

Who controls our governments? We the people—or a Financial Oligarchy?

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The most crucial question of this Inquiry is this: Who controls the creation of credit? Is it an affair of the people or private individuals? In a democracy, if it's a real one as distinct from a Claytons, it's clearly the domain of the sovereign people. For too long—and it started with the landing at Botany Bay—Australians have been serfs of a medieval cartel based in England. It was overseen and sheltered by a private banking consortium masquerading as a National Bank of the People—called The Bank of England. One of our finest Australians—an American—King O'Malley wrote to US President Franklin Roosevelt in 1937. He spoke about Australia's Government Bank—the one wrecked under the Hawke-Keating regime:

“I had the honour of forcing this Bank onto the Australian Statute Book after ten years of fighting in Parliament while serving as Minister for Home Affairs. Nobody would second it. We gave the late Denison Miller fifty thousand dollars to start the Bank and, at the end of six months, he returned it and that is all the capital we ever put into the Bank. Since its foundation it has made 200 million dollars net profit for the Australian Tax Payers and now has a capital of over fifty million dollars in reserves.

“I do hope Mr. President, that before you retire you will transform all the reserve regional Banks [i.e. the Federal Reserve] into Government Banks so that the American people will have the profits for themselves—as we have here. (...) The privately organised Banking system of the world rests on production of dividends for shareholders and not the public welfare. In periods of advancing prices the system discounts and expands credits to full capacity, thereby, in certain periods, generating booms and later dropping values. It withdraws credits creating financial slumps and economic panics. It then blames men like you, who stand between the depressed struggling masses and the upper legalised jungle plunderers.”

In a statement very similar to that made by Roosevelt to the Congress in 1938, when he described fascism as private powers taking over government and the essential functions of government, O'Malley went on the say: “The question therefore is, Who shall control the operations of Governments? Shall it be Organised Wealth through private banks, or the people under the guidance of yourself or other Statesmen?”

“The power to contract and expand the currency or any medium of exchange is the power to change the price of every commodity in the Nation.

A power which enriches the few and pauperises the many. Such despotic financial power should not be in the hands of private monopolies but under Government regulation.” In a five hour speech in 1909 to the federal parliament O’Malley had emphasised, “The private banking system of the Commonwealth is only a legalised monopoly for the gathering of wealth from the many, and its concentration in the hand of the privileged few.”

Citing Alexander Hamilton, the founder of the First National Bank of America, he therefore demanded that, “The American experience should determine us to establish a national banking system which cannot be attacked.” Federal MP Frank Anstey, a member of O’Malley’s torpedo brigade, described the enemy Australia was up against in its battle for sovereignty, as the “Money Power.” He said, “The key to the power of this group is combination and concentration. It controls banks, trust companies, insurances—the main depositories of the peoples’ savings or the reservoir to which they flow. It controls all credit. It advances or withholds credits, builds up or destroys.”

“The grip of British capitalism upon Australia consists, not only of mortgages upon Australian Governments, not only on the overseas ownership of Australian resources, but upon the control of nearly one-third of the total depository power of the Australian people per medium of the British banks and British insurances trading within Australia. ... Australia is a mere appendage of financial London, without distinct economic existence ... These men constitute the Financial Oligarchy. No nation is permitted to hold dominion, and no ‘democracy’ can be aught but a name that does not shake it from its throne.”

In his book, *The Great Bust*, NSW Premier Jack Lang described the many tentacles of the British octopus that completely dominated Australia: “The City of London provided all the capital required for the development of the colonies. The City controlled the ships, the wool and wheat exchanges, the insurance houses and all the other machinery of trade and commerce... “The Bank of England, presided over the financial dynasty of the Empire. It was supported by the Big Five, the major private banks.

If a government in the Dominions or the colonies wanted to raise money, it had to go through approved channels. The financial world was divided into zones of influence. The Houses of Nivison, Rothschild, Barings, Morgan and Grenfell, all had their respective rights. If a government in the colonies wanted to raise money, it could only approach one firm. It had to meet a rigidly controlled scale of underwriting fees. It had to accept the conditions and the interest rates dictated by its London representatives. Every government had its London agents, who were actually agents for the British investors.

There was no room for argument. It was a case of taking it or leaving it. It was useless to try another source. The City had its own underground communication system. It was left to the underwriters to divide up the spoil. They simply produced the clearing house.” You can see why the *Money Power* went ballistic when Lang refused to pay the British bondholders! Not primarily because they demanded payment, but because Lang was undermining their entire system of control. From that standpoint a national bank was anathema. The key thing to realise, is that the British control over this country is identical, if not worse, to what has been described above. We must finish the fight for financial sovereignty, starting with the Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill, followed by a national bank.

It sounds straight forward enough. But we only had one King O'Malley, and he was an American interloper. He just happened to have what our own weasel politicians lacked: statesmanship, a social conscience, courage, creative thinking and a rich talent for managing public affairs for the common good. He had it in spades, and to many Australians, he was our greatest politician by far than the pygmies who surrounded him in the Australian Parliament of his time. Nothing has changed in the Parliament. It still wants us to be bled dry by foreign and local finance cartels.

The bank that benefitted the people of Australia that O'Malley lauded to his President was killed off by the people David Murray represents today and our mealy-mouthed, self-serving and gutless politicians. For doing what he does, David Murray is a traitor to the Australian people, yet here he is sitting in judgment on what is clearly a stacked panel and a foregone conclusion as the only acceptable outcome to the cartel—*that bail-in is inevitable*. Murray said so himself. It's on the public record. So why the farce of an inquiry, David? Why not come clean and tell us of your Nazi sympathies when it comes to the management of the common herd?

This is pure farce, yet we're expected to be good little boys and girls and show him respect as he empties our bank accounts for himself and his mates because of his failure as an Australian and as human being. When the common folk can't count on their social betters to do it right by them, we have a state of barbarism. That state has endured largely because the people have been starved of a good education and information that would make them grow. Nature has a way of making such arrangements come unstuck. It's happening as we speak. In a sense, it doesn't matter what the government does with the 'findings' of this Inquiry. What's coming was set in train in our Wild West past. It's had its day in the sun. I liken the situation to that when Rome collapsed. The ordinary folk got by alright, setting up institutions far more sophisticated than the nonsense established by the banker barons who came after them and killed them off by their brutish and selfish methods. B.C. Aug 2014