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"..Stand fast in the Lord.." Phil. 4:1

EDITORIAL

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BY W. B. HOWARD

WELL, this will be last Despatch coming your way before AD 2000 breaks upon us! Who would have believed we would have made it to the closing of the millennium? And the last years and months have gone so fast! One minute we were in the middle of the 1990s, next minute the 1990s were about to end - or it seems a bit like that. So it will be with these coming months. One minute we will be almost to the end of the century, then we will be moving rapidly through that next century. What we will encounter? Only our blessed Lord knows, and He holds the morrow. Whether we live, die, are Raptured, encounter Y2K, don't encounter problems with it, suffer under the New World Order, enjoy life, or what-have-you, our times are in His infinitely capable Hands:

"Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye [ought] to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

(James 4:14,15).

☉ Is it hard for you to live comfortably in your spirit during these days?

☉ Does the sight of the unsaved in your neighbourhood drive you to grieving prayer?

☉ Does the lost condition of the godless ones in your own family, and amongst your acquaintances, cause even more heartache?

☉ Do you feel so helpless to lift them to an understanding of the peril of the times we are living in, that your spirit weeps inside you?

☉ Do you long for them to be brought

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NEW MILLENNIUM VIOLENCE?

The Brisbane Courier Mail, Nov. 2, 1999, page 17, had a disturbing article by Michael Cameron from New York, entitled,

"US Extremists Plot Millennium Violence."

Our Internet correspondence has also come up with the same news, which has presumably been leaked. Despatch has a full analysis from the US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Our version is called "Project Megiddo" which is the same report cited by Cameron.

It is a 32 page document warning law enforcement officials to monitor radical religious groups and militants who believe in Y2K, the New World Order and that

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"MENTAL HEALTH" - NEW LAWS IN AUSTRALIA.

Our beloved country which has been such a happy-go-lucky land is fast becoming, off stage in the wings, a police state! Our "freedoms" have become a play-act for the gullible citizens who accept the theatre of fools playing in every state, city and town. A recent visitor had quite a lot to share with us on the horrors of the "mental health" laws about to be implemented here in Queensland. The visitor had personally experienced the despotic treatment of some doctors here in our own fair land already. Not communist Russia but Australia fair! An article in our own Brisbane newspaper will set the picture:

SUNDAY MAIL, 24/10/99
(Article by Kay Dibben):

"New laws allowing any adult to ask for a mentally ill person to be assessed for involuntary treatment would be open to abuse, experts warn."



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**Believers
Wake
up!**

DID YOU KNOW?

The first great film created in this country of Australia was "Soldiers of the Cross" made by the Salvation Army. Joe Perry shot the film before 1900, about 1895-6. Herbert Booth, the son of General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, worked with Perry on the film, and used it extensively in spreading the Gospel.

What was it about?

It showed the work of the Army, it had hymns and preaching and portrayed the story of the early church from the Crucifixion to the martyrdoms in the Coliseum. All the actors were amateurs Christians. The show opened at the Melbourne Town Hall in Sep. 1900 and was an enormous success. "Soldiers of the Cross" then travelled around Australia, winning souls for Christ. Most copies of the film were destroyed later, except for some that Herbert Booth took with him to America.

Perry's "Limelight" Film Department was shut down by the Army in 1909.



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EDITORIAL

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to their senses, and you cannot sleep many times because your spirit is rising in you to bring them before the Lord for their enlightenment and salvation?

Then I would guess you have many companions amongst the faithful believers who are walking in the light. The AWARE believers amongst God's people are not slumbering or sleeping. Their spirits are stretching out in compassion before the Throne of God for those who are in danger of going into the Tribulation, and later to hell. Jesus knows all about your concern and grief, beloved of God:

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

(Hebrews 7:25).

Our garden is thriving with many kinds of vegetables and herbs. What a lovely green haven it is. We have decide to grow these in order to be more sufficient in our selves, instead of depending so much on the shops and markets. They sure taste better, and look so pleasant as well. It will be good to be able to help others too, if we need to in the near future. We pray that your own preparations for any emergency in the new year are going ahead smoothly. May the Lord grant to you all peace, wisdom, strength in body, practical abilities and nurturing gifts in Jesus Christ.

Should we still be here in the months ahead many of your neighbours may well be disturbed and need stable, comforting people with answers, to help them to cope and find God. What an opportunity for evangelism these strange times may prove to be.

WHAT DOES AUSTRALIA FACE POLITICALLY?

Australia is going through so many changes and problems that it is almost impossible to begin to list them, as you know Aussie citizen.

- Our troops in East Timor;
- genetically engineered crops for Australia;
- native land rights causing friction and concern;
- Nuclear Waste dumped in Australia;
- the sinister Communist China links with Australian military forces;
- illegal immigrants by boat;
- the Goods and Services Tax;
- the shocking brain-washing going on State Schools;

• World Heritage listing taking away our best areas -

• and so much more.

And soon the Global plans for all **"Global Village"** citizens will impact as never before on the entire world! We will never see Australia as it once was, may God protect us from too great a suffering under the **"powers that be!"**

This issue we deal with a number of vital subjects, but we have concentrated on comments from our subscribers themselves in the LETTERS section. We hope you, the reader, will feel just that little bit closer to other believers as you read what they have to say. Should Despatch be answering someone who is confused or heretical, please pray for that person as you read the correspondence.

We have met some wonderful Christians this year, as we do every year. Saints who are going about their every-day affairs with courage and determination to stand fast in God's Truth and righteousness. You are the lights of this dark earth, keep your light shining, never give up. Those who have donated to this work, God will bless.

Your labour for the Lord can never be in vain:

"Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light, Like a little candle burning in the night. In this world of darkness so let us shine, You in your small corner and I in mine!"

We sometimes use our imaginations too much. No one knows what the future may bring, but it will be nothing like we imagine it to be! We can create huge shadows where none will ever exist, and the troubles we fear the most never ever come at all! 99% of what we worry about never happens.

I was reminded of this at Caloundra Beach recently. We were strolling happily along in the shallows when a little boy cried out in fear, **"MUM! The beach has got a plug in it. If someone pulls it out all the water will go away!"**

Curious, we looked down in the water where he was pointing. There, sure enough, was something that just looked like a plug from a bath. It was very big, as large as a dinner plate sticking in the sandy bottom. It had a ring coming from the centre with a cord on a float. We said to each other,

"it can't be a plug, but what is it?"

Well, we didn't know until we came back some time later and saw a surf scooter zoom in, and tie up to the **"plug."** It was a kind of anchor. We can be like that little fellow, frightened



of things that are not real. Worried about our lives. Let's trust God and rest in Him. No need to be upset by anything AD 2000 might bring our way. The New World Order can't pull out the plug on our God's ocean!

MARANATHA!

The Lord cometh!

Thou alone art worthy to receive glory and honour and power.



**"Have ye not known?
Have ye not heard?
Hath it not been told you
from the beginning?
Have ye not understood
from the foundations of the earth?
[It is] he that sitteth
upon the circle of the earth,
and the inhabitants thereof
[are] as grasshoppers;
that stretcheth out the heavens
as a curtain,
and spreadeth them out
as a tent to dwell in:
That bringeth the princes to nothing;
he maketh the judges
of the earth as vanity."**

(Isaiah 40: 21-23).



HE WILL NEVER FAIL YOU.

"He hath never failed thee yet, Never will His love forget. Oh fret not thyself nor let Thy heart be troubled. Neither let it be afraid."

(*Amy Carmichael).

* It was as if Jesus' words "Go ye" were spoken directly to her and the only option she had was to obey. Yet that obedience brought tremendous blessings to the hundreds of children and others to whom Amy Carmichael ministered in southern India.

Though a serious fall left her an invalid, for the remaining 20 years of her life, Amy Carmichael continued to appeal for her children and write books. She died in Dohnavur in 1951.



NEW MILLENNIUM VIOLENCE?

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the United Nation's plans to take over the world. A copy can be sent to the reader for postage and costs, \$5.

A brief outline can give you an understanding of these bizarre warnings, which show that the authorities in the USA say they expect "violence" to break out amongst "extremists" when the new millennium breaks. Or is it that they will use this excuse in order to put down Christian and political opposition against the Global Government emerging? Given the facts that America leads the global field in many ways, and that the article by Michael Cameron was in our own newspapers, are we to expect that the same under-handed preparations are being made here in Australia? It seems reasonable to presume this is the case. Some quotes from "Project Megiddo" will show how serious these "warnings" are re possible clamp down on those who will not support the New Age New World Order, even here in our own country???

FROM THE LEAKED OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, "PROJECT MEGIDDO"

of the FBI, p.11 of our file. NOTE that the warnings are alerting the law enforcement officers to the extremists' dangerous and bizarre beliefs, which could spark these extremists off into violence against the authorities in the New Year. The remarks are a bit confused, the facts rather twisted it appears to this writer, (deliberately?) and the "extremist" people who are shown could be any of us, really:

"Unlike religiously based terrorists, militia anxiety and paranoia specifically relating to the year 2000 are based mainly on a political ideology. Some militia members read significance into 2000 as it relates to their conception of the NWO conspiracy. The NWO conspiracy theory holds that the United Nations (UN) will lead a military coup against the nations of the world to formal socialist or One World Government. UN troops, consisting mostly of foreign armies, will commence a military takeover of America. The UN will mainly use foreign troops on American soil because foreigners will have fewer reservations about killing American citizens. U.S. armed



forces will not attempt to stop this invasion by UN troops, and in fact, The U.S. military may be "deputised" as a branch of the UN armed forces. The American military contingent overseas will also play a large part in this elaborate conspiracy theory, as they will be used to help conquer the rest of the world. The rationale for this part of the theory is that American soldiers will also have less qualms about killing foreigners, as opposed to killing their own citizens.

Under this hypothetical NWO/One World Government, the following events are to take place .

- 1) private property rights and private gun ownership will be abolished;
- 2) all national, state and local elections will become meaningless, since they will be controlled by the UN;
- 3) the U.S. Constitution will be supplanted by the UN charter;
- 4) only approved churches and other places of worship will be permitted to operate and will become appendages of the One World Religion, which will be the only legitimate doctrine of religious beliefs and ethical values;
- 5) home schooling will be outlawed and all school curriculum will need to be approved by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO); and
- 6) American military bases and other federal facilities will be used as concentration camps by the UN to confine those patriots, including the militias, who defy the NWO.

Other groups beside the UN that are mentioned as being part of the NWO conspiracy theory are **Jews, Communists, the Council in Foreign Relations, the Bilderbergers and the Trilateral Commission**. Law enforcement officials will probably notice different versions of this theory, depending upon the source.

The NWO conspiracy theory is particularly relevant to the millennium because the year 2000 is considered to be a triggering device for the NWO due to the element of computer breakdown. Many computers around the world are based on a numerical system in which the year is only registered by the last two digits. A number of militia members accept the theory that on January 1, 2000, many computers will misinterpret this date as January 1, 1900, and malfunction and/or shut down completely. They further

believe that these major computer malfunctions will cause widespread chaos at all levels of society-economic, social and political. This chaos will theoretically create a situation in which American civilisation will collapse, which will then produce an environment that the UN will exploit to forcibly take the United States. Therefore, these militia members (as well as other groups) believe that the year 2000 will be the catalyst for the New World Order." (End of quote).

RUN-DOWN SOUNDS LIKE OURSELVES?

Can the reader see that this evaluation of "militia" and extremist terrorist mentality is a run-down on ALL those who have exposed or understood the NWO et al? Can you see that "Project Megiddo" preparations are declaring that such "extremists" are dangerous people? Should our country be following suit, and we have no documents from here to prove this, although it seems reasonable to imagine that they too are spreading these scare mongering reports to our law enforcement officers, then any who are opposing the global state and the UN are already branded as dangerous and possibly violent!!!!

Here is the conclusion to "Project Megiddo":

"Extremists from various ideological perspectives attach significance to the arrival of the year 2000, and there are some signs of preparation for violence. The significance of the new millennium is based primarily upon religious beliefs relating to the Apocalypse/Armageddon, or political beliefs relating to the New World Order conspiracy theory. The challenge to law enforcement is to understand these extremist theories and, if any incidents do occur, be prepared to respond to the unique crises they will represent.

Law enforcement officials should be particularly aware the new millennium may increase the odds that extremists may engage in proactive violence specifically targeting law enforcement officers. Religiously motivated extremists may initiate violent conflicts with law enforcement officials in an attempt to facilitate the onset of Armageddon, or to help fulfil a "prophecy" (sic). For many on the extreme right-wing, the battle of Armageddon is interpreted as a race war to be fought between Aryans and the "satanic" Jews



and their allies. Likewise, extremists who are convinced that the millennium will lead to a One World Government may choose to engage in violence to prevent such a situation from occurring. In either case, extremists motivated by the millennium could choose martyrdom when approached or confronted by law enforcement officers. Thus law enforcement officials should be alert for the following: 1) plans to initiate conflict with law enforcement; 2) the potential increase in the number of extremists willing to become martyrs; and 3) the potential for a quicker escalation of conflict during routine law enforcement activities (e.g. traffic stops, issuance of warrants, etc.)." (Close of document, p.32).

This leaked document has many alarming items in it! Not the least is the comment "extremists motivated by the millennium could choose martyrdom." I will leave that comment to your own sanctified imaginations. It sure gives an "out" if those who oppose the NWO are found dead! The beliefs and dangers of those who oppose the NWO have been deftly exaggerated until it seems to the uninformed that they are idiotic, combative freaks, frothing at the mouth, already gathering for the fray. Who could wonder if these freaks deliberately ran into the bullets of the law enforcers to validate their crazy stand, and so deliberately become martyrs? It doesn't look good, not at all! The report strongly suggests that the cat-and-mouse game the NWO has been playing for many years is coming to a close.

BRISBANE, Courier Mail.

In our own Brisbane newspaper, C.M. 2/11/99, these remarks were reported from the New York source: "The FBI warned law enforcement officials to monitor radical groups for behaviour such as the stock-pile weapons and food that may indicate they are preparing for violence....'The volatile mix of apocalyptic religious and (New World Order) conspiracy theories may produce violent acts aimed at precipitating the end of the world as prophesied in the Bible.'... The report is the result of a nine-month intelligence-gathering effort called Project Megiddo...An entire portion [of the Project Megiddo report] is devoted to Jerusalem, in Israel, where the FBI says an influx of tourists making pilgrimages and millennium cults will add to the danger.... Police will step up security at military facilities, and for the United Nations buildings and personnel, insti-

tutions associated with the African Americans and Jewish communities and other racial and religious minorities, gay men and lesbians and foreign military units residing on US bases."

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STOP PRESS- STOP PRESS - STOP- PRESS.

The following statement has been issued by Project Megiddo, since its report See article above titled

" New Millennial Violence":

"We have been criticized by some of our readers for whipping up hysteria about the end of the world. Our intent is the exact opposite we want to dampen the millennial panic. We hope that by listing many dozens of past predictions which have failed, that people will realize that some very important individuals have been dead wrong when they predicted the end of the world (Jesus, Paul, various popes, etc.) End of the world predictions have been a Christian industry for almost 2000 years."

B.A. Robinson, authority cited in FBI Project Megiddo report, (www.religioustolerance.org/end_wrl1.htm)



A REPLY AFTER DESPATCH SENT OUT A MINI-DESPATCH ON "PROJECT MEGIDDO."

Dear Wendy,
Thank you for sending this. We have had quite a few messages regarding Project Megiddo, the most telling being information Scott McDonald found, that Project Megiddo is founded on consultation with and advice from self-proclaimed witches. I know, I know, it sounds unbelievable, but it's true. This truly is a spiritual war.

Keep us in your prayers and we will you, also.

Cynthia E. Florence, SC, USA

P.S. I will forward you some of the messages I've received on Project Megiddo. There is also another government plan for the turn of the century that has not received as much attention but is just as alarming — that the blacks are being targeted because, they say, they are more prone to violence. A former FBI agent, Tyrone Powers, was interviewed on a Public Broad-

casting Network program (Tony Brown's Journal, himself a black American), and the program was blacked out in certain areas. I watched for it the day it was supposed to run and they broadcast a replacement program. If I can locate the articles on it, I'll forward them to you, too. I'm afraid your assessment may be right — it appears the U.S. government is planning to subdue all opposition and obstacles to its NWO plans — Christians, patriots, blacks, those who are making preparations for Y2K — everyone who will not willingly worship this ungodly government.

☞ See Update page 47 this Issue

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PAGANS, WITCHES AND PROJECT MEGIDDO

The following information was located by following the Web link included in the FBI's Project Megiddo report. These pages include lengthy essays by apologists and defenders of Witchcraft and Paganism.

The possibility exists that these pages could "disappear" after attention is focused on them. Therefore, it is recommended that all readers download and read as many of the links provided herein as possible.

You are encouraged to go to the following Web pages and verify the excerpts contained herein. You are strongly encouraged to print this entire report (14 pages) and take it with you to Church on Sunday and provide your minister a copy for his review. Please forward this message to your elected U.S. Representative.

It is strongly encouraged that you read this page. If not, at least go to the link near the bottom for the Global Ideas Bank. If you do nothing else, see the last item on this page under the "Global Ideas Bank" section which includes a piece on abortion as a sacrament.

The FBI's Project Megiddo report includes a URL (Web page address) to one single "authority" as a source for information on discerning cult behavior and activity. This Web page is hosted by four individuals, one of which is a professing Witch (Wicca). The other three un-named individuals are said to be "two Unitarian Universalists (one Agnostic and one Atheist)" and a "liberal but unaffiliated Christian." According to their Web



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pages a liberal Christian is defined as *"any person who holds Jesus in reverence, views him as the greatest of prophets, and tries to follow his teachings. Many Wiccans, Humanists, Unitarian Universalists can match this definition."*

There is no indication as to which of the four "represented religions" is that of the FBI's recommended source, but it is one of them. We are told that, unless otherwise noted, Bruce (or B.A.) Robinson authored all of the essays on the web site. They state: "As one of the four volunteers in the Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance, he does all of the writing; the other three mainly do research and prioritize new topics."

The URL link provided in the Project Migiddo report is to the web pages of the Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance (OCRT) group of which B.A. Robinson is a member. Therefore the material included below can be attributed to B.A. Robinson unless the page itself indicates otherwise.

All of the information and links referenced under "Part I" come directly from the Web pages of the OCRT.

The premise upon which the entire OCRT Web site is based is that the members share a "tolerance" for ALL religions. However, the one consistent theme running throughout their pages is that **"Fundamental Christianity"** must be discredited and rejected because of its **"intolerance"** towards such things as: all other religions (including Witchcraft and Paganism), abortion and homosexuality. Fundamental Christianity is ridiculed for such ideas as: only men holding offices in the church, abstinence and spanking children.

FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY

is mocked for believing in the:

"virgin birth;"

"inerrancy of the Bible;"

"the Resurrection;"

the concepts of heaven, hell and sin;
Christ the "only way" to "salvation."

Whereas Wiccan (witchcraft), Paganism and the Occult are generally defended and even promoted on many of the pages, Fundamental Christianity is treated with disdain.

The apparent duplicity is never addressed by the OCRT.

Among other things, the Web site recommends that teens who want to become Witches use the television program "Sabrina" to soften parents up to the idea that witches are really no threat.



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The Mental Health Association says the proposed Mental Health Bill, raised the risk of prejudiced or vindictive people victimising the mentally ill.

The present Act allows only relatives and doctors to request an assessment for involuntary treatment of a mentally ill person and only doctors to recommend it.

"Our concern is you might get people maliciously nominating someone for assessment because they're involved in a Family Law dispute or a neighbourhood dispute," association executive Director Keith Williams said. "There is the potential for it to be used as a weapon."

But a Health Department spokesman said the Government was proposing a \$3000 fine for any false or misleading reports. "The net for initial reporting has been widened to ensure potential problems are picked up as quickly as possible, in the interests of the individual and the community," the spokesman said.

It would allow school nurses or teachers who detected students who were potentially suicidal to request an assessment.

Under the new legislation, which is expected to be introduced next year, the Director of Mental Health would be able to authorise mental health practitioners as well as doctors to recommend people for INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT.

And involuntary patients would be treated in the community, as well as in hospitals.

Mr Williams said the association would be concerned if community treatment of involuntary patients meant heavily medicating them at home because of insufficient community resources."

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

This article is frightening enough just on the surface level, let alone what depths of intrigue it could open below the surface!

Picture this:

A Christian believer is making a stir in his community over the New World Order and the United Nations. He is a believer in the Rapture, and also hands out Gospel tracts in the street. A humanist who is in his community decides

this man is *"mentally ill."* He can have the believer taken away, without his agreement in any way, to be assessed by psychiatrists! Given the weird happenings in the psychiatric sector these days, and the blatantly hostile and unfair assessments being made about those who are *"fundamental Christians"*, no doubt the man could be found to be needing treatment. Perhaps he might be heavily medicated, and confined to his own home. The new laws would seem to allow this to happen. He may be locked away in an institution, if the authorities determine it necessary. Not only doctors or relatives could arrange this, but any person in the community.

Even before these new laws come in next year things are bad enough in the *"assessment"* business. Our recent visitor spoke of how she had been told she was *"mentally ill"* and needed help, because she had refused treatment which involved New Age occult techniques in a *"pain clinic"*, for a physical illness. She told them she would not have the treatment as she trusted in God, and did not accept these teachings as valid. Deciding to leave the hospital on her own undertaking, the lady found this was not so easy to do! Trying to make her escape, she was followed doggedly by a security guard! She was adamant that she would leave, and managed to grab a taxi outside the hospital. The believer thanks the Lord God for this, as it appeared miraculously as she struggled out of the exit. Strange as it may sound, she was then followed by a security four-wheel drive vehicle for quite awhile. How she thanked God when the taxi was able to evade the vehicle and she was at last safely home.

This was not an isolated incidence. When in another public hospital for a serious illness [this friend is on a full invalid pension] a similar occurrence [*"mental assessment"* & *New Age technique remedies*] plus other horrific interactions with the medical staff happened. The Christian lady was given out-of date medication to take, which she did not take when she noticed that the date was wrong. She would have been seriously ill indeed with this kind of drug had she taken it. It appears to her that this was deliberate. Not knowing how to leave the hospital's *"care and control"*, God again provided the means of suc-



cessful escape. He sent a close woman friend and a pastor to visit her, they took her home safely. But had this occurred next year it may have been a different story. She may have been unable to leave because of the new legislation within the health care system. She would not have been in a voluntary system, but under an involuntary assessment scheme!

Another woman we know of was pressured to submit to psychiatric assessment in a full/care nursing home. She had insisted on leaving, thus she would be withdrawing a large sum of money invested in this nursing home. This was not wanted by the powers that be! Her Christian friends were her support, and she was able to leave without submitting and thus being found "mentally ill".

Could she do that under the new laws?

These new mental health laws could well affect all of us. Our stand against the agenda of the New Age global state, under the United Nations, and our belief in the Bible, can easily be seen to be mentally unbalanced by authorities. We believe Biblical prophecy, after all, and believe that the world unity we are seeing rising before our eyes is the Antichrist system being formed. How mad can one get? "For our own good" we could be involuntarily assessed and "treated" to make us conform. It has happened in this wicked world many times, consider Germany, China and Russia.

A subscriber, who works in the health care system, says her job is to fully document every complaint, comment and action by patients within her care, so that assessment can be made by her fellow health care workers re the patient's mental stability. She does not like the emphasis of her job at all. She sees it as invasion of the patients' privacy.

Dave Hunt, Christian author, has made these comments in his book

"Peace, Prosperity and the Coming Holocaust":

"It is only reasonable to expect the Antichrist will use psychiatry for subjugation and suppression even more efficiently than the Soviets have done. In the Soviet Union and other Communist countries today, allegedly no one is harassed, imprisoned, or killed for believing in God or practising Judaism

or wanting to immigrate to Israel. There is supposedly complete freedom to do any of those things. However, only the insane, by very definition, would believe in God or want to leave a Communist paradise; therefore those who do must be deranged, and giving them "treatment" is a kindness." (p.249. ~ 1983).

THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY - AUSTRALIA.

In the magazine, "PERSPECTIVES," National Mental Health Strategy, September, 1999, we read of quite alarming developments which are INTERNATIONAL in scope.

I quote:

"In the last six years reform has come a long way. A national policy universally accomplished. And Harvey Whiteford's work with the World Bank is building at last the Australian experience into an International Mental Health policy with application in developed and developing countries."

ROTARY is backing this new mental health strategy in every state, with its ARHRF - Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. Rotary is collecting money extensively for funding the new strategy.

Rotary is involved in New Age / Occultism as can be seen by the following example from Channel 10, 12/11/99, 5:30pm. News.

"Rotarians filmed, teaching other Rotarians to "Walk on Hot Coals" & other mind control techniques ... at a Rotary Club meeting...." [P. Reeve.]

Extract: "Perceptions" Newsletter of the National Mental Health Strategy, Sept. 1999, p.3.

"Rotarians could be called "agenda setters." ... "Rotarians will be looking to develop partnerships with local groups and services. It will be up to individual Rotary clubs to plan a course of action in their own local communities. Groups and services involved in mental health on a local or State level may be contacted by their local Rotary Club for advice on the needs of their community or assistance in establishing support programmes. Rotarians in these communities may well lead the charge.... From the year 2000, ARHRF has pledged to invest at least \$5 million for research into mental illness over a 3-5 year period....ARHRF also hopes to encourage people who

are experiencing mental health problems to seek help early."


THE BOOK

"A Question of Madness"

by Zhores Medvedev,

tells the story of a Russian scientist who was spuriously put in a Soviet mental hospital for political reasons, and how he managed to finally get out.

P.182 tells the reader:

"My aim is not egocentric. It is rather to call attention to the dangerous tendency of using psychiatry for political purposes, the exploitation of medicine in an alien role as a means of intimidation and punishment - a new and illegal way of isolating people for their views and convictions. I also want to stress that psychiatrists must never be released from legal responsibility for their actions. In Nazi Germany, there was, as we all know, a state programme for the physical destruction of several categories of the mentally ill - and the psychiatric 'special examinations' carried out by Hitler's doctors resulted in patients with severe or hereditary illness being sentenced to death in the gas chambers. At the Nuremberg Trials this practice was declared to be a crime against humanity." 

Thank you for the input and resources from P. Reeve ~ Aust.

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ADD THIS TO THE SCENARIO:

Adelaide Advertiser: 11/11/99:

"Woomera popular choice for detention centre.

Woomera residents have backed the Federal Government's decision to make the town home to the state's first detention centre for illegal immigrants. ... The \$1 million centre for up to 400 illegal immigrants will be built at an occasionally used defence barracks at Woomera West, on the Outback town's outskirts.

Woomera is a Defence Department-controlled-and-managed town 180km north-west of Port Augusta."



WORLD SABBATH - FOR ALL RELIGIONS,



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Date: November 8, 1999



Australia and Israel about the event, and pastors from four churches - in New York, Texas and California - are planning their own events for the first World Sabbath. Reinhart's World Sabbath will be held on Saturday night, 22 January, at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He told ENI the worship service had been designed to acknowledge the world's religious diversity, to pray for those who were victimising others, to seek forgiveness and reconciliation and to honour those who had died in violent attacks. "We are also going to be remembering the children in the Baptist Church in Texas who were murdered, the children in the Jewish Center in California and the American school students targeted because of their religious faith.

More information about the World Sabbath can be found at the following website:
<http://members.aol.com/revrodrev/index.html>

The World Sabbath web site states: ***"The World Sabbath is a unique concept. There is no other holy day celebrated by all religious faiths. There is no other holiday calling for an end to religious war and persecution. The World Sabbath could become an annual holy day recognized and supported by many religious and secular groups. Although it may take several years, we should ask various church bodies and other institutions to make this day an official part of their Calendar."***

This is no grass roots initiative, despite ostensibly humble beginnings. Consider the impressive bodies supporting the World Sabbath: the United Religions Organization, the Parliament of the World's Religions, the National Council for Community and Justice (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews) and the World Council of Churches which published the ENI report. ...

Fronting the population control agenda nowadays with a religious veneer, the Rockefeller-funded United Nations, upon which the United Religions Organization is modeled, will sponsor an Environmental Sabbath (Earth Rest Day) from June 2-4 and World Environment Day on June 5, 2000. And from December 1-10, 1999, the Parliament of the World Religions will be in session. The United Religion Initiative Fall 1999 update states: ***"URI leadership from various countries will***

For years Despatch magazine has been warning our readers that the global New World Order system was reinstating a SABBATH religious observance. Others, like the Seventh Day Adventurers (thanks to a friend for that term) have insisted that we all must return to keeping the Sabbath, and have even said that the worship of God on a Sunday was the "Mark of the Beast." However, dear readers, this is NOT the case. The NWO One World Church Sabbath keeping has come to a head, as the information below from Timothy Aho will show you:




MOSAIC COVENANT - WORLD SABBATH.

As [unsaved] mankind moves out of the Church Age and into the 70th week of Daniel or the Tribulation Period, at which time the Mosaic Covenant will be reestablished, plans are being laid for the annual global celebration of a World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation. The fourth Saturday of January, which falls next year on January 22, will become a holy day for ALL religions. The World Council of Churches Ecumenical News Report of 5 November elaborates: On 22 January US priest hopes to initiate World Sabbath for all religions

New York, 5 November (ENI)—Demanding an end to violence done in the name of God, calling for greater respect between the world's religions and ethnic groups, and praying for healing of past atrocities, a quietly-spoken Episcopal (Anglican) priest in Detroit, Michigan has created the World Sabbath, an inter-faith holy day to be launched on 22 January next year. The World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation has two goals: to create the first holy day to be shared by all religions of the world, and to teach religious leaders how to publicly oppose hate campaigns and religious wars. The idea of a millennial peace event is not new. From Rome to Geneva, from Tibet and Bosnia to East Timor and Rwanda, religious groups are cooperating to close what some describe as the bloodiest century in human history and to welcome the new millennium with prayers for peace. Rod Reinhart, Episcopal

priest and interim pastor of Trinity Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan, who has initiated the World Sabbath, believes this proposal to be different from others because it creates a holy day which he hopes will eventually be embraced by all ethnic and religious groups on the planet.

"We would do this whether there was a millennium or not," he told ENI. ***"We see the millennium as a good symbol for us because we are trying to begin a whole new thing."*** Reinhart said that too often religious leaders were pulled into the bloody agendas of political leaders under the guise of ethnic cleansing or expanding the rights and properties of God's chosen. ***"We are saying to the wide world that it is no longer acceptable for Christians or any other religious person to give into the demands of a ruler who calls on them to destroy other people ultimately because the ruler wants land and power,"*** he told ENI.

Reinhart said he had selected 22 January as the date for three reasons:  It is early in the year, but not too close to other millennial peace events;  it is close to Martin Luther King Jr Day;  it falls at the end of the National Week For Christian Unity in the United States. After the year 2000, the World Sabbath is to be held on the fourth Saturday of January.

The World Sabbath project has been endorsed by the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, a synagogue (Temple Israel of Ann Arbor), the Detroit Muslim Center, by the United Religions Initiative, the Parliament of the World's Religions and the National Council for Community and Justice (formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews). Reinhart hopes other religious groups and congregations will take up his idea and hold services or events on 22 January. He has received phone calls from Africa,

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offer workshops at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Cape Town, South Africa."

Ten years before the First World Parliament of Religions held in 1893, "The Jewish World" predicted the universal movement of all religions toward a universal Judaism: "The dispersion of the Jews has rendered them a cosmopolitan people. They are the only cosmopolitan people, and in this capacity must act, and are acting, as a solvent of national and racial difference. The great Ideal of Judaism is not that Jews shall be allowed to flock together one day in some hole-and-corner fashion, for, if not tribal, at any rate separatist objects; but that the whole world shall be imbued with Jewish teachings, and that in a Universal Brotherhood of Nations - a greater Judaism, in fact - all the separate races and religions shall disappear." (Feb. 9-16, 1883)

The Universal Brotherhood of Nations and Judaised One World Religion have common origins in Freemasonry. Masonic doctrine is based on the Jewish Kabbalah and Masonic rituals on Kabbalistic interpretations of the Old Testament. Establishment of the World Sabbath as holy day for all religions is, of course, an essential part of the Masonic design to shift Western Civilization away from the Christian traditional observance of the Lord's Day (Sunday) to obligatory observance of the Hebrew Sabbath (Saturday).

This will prepare the Gentiles for acceptance of the Noahide Laws and compulsory induction into the mysteries of Freemasonry, whose initiates consider themselves to be the only True Noahides.

One of the Noahide Laws requires the "abandonment of idolatry," a law which will proscribe worship on Sunday since Sabbatarians claim that this day was dedicated by the Roman Church to worship of the Sun. If this is the case, the object of Sabbatarian worship is the planetary god, Saturn, the Sabbath being on Saturday or Saturn's Day.

[See ~ The Six-Pointed Star: The Mark of the Beast, which is the occult symbol of the god Saturn.] *Also Despatch Website

Expounding upon the Christian's liberty from holy days of obligation, and attachment instead to the Person of Christ as his Sabbath (rest), Dr. C.I. Scofield explained the difference between the New Testament Lord's Day and the Old Testament Sabbath: "Apart from maintaining the continued burnt offering (Numbers 28:9), and its connection with the annual feasts

WHAT LAWS DO CHRISTIANS KEEP?

(Credit given to the
Perth Christian Bible Ministries,
The Bible Topic Book, Vol. 1.)

We Christians are NOT under the Mosaic Law, with its Sabbath keeping, as Despatch has pointed out in other issues. Let us all rejoice in the LAWS which God has given us in the Age of Grace. We could greatly benefit by reminding ourselves of the Biblical teaching on this:

❶1. Because we are **NOT under the Mosaic Law does not mean we are lawless**, not at all. Jesus Christ fulfilled the requirements of the Mosaic Law when He lived a perfect life for us, and died on the Cross and rose again (Matthew 5:17). Through His Life in us alone can we fulfil the Grace laws of God. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit to do so. * see below for more on this.

❶2. **THE LAW OF LIBERTY.** This law is directed towards ourselves. Biblically speaking you have the right to do certain things that will not cause you personally to fail the Lord in any way. (I Corinthians 8:8).

(Exodus 12:16, Leviticus 23:3,8, Numbers 28:25), the seventh-day Sabbath was never made a day of sacrifice, worship, or any manner of religious service. The Sabbath will again be observed during the Tribulation period (Matthew 24:20,21) and the Kingdom Age (Isaiah 66:23).

The Christian first-day-rest perpetuates in the dispensation of the Church the principle that one-seventh of the time is especially sacred, but in all other respects is in contrast with the Sabbath. **One is the seventh day; the other the first.**

❶The Sabbath commemorates God's creation-rest; the first day, Christ's resurrection. On the seventh day God rested; on the first day Christ was ceaselessly active.

❶The Sabbath commemorates a finished creation; the first day, a finished redemption.

❶The Sabbath was a day of legal obligation; the first day, one of voluntary worship and service.

❶The Sabbath is mentioned in Acts only in connection with the Jews, and in the balance of the N.T. but twice (Colossians 2:16, Hebrews 4:4). In these passages the seventh-day Sabbath is explained to be, not a day to be observed by the Christian, but a type of the present rest into which the believer will enter when he 'has himself ceased from his works and trusts Christ.'"

❶3. **THE LAW OF LOVE.** This law takes other believers into consideration. In effect this law says that because of your love for the weaker brethren, and in order not to offend or upset them, you refrain from doing certain things which you have the liberty to do. You refrain not because they are wrong in themselves but rather you wish to help other believers rather than hinder them. (I Corinthians 8:9).

❶4. **THE LAW OF EXPEDIENCY.** This law concerns the unbeliever. It is expedient that your life tells the world of Christ. The unbeliever has set up standards of conduct for the Christian. Therefore you refrain from or do certain legitimate things - not because they are wrong but because they may offend an unbeliever and prevent him from seeing the real issue that Christ died for his sin. (I Corinthians 9:20-23).

❶5. **THE LAW OF SUPREME SACRIFICE.** This law is directed towards God. It involves the believer forsaking a completely legitimate function in life in order to more perfectly serve the Lord. Missionaries often function under this law when they live in primitive conditions on the mission field. This law can also operate under home city/town conditions. (Matthew 3:1-6).

❶6. **PRINCIPLE:** As Christians we have liberty but total freedom for ourselves may enslave others. We have to use our liberty in such a responsible manner that it does not infringe on the liberty of others. As Christians we must act responsibly. (Ephesians 5:15).

❶ **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT** is really the only way to obey God. The natural man will automatically disobey God's laws, and the Ten Commandments, because he/she has a fallen nature. When we are filled with the Life of Christ through the Holy Spirit we will find ourselves obeying God's laws without effort and strain. Because Christ Jesus is holy and righteous. This is the only way to defeat the various sins which plague our lives. ALL our problems have really to do with SIN in our lives. Disbelief, fear, uncontrolled habits, lack of faith about the future. Instead of saying, "tomorrow I will try harder," surrender to God and say,

"I could try for eternity and I would still fail to keep Your laws. Please Lord, live instead of me, fill me with the Holy Spirit anew, and create in me Your righteousness."



Y2K UPDATE - ONLY WEEKS TO GO!

The reports on this phenomenon, Y2K, are coming in thick and fast. It does not look good! I liked some of the words of Gordon MacDonald from the USA, in his article

"WHAT IS Y2K"
in "Personal Update" magazine,
November 1999.

I will quote from Gordon:

"I was told that by now those who have formed their opinions on Y2K will prepare and those that haven't, won't. I was told the time for 'convincing' was over. That may be or may not be true. But what we know is true - and is even written in His book - is that we will have to account for how well we fulfilled the responsibilities placed before us.

If we, having been warned, have NOT MOVED TO INSURE OUR FAMILY, OUR LOCAL CHURCH BODY, AND THOSE DISADVANTAGED around us, if we have not done everything and any measure of calamity falls, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE. No one else. Not those who have led us into complacency. Not those who lied to us for 'our own good.' Not those who taught us a false spirituality. Not those who don't want us to remember that we are all in this together." (p.15).

Here Gordon MacDonald writes of a "false spirituality." Although he does not spell out what he means here, I assume he means that there are those amongst us who try to make people who are diligently preparing for Y2K appear to be "not trusting the Lord." They often cannot be bothered thinking of how they can be responsible themselves, and really have gone into denial about Y2K. If you make a decision to act this way, Gordon is right, you have to take full blame yourself for any hardship that may come your way, and your family's way, as the year rolls over - just weeks away.

Here are some more of Gordon's comments: "There is a squeeze taking place. More time is needed. But there is increasingly less time left. January 1, 2000 is still 010100 and that can't be changed. Many are admitting they will fail to complete remediation on time." (p.15).

In Brisbane we have had alarming news of undercover preparations which the state government is conducting. A Christian man who works for the council has been telling of the preparations for Y2K that he has been drawn



into. He has attended training on mass crowd control which involves the use of military standard guns, batons, crowd shields and stun guns. The training programs are being attended by police, social workers, council workers and government employees. Our informant is being paid extra wages for his training programs. Can the reader who still doubts that Y2K is real tell me what you think this undercover preparation is about then? And why are the powers-that-be not telling the citizens about it in the media? I know why, they do not want to panic the masses of dumb-heads called "the public."

Gordon MacDonald adds this:

"Y2K HAS NOT BEEN FIXED. For most of the last four years - and certainly the last two - the information technology world has been working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to fix this problem in all its facets. Any failures that occur will not be due to lack of effort on the part of the IT world.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that no matter how much is accomplished, much will go unfixed." (p.13).

Is this only in the USA?

No, dear friends, this is true of Australia as well. And add to that the fact that our world is now so interconnected that what happens in other countries effects us all. We are indeed "all in this together."

ARE YOU MAKING SIMPLE PREPARATIONS NOW, BEFORE TIME HAS COMPLETELY RUN OUT?

Water, food supplies, kerosene lamps, petrol, some cash on hand etc? Don't say you have no money to prepare anything. Go without some of your extras now, those new clothes or those Christmas presents, what ever else is not a necessity - a tin of baked beans may seem like paradise to you and your

loved ones soon. Next time you shop for ordinary supplies, buy inexpensive extras that will keep well. Every time you shop buy extras, and put them aside. You should have been doing this long ago, but it is not too late YET! We have a large container which had liquid soap in it once, it catches rain water from the roof. With little money you can get a decent water tank for yourselves. No water in the taps would be a catastrophe. Who would like to suffer from terrible thirst in summer? We cannot tell what will be our lot in a few weeks time. Be responsible, please!

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RUSSIA AND Y2K.

This was the lead story on the front page of this morning's New York Times. This piece begins: "The State Department is planning to withdraw hundreds of government employees and family members from Russia and three other former Soviet republics before Jan. 1 because of concerns over the Year 2000 computer problem. Experts at the American Embassy in Moscow, however, have concluded that there is virtually no risk to diplomats from the computer problem, although there may be some disruption in telephone communication and electrical power in Russia. The cost of withdrawing those who wish to leave could run into millions of dollars. It reflects anxiety in Washington and among some government employees in Moscow, but is also being encouraged by the State Department's bureaucratic procedures. Of the more than 100 nations in which the United States maintains diplomatic posts, it plans to withdraw personnel over the Jan. 1 period from just four: Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. Diplomats in other nations, like China, either did not see a need to leave because of possible computer glitches or because they are already inured to hardships like power cutoffs, according to American officials. Certainly, Russia is likely to experience its share of disruptions. An internal assessment by the American Embassy notes that computer foulups may interfere with telephone service and produce electrical outages, which it says might last for a day or so in Moscow. But such short-term problems are likely to be inconveniences rather than real dangers for American government employees, the review suggests. Even if such disruptions occur, the American



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Embassy here and the compound where many diplomats live have their own backup generators, fuel, stores of food and water, and telephones that make calls via communications satellites..." From there, most of the rest of the article describes steps being taken in Russia and elsewhere.

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State Makes New Year's Eve Emergency Plan

(Sarah Wyatt,
Minneapolis Star Tribune/AP)

In Wisconsin, "about 80 state employees will be monitoring state government computers for any sign of meltdown" as the date rolls over. According to Beth Hastings, who is coordinating the Wisconsin's preparation efforts, "the state Emergency Operations Center will be located at National Guard headquarters in Madison and will also be staffed by about 40 people from the state Division of Emergency Management, who will work in shifts throughout the weekend... Employees in all state agencies will be testing their computer systems to make sure they are working and will then report to the emergency command center... A total of 80 people will be working at the command center, gathering information and passing it on to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Private businesses like banks will also be required to report to FEMA, which will send the information to the Information Coordination Center Web site, located at <http://www.y2k.gov>.

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CHINA'S BANKS Printing Money, Keeping Paper Records for Y2K (Dow Jones Newswires)

This piece adds that "the central bank was printing extra money and sending it to banks so that they wouldn't have to limit withdrawals by depositors... Smaller financial institutions were also being ordered to perform transactions manually, with paper records, starting Dec. 10... (and) larger banks are being told to back up all data on disks."

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS ON Y2K:

Y2K Has Minimal Effect:

CEOs (Stan Beer, Australian Financial Review) Dun & Bradstreet conducted a survey in September of 910 chief executive officers at Australian

companies.

"According to the survey, 96 per cent of CEOs reported that their companies were now Y2K compliant, while more than 90 per cent claimed that compliance had been achieved with little or no effect on profits. Seventy-seven per cent of CEOs claimed that achieving Y2K compliance had had no effect on their company's bottom line, 13.6 per cent said there had been little effect and 8 per cent said there had been a medium effect. Only 1.4 per cent acknowledged that there had been severe effects on profits as a result of Y2K compliance preparation."

However, John Roberts, research director of management information technology at Gartner Group,

"questioned the credibility of CEO reports, saying it was difficult to believe that the amount spent by corporations on Y2K had had no effect on profits."

Roberts said,

"Based on the reports of 1,200 companies to the ASX on Y2K, there were quite a few companies, such as Telstra, banks and others, each spending hundreds of millions of dollars on Y2K compliance... if any of those CEOs were among the ones who claimed that Y2K had not significantly affected profits, then that simply doesn't ring true... I'm sceptical because this has been one big unanticipated expenditure and a lot of companies will have deferred investing in things such as e-commerce."

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Y2K BUG CREATES MODEL MAYHEM MAINE. By David Sharp. From The West Australian, Tuesday Oct. 19/1999, p.42:

THE MAINE State Government got its first millennium bug surprise when owners of 2000 model cars and trucks received ownership papers identifying their new vehicles as "horseless carriages".

Despite spending millions of dollars to ensure State computers are ready for the year 2000, computers in the US Secretary of State's office misread the model year designation 2000 as 1900.

About 2000 titles were printed with the "horseless carriage" designation used for vintage vehicles produced before 1916. - ASSOCIATED PRESS



POINT OF VIEW

by SCRIBUS: Landsborough, Aust.

GUN LAWS, GUN DEATHS, FACTS AND QUESTIONS.

With the latest bikie shootings in Adelaide involving prohibited guns, more questions are being raised about the merit of John Howard's tough Gun Laws. Whilst Gun Laws are a State and Territory jurisdiction, essentially they are what John Howard, with the full support of the ALP and Democrats, demanded of the States and Territories and that is what we now have. Shortage of space prevents the writer from presenting every fact and every detail but some crucial facts and relevant questions merit discussion.

FIRSTLY THE FACTS:

1. For the period of 1980-1995 gun related deaths in Australia decreased in number from 700 in 1980 to 479 in 1995. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.
2. For the period 1980-1995 the gun related death rate per 100,000 population fell from 4.8 to 2.6. A drop of 46%. Source: ABS.
3. Commenting on these figures ABS spokesman, Mr. Povah states "the pattern of gun deaths declined right across the board from suicides to homicides and accidents".
4. These statistics were released on 26th. February 1997.
5. The Encyclopaedia Britannica defines an Assault Rifle as "a light, medium range weapon with a switch allowing fully automatic fire". In short a machine gun.
6. Announcing the Gun Laws on 10th. May 1996 John Howard said, "I don't pretend for a moment that this decision can prevent the recurrence of tragedies. But it does represent a practical, powerful, effective legislative and governmental response to the problem."

NOW SOME QUESTIONS:

1. Given that the gun death rate between 1980-1995 dropped by 46%, and that during this period there had been a sharp rise in gun ownership rates. How is the increase in gun deaths post John Howard's Gun Laws and firearm reduction by 600,000 explained?
2. Why was the release of the ABS

