry, wealth and, in particular, the absurdly trivial distinctions of "race".

But stop. On legal advice, I must not comment one word further on this issue.

And of all the things I thought I'd never see in Australia, today, it would be this: that even I have been made too scared to speak.

In other places, maybe. In desperate times, long regretted.

But this is Australia. Today.

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Habsburg empire's last crown prince buried in Austria

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VIENNA, Austria -- Otto von Habsburg was laid to rest Saturday in Vienna, Austria, in a ceremony that evoked past imperial splendor and closed a chapter of central European history.

The last crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian empire, who never ascended the throne, was laid out in Saint Stephen's Cathedral for a memorial mass, before he was carried in a large procession to the family crypt.

Royal guests included King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Grand Duke Henri of Luxemburg, Prince Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein and their wives, as well as former kings Michael I of Romania and Simeon II of Bulgaria.

The final entombment ceremony served as a reminder that the son of the last Habsburg emperor Charles I had lost his titles after World War I, pursued a political career and was an ordinary citizen when he died on July 4, at the age of 98.

According to Habsburg tradition, the master of ceremonies knocked on the door of the church above the crypt, announcing the long list of noble and political titles of the deceased.

An abbot refused entry twice. Only when von Habsburg was announced as "Otto - a mortal sinner," was his coffin admitted.

Von Habsburg's heart was set to be entombed separately on Sunday, according to family tradition. He had willed that this should take place in Pannonhalma abbey in Hungary.

This gesture was a reference to the Austro-Hungarian past and to von Habsburg's advocacy for reuniting Europe after the fall of the Iron Curtain, which he pursued as a member of the European Parliament.

Several central and eastern European leaders attended Saturday, including Croatian Premier Jadranka Kosor and Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili.

Some 10,000 spectators lined the procession's path, a fraction of the crowd of 40,000 that had turned out for the 1989 funeral of von Habsburg's mother, empress Zita.

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