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Readers of Sydney's Daily Telegraph on 1 July, were presented with a picture of Dwight Yorke, a jet black footballer brought out from England to play soccer for Sydney. Alongside his photograph were pictures of five very attractive white women, mainly models and television personalities including Gabrielle Richardson and Annalise Braakensiek. According to the accompanying article Yorke has a reputation as something of a playboy, is renowned for his sexual exploits, and apparently we are supposed to forward to him having his way with some of our women.

Seven days later the Telegraph featured a small article about the relationships (albeit mainly casual) formed by sailors from the visiting USS Kitty Hawk and local girls. The article included a picture of one couple, a young blond Australian woman and a black American. One gets the impression the Telegraph is promoting inter-racial relationships. Needless to say there was nothing in either article about the high levels of violent crime and diseases like AIDs associated with blacks let alone the broader racial implications.

Meanwhile anyone who spends much time in Sydney's mixed multicultural suburbs will notice how much disrespect white Australian girls are given by young ethnics. In the streets, on public transport, in shops and pubs, the girls are often subject to horrendous verbal abuse in language, which would have had the user picked up by the police three decades ago. On a suburban train once I heard a young Asian scream out to a white girl, who had apparently rejected his advances, "Suck my c---". Abuse by Middle Eastern youth is often as bad or worse. This is just some of the abuse we are supposed to put up with in our so-called diverse society.

Of course if we turn the tables the situation reveals anti-racism at its stupidest. In 1998 Aboriginal footballer, Anthony Mundine was awarded \$5,000 when a player on the other side used the term "Black c---". In July this year, similar charges were made against Bryan Fletcher by Dean Widders, an Aboriginal playing for Parramatta. Black players can be awarded thousands and white players can have their careers destroyed just over one outburst while teenage girls and young women are expected to accept much more abuse just walking down the street. Apparently footballers are not as tough as the girls when it comes to receiving abuse.

Of course verbal abuse is not the worst that can happen to young women.

Fitu Oloitoa, 22, has been charged over the pack rape of a white woman in Claymore in June this year. There were four children under fifteen in the house at the time.

A number of youths, apparently of Middle-eastern background have been charged over the rape of two teenage girls, one only thirteen, in June 2002. Three of the youths are already serving sentences for other rapes. One is alleged to have told the girls he had murdered a former girlfriend in Iraq. In a related case one of the assailants took his four-year-old brother with him when he committed the offence.

Five brothers who migrated from Pakistan five years ago have all been convicted of violent crimes, including the rape of at least eight young women, one of them only 13-years-old. A sixth brother was to face charges but died in a brawl before coming to court. Our "multicultural" society is a violent place and our young women are facing the brunt of it.

Rather than improve, the situation is likely to worsen. As Ross Gittens advised in the Sydney Morning Herald (25/07/05) the immigration rate reached 135,000 in 2001-02 and rose to 165,000 in 2003-04. Proportionate to population probably one of the highest rates of immigration in the world. The government is trying to bring in even higher numbers of migrants.

Economic arguments for this increase seem pretty poor when we look at Australia's economic growth. We are told that we can expect 3% this year, which is approximately the rate at which Japan, with zero population growth and South Africa, with a shrinking population, have been enjoying. Russia and China, another two countries with lower population growth than Australia have economies growing at 6% and 9% respectively. The potential for these countries to overtake us in living standards is very real.

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ACADEMIC STIRS CONTROVERSY OVER RACE

Andrew Fraser, a professor from the Department of Public Law at Macquarie University caused a storm of controversy when he criticised non-white immigration into Australia.

He pointed out that African migrants would be the source of higher crime levels, that successful Asian migrants could form an elite ruling class, and that there had been an erosion of Australians' distinctive national identity. He said we should withdraw from the refugee convention and seems to support a return to the White Australia Policy. He made further comments about the instability and low IQ of Africans and wrote a letter to the Parramatta Sun warning of the dangers of Sudanese immigration.

Needless to say the proverbial hit the fan and despite opinion polls supporting his views he was, basically, given the sack by Macquarie. A major reason for his sacking was that the controversy over his statements was thought likely to impact adversely on the university's ability to attract foreign fee-paying students. The likelihood that any serious student would decide not to attend the university just because of Fraser's opinions would have to be zero. The chances that the policies he criticised will lead to a more violent and crime prone society, and hence make it harder to attract foreign students to Australia are much more likely.

Surprisingly perhaps, the National Tertiary Education Union did point out that universities did have a responsibility to promote critical discussion and debate, and seemed to support Fraser's right to free speech. It's a pity his employer was not so tolerant.

Our universities nowadays are not run by those concerned with the search for truth but a search for comfortable well paid jobs and a fat superannuation payout.

(Main sources: www.amren.com, Michael Duffy, Radio National 1/08/05, Green Left Weekly 17/08/05)

OPPOSITION TO AFRICAN REFUGEES

Three people in Glenorchy, Tasmania were convicted over what was described as a racially motivated attack on a Sudanese family. The brawl occurred in July 2004. Those convicted claim they were acting in self-defence and there was no racist motive. Nevertheless their appeal to the Supreme Court was rejected in July this year.

Meanwhile in Queensland there has been opposition to the settlement of 750 Sudanese refugees in Toowoomba. It's claimed that one African family had to leave their home and others have been pelted with rotten eggs and potatoes. About 5,000 Sudanese were admitted to this country last year and most humanitarian visas granted this year are expected to go to Sudanese.

The campaign against the Sudanese in Toowoomba is alleged to involve the White Pride Coalition. The Catholic Church has lodged a complaint with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and Jeremy Jones of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry says any refugee offended by the campaign would have a strong case under anti-vilification laws.

One wonders what Jones or the Catholic Church will do when any of these refugees are found to have committed rape, murder or theft? And will the victims be able to sue the church or the government that was so keen to let them in to the country in the first place?

(Main sources: ABC Online 22/07/05, Greg Roberts, News.com.au 26/07/05, The Weekend Australian 23-24/07/05)

CHINA: Is the country about to collapse?

China's economy is going to collapse soon according to Taiwanese Professor Ching-his Chang (The Epoch Times 24/08/05).

According to the professor, national income figures for China are largely made up and often contradict each other, state banks have made so many bad loans that they should have been declared bankrupt, the stock market has collapsed, and state enterprises are noted for corrupt practises and inefficient investment. Unemployment is at least 20% and possible 30-40%.

Other problems include significant differences in prosperity between urban and rural areas and serious income inequality. Morals have declined and anything can be counterfeited including diplomatic documents. Education is failing and there are huge environmental and ecological problems.

According to the professor the Chinese Communist Party is as repressive, violent and corrupt as ever. An example of this was in January 2001 when they staged a fabricated self-immolation incident to incite hatred against Falun Gong. Perhaps the most telling example of China's social problems is communal violence. In recent years they have had from 60,000 to 100,000 riots annually.

SYDNEY FORUM

The Sydney Forum, a conference for patriots and the politically incorrect went ahead on 27 and 28 August but not at the proposed venue. It had been proposed to hold the conference at a small suburban club but dark forces stepped in and put the heavy on the club to not host the event. The event was relocated, no doubt at some inconvenience to those attending, but at least it went ahead.

The organisers had invited a representative from the National Democratic Party of Germany (NPD) to be a guest. Again dark forces were at work and after this guest had completed the first leg of his trip he was told his visa had been revoked and he could not continue to Australia.

Obviously there are people of influence with a serious contempt for other's right to freedom of speech. The fact that our government was ready to their bidding shows how weak and corruptible it is.

Nevertheless it should not be assumed that our government is too fussy about who they let visit this country. Remember the Bali bombing and Abu Bakar Bashir, leader of Jemaah Islamiah who was implicated in the incident in which 88 Australians lost their lives? Here is a quote from a Background Briefing program:

"As we know Bashir and Sungkar, before he died, were frequent visitors to Australia during the '90s, Bashir coming 11 times. Australian JI member, Jack Roche, met the militant cleric on one of those visits." (www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/bbing/stories/s745312.htm)

SCIENCE SNIPPETS

THE SHOES worn by Oetzi the man who died in the Italian Alps 5,300 years ago have been replicated by a Czech academic who has found them comfortable and better than most modern footwear. The shoes are made of leather and lined with hay.

RESEARCHERS have examined DNA from 2,500-year-old remains found in north east China and compared them to 2,000-year-old remains and modern samples from the same region. They claimed the 2,000-year-old samples were intermediate between Han Chinese and present day Europeans while the oldest were much more like Europeans than Asians ("Genetic Structure of a 2,500-Year-Old Human Population in China and Its Spatiotemporal Changes", Li Wang et. al.). More recent research however turned these results on their head. The ancient samples were shown to have an affinity with the people of southern China but none with Europe. It appears different sampling techniques and contamination can drastically affect the results when dealing with DNA samples ("Reconstructing the Evolutionary History of China: A Caveat About Inferences Drawn from Ancient DNA", Yong-Gang Yao et. al.).

THE SILK ROAD was once an important trade route but it was also a region of racial intermixture and mitochondrial DNA samples collected in the Xinjiang Province in western China give evidence of this. The evidence of western Eurasian ancestry varied with different ethnic groups, being highest among the Uyghur and Uzbek and gradually becoming less among Kazaks, Mongolians and Hui respectively. Samples from Han Chinese in the same region showed no evidence of western ancestry (<http://mbe.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/21/12/2265>).

BRAZILIANS who are classified as White sometimes turn out to have significant amounts of non-white ancestry. In the city of Veranopolis in the state of Rio Grande de Sul, where the population is largely of Italian ancestry, DNA samples indicate almost exclusive European ancestry. However samples taken from those identifying as White in the same state found significant proportions of Native American (36%) and African (16%) DNA, indicating a high level of heterogeneity and a dissociation between physical appearance and ancestry (<http://ce1.isiknowledge.com/CIW.cgi>).

HUMAN FOOTPRINTS unearthed in Mexico are claimed to be 40,000 years old. The footprints were preserved as fossils in volcanic ash near what was the shoreline of an ancient lake. Until now it's been accepted that the first humans arrived in the Americas about 13,500 years ago (David James, The Epoch Times 27/07/05).

A STUDY using Australian teenagers has identified two regions of DNA linked to performance in intelligence tests. Using a technique called genome-wide linkage scanning to analyse all the DNA of 725 teenagers, the Queensland Institute of Medical Research may have come a step closer to a genetic test for intelligence. The work has implications for the treatment of autism, dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity (Deborah Smith, Sydney Morning Herald 25/07/05).

NATIONAL NEWS SUMMARY

SECURITY around mosques in Sydney was stepped up following the terrorist bombings in London. It was feared they would be attacked in reprisal. In fact a mosque in Auckland and other places in New Zealand were subject to vandalism and graffiti attacks (Daily Telegraph 11/07/05). None of the Sydney mosques appear to have suffered damage.

A NUMBER of SUDANESE staged a demonstration in Martin Place, Sydney on 10/08/05. They were demonstrating against the killing of the Sudanese vice president ten days earlier and against the persecution of Christians in the Sudan.

A 55-YEAR-OLD Aboriginal man was given a one-month sentence for having sex with his 14-year-old promised bride. The Northern Territory Chief Justice had taken into account the fact that the man believed his actions were in accordance with traditional Aboriginal law (DT 20/08/05). The Federal Government says it will move to stop the practice of forced marriage and the use of Aboriginal culture as an excuse for sexual assault (DT 28/08/05).

SYDNEY cardiologist, Dr Aggrey Kiyangi, has been arrested in Uganda on charges relating to the slaying of his estranged wife in Kampala. The doctor has a private practice in the Sydney suburb of Merrylands (DT 20/08/05).

FULL-TIME jobs in Australia have only grown by 11% in the last eight years and 42.3% of these are casual positions. Of 400,000 new jobs created between 2000 and 2003 the majority pay less than \$600 a week. Half of Australia's workers earn less than \$678 a week (ACTU/Green Left Weekly).

BIBLE BASHING took on a terribly literal meaning when a pastor and two Bible studies teachers tried to help a wayward teenager see the error of her ways by beating her for two hours. Chi Yeong Yun, James Kang, and Tom Chae-Young Lee were given sentences of six to twelve months for the mistreatment of 19-year-old Angela Kim (DT 27/08/05).

BELGIAN national, Yousef Tecele Imnetu was found guilty of the murder of Shoukat Ali Mohamed in Redfern in 2003. Mohamed had been force fed heroin, hit with a baseball bat and strangled before being dumped in a wheelie bin (DT 27/08/05).

AUSTRALIA'S fertility rate fell to 1.75 in 1996 but then increased marginally, averaging 1.755 over the next six years. This may not seem much but an increase in the rate of 0.1 between now and 2050 would raise the population by one million. Meanwhile the workforce participation for older men and women is rising (Ross Gittens, Sydney Morning Herald 25/07/05).

MANUFACTURED goods are forming a larger proportion of our exports. Between 1985-86 and 2003-04 manufactures rose from 15% to 23% of exports while the proportion of rural produce and minerals fell. The proportion going to Japan fell from 25% to 16%, while that going to China and developing parts of Asia rose substantially (Ross Gittens, SMH 30/07/05).

VALENTINE MAKAKEA has been charged with the aggravated sexual assault of two 15-year-old girls at a unit in the Sydney suburb of Wiley Park. He is said to have threatened the girls to stop them reporting the incident to police (ABC Online 22/07/05).

5,267 overseas IT students were granted visas under the skilled migration program last year. This compares with 4,693 in 2003-04 and 3,011 in 2002-03. This is at a time when 30% of local IT graduates could not find full-time work and universities had trouble attracting local students to computer courses due to tough labour market conditions. Universities are said to be making \$430 million a year from overseas IT students. Employment outcomes for overseas computer graduates who obtained skilled migration visas are worse than for overseas graduates in other fields. The lobbying power of universities seems to be directing the government's migration policies (Rachel Lebihan, Financial Review 30/08/05).

FORBES GLOBAL, described as a neo-conservative lobby machine, held its conference in Sydney Opera House in late August. Forbes is said to be one of George Bush's key business sponsors and is leading the charge in the US business world against the "Axis of Evil" (J. Goodman, GLW 17/08/05).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SUMMARY

NIGER, in western Africa is facing a severe hunger problem due to drought, locust plague and IMF policies. Some 3.6 million out of a population of 11.5 million are starving and 150,000 children could be dead by October. Under IMF induced economic reforms the price of grain in Niger has almost doubled and much of what is produced goes out of the country. Niger has received some foreign aid but this appears to be far short of what's needed. Meanwhile the United States is to spend \$550 million on an anti-terrorist initiative involving Niger and eight other African countries (Norm Dixon, Green Left Weekly 24/08/05).

INDIANS paid more than \$A6 billion in bribes last year to receive public services. A study that interviewed 14,000 people found that 80% had paid a bribe to police, a quarter had done so in government hospitals and more than \$1 million had been paid to get admissions or certificates in schools (The Guardian/Sydney Morning Herald 4/07/05).

AN AFRICAN elder killed his English wife with an iron bar because he feared she would trade him in for a car. The couple met in west Africa and married despite not being able to speak each other's language. They came to Britain to work as spiritual leaders. The African was jailed for five years and will be deported when he finishes his sentence (Stewart Payne, Telegraph – London 15/07/05).

PAPUA NEW Guinea has twice as many people, 28,000 in fact, infected with HIV as does Australia, despite having a much smaller population (SMH 15/08/05). The World Health Organisation believes a million people in PNG could contract the disease within a decade. Meanwhile the natives are giving up on western type medicine and tend to blame evil spirits and witches for the disease. Females accused of being witches, and this has included girls as young as twelve, are tortured and murdered by extremely brutal methods including having burning tyres forced over their necks, being slashed with knives and having their bones broken with stones (Nick Squires, Sunday Telegraph 28/08/05). And some geniuses wish to import New Guineans into Australia as guest workers.

A HISPANIC MAN in the American town of Hamilton has been accused of raping a 9-year-old white girl. This has led to confrontations, threats and protests by people in Ku Klux Klan outfits. There have been rumours of assaults and beatings and Hispanic neighbourhoods were nearly deserted (Yahoo News/ Dan Sewell, Associated Press Writer 16/07/05).

NEW ZEALAND has implemented diplomatic sanctions on China over its support for the Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe. Over 300,000 poor Zimbabweans have been made homeless by Mugabe's clearance of shanty towns. Nevertheless Chinese investments in Zimbabwe have skyrocketed recently and at least 10,000 Chinese businessmen have arrived in recent years to set up small shops and factories (Alex Gnessin, The Epoch Times 27/07/05).

TWO COUPLES are to flogged for drinking and embracing in public after being sentenced by a Shari court in Aceh, Indonesia. Two men and a woman will be flogged 40 times with a cane. Another woman was sentenced to be flogged five times for kissing in public.

PROTESTS in China have become more common and more violent in recent years. In 1993 there were 8,700 "mass incidents" but by last year the number had grown to 74,000. An estimated 3.76 million participated in these incidents in 2004. Part of the cause of these protests is what's perceived as favourable treatment for China's new capitalist class. Another cause is the belief that the benefits from China's economic growth are not flowing down to the poor and in fact many see their circumstances declining (Eva Cheng, GLW 24/08/05).

DISASTERS can bring out the best in people but Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the American city of New Orleans seems to have brought out the worst in some. There have been some sickening stories of threats, murder and rape coming out of the city. The convention centre that was supposed to have been a refuge turned out to be one of the worst scenes for crime. The small number of white people in the centre were subject to racial abuse and death threats. Children have suffered badly – one 14-year-old girl being found dead after being raped for up to four hours and a seven-year-old child was found dead in a kitchen freezer after being raped (Mark Egan, Reuters 2/09/05). Tourists in the city were turned out of hotels to face people running amuck with knives and guns. British students caught in the city had to suffer racial abuse but managed to defend themselves by setting up a security cordon.

HISTORICAL ARTICLE

FOUR SIGNIFICANT AUSTRALIANS

In the review of Charles Murray's book, "Human Accomplishment" in our last issue we mentioned the names of four Australians who managed to make Murray's lists of significant figures in science and medicine. These four; Raymond Dart, Lawrence Bragg, Frank Burnett and Howard Florey, are not exactly household names so we decided to find out a bit more about them.

LAWRENCE BRAGG was born in Adelaide in 1890 and is considered the prime developer of the science of determining crystal structure by x-rays. Educated at Adelaide University and Trinity College, Cambridge he became professor of physics at Manchester in 1919. He held a number of other important positions and eventually became Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain. X-ray diffraction was discovered by M.T.F. von Laue while Bragg was still a research student in 1912. Bragg and his father, a professor at Leeds, did important work with x-ray diffraction and using it to deduce the structure of crystals.

Bragg and his father were awarded the Nobel prize for physics in 1915. He did further work on the structure of chemicals including metallic alloys and large biological chemicals like DNA, myoglobin and haemoglobin. Bragg died in London in 1971.

FRANK MacFARLANE BURNET, unlike Bragg and many other Australian born scientists, did his most important work in his native country. He was born in Tralagon, Victoria in 1899 and showed an early interest in nature and the surrounding bush. He matriculated from Geelong College and studied medicine at Melbourne University, graduating in 1922. He took up a position as resident pathologist at Melbourne Hospital.

Charles Kellaway, director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute encouraged Burnett to get into research and in 1926 he travelled to England to work at the Lister Institute and the field of virology, something that maintained his interest for another thirty years. Two years later he returned to Melbourne and married Linda Druce with whom he had three children. One of his first notable investigations followed the death of twelve children in Queensland after being given diphtheria injections. Other work involved study of the poliomyelitis virus and influenza. At the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute he helped put together a team of scientists and physicians to study every phase of influenza and in 1944 became director of the institute. He did important theoretical work on the production of antibodies writing an important paper in 1949. He followed this up with experimentation

THE GENETIC INFLUENCE of ANCIENT BRITONS

Analysing blood groups, teeth and DNA samples from ancient skeletons researchers have determined that 80% of the genetic make up of modern day Britons is derived directly from people who lived in Britain from the time immediately after the Ice Ages 12,000 years ago. This means that invasions by Romans, Saxons, Vikings, Normans and more recent immigration has only moderately changed the genetic nature of the British Isles (James Owen, National Geographic News 19/07/05 / American Renaissance September 2005).

This would also indicate that the invaders of the British Isles were of the same or similar DNA as the ancient Britons. The founders of England, the Angles & Saxons, are German, not Britons.

and in 1960, he and Professor Peter Medewar were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize.

He did a lot more important work in immunology but also tended to become involved in wider social issues, including tobacco as a carcinogen, the fluoridation of water, immigration and race mixture. He came out against the White Australia Policy claiming we would be safe "if we strive to both bring about the full cultural absorption of all migrant groups and in the process make it easier for an increasing proportion of marriages to take place outside their own racial group. In this way we can feel reasonably certain of maintaining the genetic stimulus needed to create a vigorous nation...". It seems even great men say silly things at times.

RAYMOND ARTHUR DART also trained as a doctor but his fame was for his work as a palaeontologist. Born in Brisbane in 1893 he graduated from the University of Sydney in 1917 and then served with the Australian Army Medical Corps on the Western Front. In 1923 he took up a professorship at Witwatersrand in South Africa. In was in South Africa that he made his most important discovery – the remains of a species between ape and man which he named Australopithecus africanus. Although initially there was some opposition to his work he made important contributions to our knowledge of the evolution of man. He died in South Africa in 1988.

HOWARD FLOREY was born in Adelaide in 1898 and studied medicine at Adelaide University but after winning a Rhodes Scholarship completed his studies at Oxford. Alexander Fleming, a Scotsman, had discovered penicillin but had not worked out a way to purify it or develop it for practical use. Florey and his team at Oxford managed to extract the essential compound from which penicillin grows. In 1940 penicillin was successfully used on man, demonstrating its antibiotic properties. This work led to the saving of numerous lives. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1945. Florey's visits to his homeland were infrequent but he did play an important part in the setting up of the John Curtin School of Medical Research and the establishment of the Australian National University.

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BOOK REVIEWS

**“NINE COMMENTARIES on the COMMUNIST PARTY” The Epoch Times/Yih Chyun Corp
Gillette, NJ 2004 (ISBN 1-59068-101-0)**

This book describes the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the regime it leads in the world's most populous nation. The picture it paints of the Chinese Communists is far from pretty. Rather than dwell on China's current economic progress it describes the brutality and repression of a regime that has destroyed much of the country's traditional culture and had the people in check with a mixture of propaganda, lies, torture and violence.

Well before the revolution in 1949 the Communists in China resorted to nefarious methods. Often recruiting hoodlums and “social scum” to do its bidding the CCP spread its influence through violence, espionage and infiltration. Their claims to have been a serious force against the Japanese invasion in 1930s is largely fallacious with the CCP fighting in very few battles, and may have actually fought in support of the Japanese at times. The famous “Long March” was in fact a route after they had been defeated by the Nationalist Kuomintang (KMT) forces, and within a year their main military force had dropped from 80,000 to 6,000 in number. They made some conciliation with the KMT on the pretext of aiding in the fight against the Japanese invaders but in fact only put a nominal effort into the war. At the end of the war the Communists turned on their Nationalist “allies” and in 1949 were victorious over the war weary KMT.

The main aspect of this “liberation” was the brutality with which the population, including party members, were repressed. Traditional religions, such as Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism, saw their temples destroyed and holy men persecuted. Many practitioners of these and other religions were killed. Even nowadays the Falun Gong suffers severely. In fact killing seems what the regime is most successful at. At estimated 60 – 80 million have been killed since the Communists took over. The way the capitalist and landowning classes, and later the intellectuals, were eliminated is nothing short of genocide, even their families were killed.

The killings often had not only unusually brutal but weirdly bizarre aspects. In one area school children were lined up and told to sing patriotic songs while watching people being beheaded. Some were killed by being thrown into large vats of boiling water, others by being thrown through holes in the ice of frozen rivers, either to drown or freeze to death. A boy was forced to watch then participate as his father was skinned alive. During the Cultural Revolution the violence escalated and became even more bizarre. Cannibalism was practised in some areas. We are told that in Guangxi:

“when cutting open a living person, the killers only needed to cut a cross on the victim's belly, step on his body (if the victim was tied to a tree, the killers would bump his lower abdomen with the knee) and the heart and other organs would just fall out. The head killer was entitled to the heart, liver and genitals while others would take what was left. These grand, yet dreadful scenes were adorned with flying flags and slogans.” (p. 210)

Similar things happened in other areas – in Wuxuan County the whole community appears to have indulged in cannibalism and human dishes were offered at a government canteen. As with most human endeavours there is room for improvement and when they CCP's protégé, the Khmer Rouge gained power in Cambodia not only was there torture and killing on a mass scale but cannibalism was refined in its brutality:

“a head-drilling machine was devised to extract human brains for making nutritious meals for the leaders of the Cambodian Communist Party. The prisoners of conscience were tied to a chair in front of the head-drilling machine. The victim would be extremely terrified, as a rapidly turning drill bit punctured the head from behind and quickly and effectively extracted the brains before the victim died.” (p. 249)

Fortunately the Khmer Rouge regime fell after getting a drubbing by Vietnam. The Communist government in China appears as entrenched as ever. With the opening up of the economy and a tourist industry, the era of mass killing may be gone but persecution and cruelty continue. Falun Gong members have been subject to rape, torture and imprisonment for their beliefs. The book claims that 10,000 have died as a result of this mistreatment.

And as for the attitude of the Australian and other western governments to what must be one of the most brutally repressive regimes in the world? The same people who were so determined to overthrow Saddam in Iraq are quite happy to trade with, enter agreements with, and virtually toady to China. Can't let ideas of human rights interfere with trade can we?

(“Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party” is available from The Epoch Times, PO Box 843, Hurstville BC NSW 1481)

“MAPPING HUMAN HISTORY: Unravelling the Mystery of Adam and Eve” by Steve Olsen, Bloomsbury, London 2002/2003 (ISBN 0 7475 6174 5)

The days when physical anthropologists went around comparing skin colour, hair types and shapes of heads to determine the evolution of, and the relationships between the various branches of the human family seem to be long gone. Nowadays these things are determined by examining blood types, proteins and DNA samples. Olsen has used the results of this research, particularly that using DNA to map out a sort of history of the human species and how various groups evolved.

This is a fascinating story with implications for anyone interested in race, genetics or human evolution. The book has the usual amount of political correctness but it is also marred by inconsistencies, dumb mistakes and even dumber comments.

The story of the human species, according to Olsen and based on studies of mitochondrial DNA, started in Africa around 150,000 to 200,000 years ago. It appears our ancestors went through an evolutionary “bottleneck” whereby a group isolated from the rest of humanity somehow developed in a way that allowed them and their descendants to out compete and replace all other humans. In other words everyone alive today is descended from this small group of ancient humans in Africa.

Modern man (*Homo sapiens*) is thought to have left Africa about 100,000 years ago, first entering the Middle East. Remains of modern man have been found in the Middle East and these have been dated at 100,000 years old. Surprisingly some of the Neandertals who had lived in the region seem to have held out until 45,000 years ago. They held out even later in Europe but there is no evidence that they are among the ancestors of modern Europeans.

There were later movements out of Africa and sometimes movements of people back into Africa. This could explain why there are Africans who could pass for Europeans and small groups everywhere from India to the Philippines who have the black skin and woolly hair we associate with Africans.

Meanwhile the Middle East became one of the most genetically diverse and hence interesting regions of the world. Of particular interest are the Jews, a group who have recently received a lot of attention from researchers. Studies of Jewish Y chromosomes show that basically they have the same genes as other people in the Middle East although studies of mitochondrial DNA (Mt DNA) indicate greater diversity. This could indicate that after the Jewish diaspora there was intermarriage with local populations. Nevertheless their religion encourages marriage within the group and, at least according to Olsen the genetic evidence shows that 99% of children born to Jewish women had Jewish fathers.

Olsen then describes the Lemba people of southern Africa, who claim to be of Jewish descent even though they look pretty much the same as other blacks in the area. Nevertheless DNA tests of their Y chromosomes do show evidence that at least some of their ancestors were Jews. This however seems to conflict with Olsen’s claim of a high level endogamy among Jews.

When Olsen talks about the ancestry of Europeans he notes the cultural sophistication of the region even in hunter-gatherer cultures. Modern man had reached India, Australia and southeastern Asia by the time the ancestors of Europeans had seen the last of the Neandertals but none of these other regions had produced tools and artwork as elaborate as those in Europe. Even some of the famous megalithic structures, such as the original Stonehenge may have been built by hunter-gatherers. Olsen claims these advances had nothing to do with biology but more to do with the diverse nature of the landscape and a period of intense social crowding that came about when at the height of the Ice Ages much of northern Europe became uninhabitable. When the Ice Ages finished and the glaciers retreated the northern parts of Europe were again settled. At about the same time changes in the Middle East were to have an important impact on Europe culturally and genetically.

Agriculture, as far as anyone can make out began in the Middle East about 10,000 years ago. This led to a population increase and a migration out of the region into Europe. Agriculture in what is now Greece began about 9,000 years ago and then spread both along the Mediterranean coast and through the centre of Europe until by 7,000 years ago there were some agriculturalists in most of Europe with the exception of the far north and west of the continent. How much of this early spread of agriculture involved settlement of people from the Middle East and how much was due to the native Europeans taking up agriculture is difficult to tell. DNA evidence indicates that at least 22% and maybe 25% of the ancestry of modern Europeans is of ancient Middle Eastern origin. In fact, according to Olsen every population in Europe (including the Basques), is a mixture of these ancient people and the hunter gatherers they settled amongst.

Whether this means that every native European today is partly descended from Middle Eastern farmers is another thing. The research Olsen refers to used samples numbering thousands and it would be a bit premature to conclude, as Olsen seems to, that every one of hundreds of millions of modern

Europeans carries the genes of these ancient settlers. Needless to say the extent that populations and individuals have some Middle Eastern ancestry varies quite a bit.

Olsen also deals with populations in other parts of the world. Japan he claims was first occupied by people called the Jomonese who arrived about 10,000 years ago. These people migrated from the south and seem to be related to people from New Guinea and Australia. The nearest to modern day Jomonese are the Ainu. About 2,300 years ago the Yayoi, a Mongoloid people from the Asian mainland settled in Japan and formed the main ancestors of modern Japanese. Olsen claims that all Japanese today are descended from both the Yayoi and the Jomonese.

Olsen presents a lot of fascinating information but he spoils this with inconsistencies. He tells us "*Human beings really are one of the most physically varied species on earth*" (p 1), but later we are told that "*chimpanzees living on a single hillside in Africa have more than twice as much variety in their mitochondrial DNA as do all 6 billion people living on the earth*" (p 2). Unless there is a big difference between genotype and phenotype in one or both species the two statements seem to be in contradiction.

He claims that sorting people into categories has led to immense suffering and that today most armed conflict is between groups separated by differences that are "*interpreted in biological terms*" (p 2). Examples he gives are the conflicts in Rwanda, the Balkans, Indonesia, and the Middle East. I doubt if Olsen himself could tell the difference between the Hutu and Tutsi of Rwanda, the Moslems and Christian Indonesians, or the various groups that have fought in the Balkans. He even admits later in the book that some of these conflicts were between people who were very similar genetically.

He mentions the "*African Diaspora*" and in particular the transport of millions of blacks to the Americas during the days of the Atlantic slave trade. He fails to mention that most of these people were enslaved by other black Africans.

The question of genes and IQ is brought up but Olsen claims racial differences are overwhelmingly environmental. He claims that African Americans with high levels of European ancestry score no higher than those with little European ancestry. This would indicate he has done very little research into this matter.

Further evidence he cites is the example of children born to German women and fathered by American servicemen after World War II. Testing of these children found that the IQ scores of those fathered by black men were much the same as those with white fathers. He does not mention any follow up research to see if these scores changed when the children grew up. Research on black adoptees in white American families was not mentioned.

Emphasising the level of genetic mixing Olsen claims has taken place over the years he tells us that we are all descended from the ancient Jewish leaders, Abraham and Moses, "*if indeed they existed*". He can't be sure they existed but he can be sure they are some of our ancestors. This hardly makes sense but he seems to be basing this claim on the way a person's ancestors double in number if we trace them back generation by generation. Just going back five centuries could unearth 500,000 ancestors if there was no inbreeding. In fact there was probably much more inbreeding than we would like to think about and Olsen goes onto to describe the modern day Samaritans. These people are all descended from a mere 150 people who lived in the nineteenth century making them one of the most inbred human populations on earth.

The book deals with a subject that should be of interest to everyone. It's a pity the author was not more objective and researched better.

NOTABLE QUOTES

"History shows that the more external pressure and external law are sought to be imposed upon members of a union or federation, the greater the tendency for it ultimately to fragment.... Democratic federations, unions and international organisations work best when they work with the least degree of external intrusion."

*Justice I.D.F. Callinan AC, "International Law and Australian Sovereignty"
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"No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, which is the good he seeks."

Mary Wollstonecraft, 1792

"The bright torch of science illuminates the darkness of humanity to reveal a human nature that is both moral and immoral, a product of our evolutionary heritage and our cultural history."

Michael Shermer, "The Science of Good and Evil" 2004

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