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Australia's Anti-multiculturalism Demands Loyalty.

A day after a group of mainstream Muslim leaders pledged loyalty to Australia and her Queen at a special meeting with Prime Minister John Howard, he and his Ministers made it clear that extremists would face a crackdown. Treasurer Peter Costello, seen as heir apparent to Howard, hinted that some radical clerics could be asked to leave the country if they did not accept that Australia was a secular state, and its laws were made by parliament. "If those are not your values, if you want a country which has Sharia law, or a theocratic state, then Australia is not for you," he said on National Television.

"I'd be saying to clerics who suggest that there are two laws governing people in Australia: one the Australian law and another Islamic law, THAT that is false. If you can't agree with parliamentary law, independent courts, democracy, and would prefer Sharia law and have the opportunity to go to another country, which practices it, perhaps, then, that's a better option," Costello said.

Asked whether he meant radical clerics would be forced to leave, he said those with dual citizenship could possibly be asked to move to the other country. Education

Minister Brendan Nelson later told reporters that Muslims who did not want to accept local values should "clear off. Basically people who don't want to be Australians, and who don't want, to live by Australian values and understand them, well then, they can basically clear off," he said.

Separately, Howard angered some Australian Muslims on Wednesday by saying he supported spy agencies monitoring the nation's mosques and that:

"Immigrants, not Australians, must adapt. Take It Or Leave It. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Bali, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Australians.

"However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the *politically correct* crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by com-

ing to Australia.

"However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand.

"This idea of Australia being a multi-cultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. And as Australians, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle.

"This culture has been developed over two centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom

"We speak mainly ENGLISH, not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society: Learn the language!

"Most Australians believe in God. This is not some Christian, right wing, political push, but a fact, because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as

Trivia Question 1: The belt length of USMC uniforms was to extend no less nor more than how many inches beyond the buckle? (See answer page 4.)

Trivia Question 2: Cigarette butts were not to be carelessly discarded in the field or around the exterior of the barracks. They were first required to be...what? (See answer on page 4.)

your new home, because God is part of our culture. We will accept your beliefs, and will not question why. All we ask is that you accept ours, and live in harmony and peaceful enjoyment with us.

"If the Southern Cross offends you, or you don't like 'A Fair Go,' then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. By all means, keep your culture, but do not force it on others.

"This is our country, our land, and our lifestyle, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our Pledge, Our Christian beliefs, or Our Way of Life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great Australian freedom, 'The right to leave.'

"If you aren't happy here then leave. We didn't force you to come here. You asked to be here. So accept the country YOU accepted."

[These were excerpts from an ongoing debate in Australia. The facts can be checked at

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/religion/australia.asp>]

Wouldn't it be grand if we were to hear one, just one, of the now spineless bunch that occupy both houses of Congress say what so many Americans believe to be true.

Instead, the lot of them, mealy-mouth their way through their politically correct days dickering over the real and alleged flaws of THEIR political enemies "across the isle" and for the purse strings of our Nation. They do this while recognized forces within and outside of our borders make plans to destroy our way of life.

Marine's and Their Valiant Struggles in the Pacific Theater of WWII

The Marine's War - *An Account of the Struggle for the Pacific from Both American and Japanese Sources*; by Fletcher Pratt. Published by William Sloan Associates, Inc.; New York, 1948. Though now long out of print, it remains a valuable account of Marine infantry efforts from the Makin Island raid to Okinawa.

This is a history written for the general reader. The events, as written at the time, were still fresh in the minds of the men having made the sacrifices and

to whom Pratt had spoken. In addition, the Marine Corps and the Navy opened their records to him without censorship or directives of any kind. And, he was provided access to both raw Japanese records and accumulated analysis of those records by both Japanese and American forces.

Thus, as an incisive and thoughtful account of the strategies and tactics used by opposing armies, the reader comes to understand the war as a true conflict of opposing forces, methods, and ideas. The steady, progressive steps by which the American victory was fashioned,

the gradual accumulations of mistakes and misunderstandings which cost the Japanese campaign after campaign, are set down with astonishing clarity. And, through it all, the author makes the point that while decisions are intellectual, the fruit of their whimsies cost lives.

Originally published in 1948 at \$5.00, a First Edition, in good condition, today sells for near ten times that much on the internet. I feel fortunate to have stumbled upon a Third Edition in a thrift shop and paid less than a dollar. Find a copy of your own and enjoy the read.

Life in the VERY Old Corps

[The following was excerpted and edited from "Green Side Out," written by Major H.G.Duncan, USMC (Ret) and Captain W.T. Moore, Jr., USMC (Ret).]

Everyone was issued dress blues. You kept your rifle in the barracks. Your 782 gear did not wear out. Mess halls were mess halls NOT dining facilities. Mess hall "Southern cooking" was not called "soul food." No vandalism wrecked the barracks. Everyone was a Marine and his ethnic background was unimportant. Barracks violence was a fight between two buddies who were buddies when it was over. Larceny was a civilian crime. The base legal section was one or two clerks and a lawyer. Country and western music did not start race riots in the clubs. We had no race riots because we had no recognition of races. We had heroes. Chaplains didn't teach leadership to the experts. We had unit parties overseas with warm beer and no drugs. Getting high meant getting drunk. We had Chesty Puller. Greater privileges for NCOs were not a "right." EM Clubs were where you felt at home...and safe. Sentries had some authority. Warrant Officers were not in their teens

We wore the short green jacket with the winter uniform. We wore Sam Browne belts and sharpened

Trivia Question 3: The M14 was originally developed in expectation of replacing four standard weapons: M1 Garand, M1 Carbine, M3 "Grease Gun" and the M1918 BAR. How many rounds was its magazine designed to hold?" (See answer on page 4.)

one edge of the buckle for the bad fights. Skivvies had tie-ties. We had oval dog tags worn all the



LST 1176 , USS Graham County beached - Vieques, PR in 1966.

time. We spit-shined shoes and BRUSH-shined boots. The tips of the index and middle fingers of one hand were constantly black from Kiwi shoe polish. We wore boondockers. We wore leggings and herringbone utilities. Marines got haircuts. Field scarves (neckties) were made of the same material as shirts and without starch had the consistency of a wet noodle.

There was no tie clasp to keep it from flapping in the breeze. Shirts were cut down and spit shined shoes were double soled. Khakis were heavily starched, and you had to run your arm through the pants leg to open them up. And then, they looked like hell after one sat down in them for the first time. Shirt pockets could not be opened and you carried cigarettes in your socks. There were no back pockets in uniform trousers. Buttons on your "Blues" were really brass, and you shined them using jewelers rouge and a button shield. Piss-cutters had a single dip in the rear. There were khakis, greens, and blues. Washing dungarees aboard ship was done by running a line through the arms and legs and throwing them over the side. But you never left the attached line. The swabbies would cut the

line every time.

Every trooper had all his gear. Marines had more uniforms than civilian clothes. You did your own laundry, including ironing. You aired bedding. We had wooden barracks. We scrubbed the wooden decks of the barracks with creosol. Daily police of outside areas was held although they were always clean. Field stripping of cigarette butts was required. Everyone helped at field day. Sickbays gave APCs for all ailments. We had short-arm inspections.

The first concern of the *brown-bagger* was the Marine Corps. Generals cussed and paid more attention to the Marine Corps than to politics. UA meant being a few minutes late from a great liberty, and only happened once per career. Brigs were truly "correctional" facilities. Non-judicial punishment was non-judicial. Courts-martial orders were read in battalion formations. A bum didn't have a BCD awarded more than once or twice before he actually got it. We had the "Rocks and Shoals." Courts-martial were a rarity. Marines receiving BCDs were drummed out the gate. NCOs and officers were not required to be psychologists. Sergeants were gods.

Marine Corps birthdays were celebrated on 10 November no matter what day of the week it may have been (except Sunday). We worked a five and one-half day week. Everyone attended unit parties. Support units supported. The supply tail did not wag the maintenance dog. The 734 form was the only supply document. A tour as Duty NCO was an honor. Everyone got up a reveille. We had bugle calls. Movies were free not .10 cents, .50 cents, or \$1.00. PX items were bargains. Beer was 25 cents at the slopchute. Parking was the least of problems. Troops couldn't afford cars. You weren't married unless you could afford it. Privates made less than \$100.00 a month and always had money. The squad bay rich guy was the only one with a radio. We kept our packs made up and hanging on the edge of the rack.

The mission was the most important thing. Marines could shoot and had a decent rifle. The BAR was the mainstay of the fire team. Machine gunnery was an art. Maggie's drawers meant a miss and was considered demeaning as hell to the dignity of the shooter. Carbide lamps blackened sights. We had machine gun carts. We mixed target paste in

Trivia Question 4: The M3/M3-A1 "Grease Gun" was a cheap WWII substitute for the Thomson submachine gun. Of what caliber was it? (Answer on Page 4)

the butts. We had to take and pass promotion tests. We really had equal opportunity. The flame tank was in the arsenal of weapons. If a Marine couldn't make it on a hike, his buddies carried his gear and helped him stumble along so that he wouldn't have to fall out.. In the field we used straddle trenches instead of "Porta-Potties." Hitchhiking was an offense. We used Morse Code for difficult transmissions. The oil burning stove was the center of social activity in the tent. We had unit mail call. We carried swagger sticks. We sailed on troopships. We rode troop trains. You weren't transported to war by Trans World or Pan American Airlines. Marines went to chapel on Sundays. Weekend liberty to a distant place was a rarity. The color of a Marine's skin was of no consequence. The Marine Corps was a big team made up of thousands of little teams. We landed in LCVPs and always got wet. We debarked from ship by means of nets over the side. We had platoon virgins. We had parades. We had pride. We had Esprit de Corps.

[Excerpt furnished by Charlie LaMarr]

Who was that guy?

(Answer page 4, number 6)



Born, in 1925, he was the son of a curtain manufacturer and grew up in Queens County, New York. God rest her soul,

his mother was institutionalized with acute depression when he was but three and his father, unable to care for him and his three sisters, found it necessary to place them all in a Hebrew orphanage.

Shortly after the start of WWII and at the age of seventeen, he persuaded a member of Manhattan's Skid Row to act as his father and sign the documents necessary for him to join the Marines.

Then, after serving three years in the Pacific, he returned to the U.S. and attended the University of
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Conjuring Frick & Frack at their "Wiley Coyote" best....



Environmental Message 101



Illustrated above is a reality even Al Gore has not thought of. For, clearly, without that tree above, the young woman would surely fall to earth, don't ya' know.

Southern California but never received a degree for, after some time, they, the effete elites, discovered he had never graduated high school!

Well, if academia didn't want him, he decided that he would instead simply go to Europe, where he found a rather small job with the International Herald Tribune. This he morphed into several columns of humor-satire-and-gossip well received by expatriates, tourists and soldiers abroad. By 1962, he had wrangled a gig back in Washington, D.C. and churned out three columns a week that were syndicated in 700 newspapers.

Over time, he wrote some thirty books and was the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for Outstanding Commentary in 1982 and was elected to the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

Not bad for an orphaned kid with no high school diploma.

But, and perhaps most importantly, this guy saved the Corps from one of the more dastardly intended deeds of the federal government. He bucked the total "McNamarazation" of the Marine Corps uniform in the 1960's, according to a piece written by Charles Norton, a columnist for Tracy Press and retired Lieutenant Colonel that served with the 3rd Division in Vietnam.

Trivia Question 5 What Marine Corps leader had the following to say? "Being ready is not what matters. What matters is winning when you get there."

(See answer on page 4.)

"The herringbone twill 'dungarees' of WWII and Korea went the way of the fair leather belt and collar clips, to be replaced by the rather blah *sateen utilities*, which were identical to the appearance of the Army fatigues. Our combat boots and field shoes, also known as *boondockers* were replaced with the universally maligned by Leathernecks as 'McNamara boots.' The latter being one inch shorter and missing the eyelet hook lacing arrangement required of amphibious troops. The Marine Corps working uniform would be distinguished from that of soldiers by the USMC transfer on the breast pocket and a distinctive utility cover NOT resembling what we called the "Beetle Bailey" cap worn by our Army brethren.

"But, one distinguishing USMC uniform article survived McNamarazation.

"The Defense Secretary had decreed that all the services would procure identical belts and buckles as a cost-cutting measure. McNamara reasoned, incorrectly, that they served the sole purpose of holding one's pants up. And, that's when "our man" saved a venerable tradition. For, while then a columnist with the Washington Post, he provided the most logical of reasons for preserving the distinctive buckle and belt of our Marine Corps: 'Sir, it is the only buckle capable of opening a beer bottle.'

"[So.] today, Marines around the world can thank the man who saved our belt buckle ... from the non-traditional cost-cutting efforts of Secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara," wrote Norton.

If you haven't heard of or by now, despite the provided biography, not guessed who "our man" was, check **answer number 6** on page four of the newsletter.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Here in Denver, the "Mile High City," we just recovered from a historic event, one of CNN "biblical proportions." You know, one of those much maligned blizzards producing up to forty-four inches of snow and winds to ninety miles per hour that break trees in half, knock down utility poles, strand hundreds of motorists in lethal snow banks, close ALL roads, isolate scores of communities and cut power to tens- of-thousands of people.

Well, for your information America:

George Bush did not come nor did we demand that he do so.

FEMA did nothing.

No one howled for the government.

No one blamed the government.

No one even uttered an expletive on TV.

Our Mayor did not blame Bush or anyone else.

Our Governor did not blame Bush or anyone else, either.

No one demanded \$2,000 debit cards.

And, no one asked for a FEMA Trailer.

No one looted.

No one, and I mean NOT A SOUL, demanded the government do something.

No one expected the government to do anything, either.

Neither Jesse Jackson nor Al Sharpton came to sing our praises. There was no Larry King, Bill O'Reilly, Oprah, Chris Mathews or Geraldo Rivera. Not Sean Penn, nor Barbara Streisand, or any of the alleged *caring* Hollywood types were to be found.

CNN, ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC did not visit. Indeed, they never even reported OUR Category 5 snowstorm.

Nope, nary a one of them. We just melted our own snow for water.

We sent out caravans of environmentally unfriendly SUVs to pluck people out of their snow engulfed cars.

Trivia Question 7 Who pinned the following note to his office door? "Gone to Florida to fight the Indians. Will be back when the war is over."

(Answer on page 4.)

Truck drivers pulled people from snow banks and then, not so amazingly, asked for nothing in return.

Local restaurants prepared meals, parceled them and the local police and fire departments delivered them to snowbound families.

Families took in stranded people - total strangers.

We fired up wood stoves, and broke out our coal oil and Coleman lanterns.

We put on extra layers of clothes because here it's "work or die."

We didn't wait for the federal "affirmative action" government types because we haven't been immobilized by welfare programs that trade votes for "sittin' at home" checks.

Over time, I have noticed that as one gets north of about 48° North Latitude, ninety percent of the world's social problems evaporate.

At least it seems that way to me.

And, even though a Category 5 blizzard of this scale has never fallen this early, we know it can happen and how to deal with it *ourselves*.

I hope this gets passed on.

Maybe SOME people will get the message: The world...does NOT...owe you a living.

Wouldn't that be something?



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The First Marines to Land in Monrovia

A Marine derides California Rep. Piloni and the OSIA

A retired United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant provided the following admonitions to the OSIA.

Ms DeSantis,

I have just received the donation support form and letter from Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA.) Included in that letter to our communities, our nation, and our world, there is a statement suggesting that Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone USMC is the only American ever awarded both the Congressional Medal Of Honor and the Navy Cross.

That is incorrect, Gunnery Sergeant Basilone is the only enlisted Marine in World War II to receive both awards:

- The MEDAL Of HONOR for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry

above and beyond the call of duty, on Guadalcanal, 1942.

- The NAVY CROSS, by his distinguished and extraordinary heroism, in connection with military action against an armed enemy of the United States, on Iwo Jima, 1945 in which he gave his life.

In the History of United States Military, there are many who were awarded both the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross. Examples include: Major Gregory Boyington, USMC and Colonel Merritt A. Edson, USMC both of whom were participants of WWII. I would appreciate this oversight being corrected.

I also request that my membership in the Order Sons of Italy in America be cancelled.

As a retired United States Marine, I

find the conduct of Congresswoman Pelosi, with regard to her most disgraceful action in which she led the way to undercut our troops, by the so-called "nonbinding resolution" signaling our enemies that Congress wants our enemies to win, and they aren't supporting our troops.

I will not be associated with any organization that credits Congresswoman Pelosi as being a respected Italian American.

Thank you,

MGnySgt Phillip D'Angelo USMC(R) (Ret)

Editor's Note: It is often overlooked that those qualities that make for an outstanding Marine are, in many respects, the very same qualities we might hope to find in our citizenry. Principle among those qualities is loyalty.

But loyalty is a response given in the belief that a person, organization or nation is loyal to you and yours. Isn't it? Absent trust, there can be no social contract with OSIA, Nancy Pelosi or her like.

Puller's "repellent" behavior

As part of the extensive [Dec43-May44] battle for the island of New Britain, the Marine Corps' General Rupertus entrusted renowned Lieutenant Colonel "Chesty" Puller with a force of 400 for a special mission. Puller and his force were to advance from Agulupella on a so-called Government Trail all the way

Trivia Question 8: Though much has been made of "Chesty" Puller having never received the Medal of Honor and why, just how many Navy Crosses had he received? (See answer below.)

to Gilnit, in search of the Japanese general in command of operations on the island.

Though a relatively small force, it remained still too large to be supplied by the 150 native bearers assigned to the column for the jungle trek. Consequently, Puller's Marines depended heavily on supplies dropped from airplanes. The



advance was to take two weeks.

Piper Cubs capable at best of carrying two cases of rations in addition to the pilot and observer, deposited their loads at villages along the way, and Fifth Air Force B-17s dropped cargo by the ton. Supplies delivered from the sky made the patrol possible but did little to ameliorate the discomfort of the Marines slogging through the mud.

This toughening-up seemed especially desirable to Puller, who had led many a patrol during the American intervention in Nicaragua, 1927-1933. But, the Division's supply clerks, aware of the officer's disdain for creature comforts, were startled by requisitions from the patrol for hundreds of bottles of insect repellent. Puller had his reasons, however. According to one veteran of the Gilnit operation, "We were always soaked and everything we owned was likewise, and that lotion made the best damned stuff to start a fire with that you ever saw."

Mailed as a black on white copy, a fully colorized version can be found at our website, where on page one you'll find a link to a downloadable version.

I hope you've enjoyed this latest effort. Send in your stories by e-or-snail mail to make for an even better next issue.

Semper Fi; Ed Shea

Enlightening Odds and Ends for your reading pleasure:

Dave Beraudo and his wife Margaret, after dealing with this winter's snow in the Colorado Rockies, headed off to the Red Wood Forests of California and a stint in Oregon.

Dave has enjoyed being able to reach out to some of our more recent finds: "**Billy**" **Driggins**, **Don Carter** and **Ken Brinlee**. In fact, "Billy" may get out to Colorado this summer and have a sit-down with both Dave and **Joe Teklits**, who lives not far from Dave.

George Bitsoli is still actively engaged with all things political and more recently helped spread the word about the *Gathering of Eagles* and the ANTI-anti-war rally of March 17th.

Ken Brinlee and his wife, Linda, are both doing well.

Bill Frenz is well, having experienced an inexplicable, though appreciated, temporary relief from his bout with cancer.

He and Donna recently attended a son's Police Officer swearing-in ceremony in Henderson, Tennessee.

Ed Hart had returned to Jacksonville, Florida on New Year's Eve last with his more recently purchased Island Packet sailboat. He'd taken the ICW from Rock Hall, Maryland and, except for a delaying fuel line issue, hadn't encountered any major problems enroute.

With spring now upon us, he'll be returning north to the Annapolis area and still more warm weather, once again.

Ed Shea: If you've an announcement you'd like to share with our members, email or snail-mail me OR make a quick phone call to the cell

phone number provided above. It's with Cingular. So, if you have Mobile-to-Mobile it's a free call at anytime. Otherwise, leave a message and I'll call you back.

While waiting, I'll be sailing.

Trivia Answers:

1. Two to four inches.
2. *Field stripped*: the paper split, the tobacco and rolled paper dispersed.
3. Twenty 7.62 mm cartridges.
4. .45 ACP, fired from a 30 round magazine.
5. LtGen. Victor. H. Krulak, USMC— April 1965.
6. Art Buchwald, who died of kidney cancer on 17Jan07.
7. Colonel Commandant Archibald Henderson, USMC — 1836
8. An amazing: FIVE.