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Submission

CHINA - DON'T TOUCH IT WITH A BARGEPOLE

- I was depressed at the attitude of those whom I heard give evidence to the Committee in Perth on 1st August 2005. Trade, investment, and learning Chinese culture/language seemed to fill the presentations I heard. The Senators asked questions about human rights, mainly about the modern phenomenon of Falun Gung, not about decades-long persecutions by the Chinese dictatorship.
- Global perspective: The most important danger to world peace and prosperity is the threat of gross overpopulation of the planet. The Communist Chinese dictatorship, to its credit, has adopted the "one-child policy" (with limited leeway for rural people and ethnic minorities). However, the Chinese dictatorship and latent Red terrorists are among several serious dangers to world peace and prosperity - the others include Islamist terrorists, India, Iran, the military-industrial complex including the armaments makers and traders in the USA and other Western nations, and Russian imperialist tendencies. Other dangers include various failed and/or dysfunctional states and/or dictatorships of most of Africa, much of Asia including North Korea and Pakistan, and nearly all South America.
- Imperialism/Colonialism. The Chinese Communist Party attacked the Chinese Nationalists in the 1930s and 1945-49, and after conquering mainland China invaded Tibet in 1950, aided North Korea's attempted conquest of South Korea, began bombarding Quemoy in 1954, and attacked Matsu and the Tachens, intermittently using violence against these islands since then. In 1959 China occupied 12,000 square miles of India, and in 1962 advanced on the eastern and Ladakh borders, then withdrew to the 1959 positions. China tested a hydrogen bomb in 1967. Chinese troops invaded Vietnam in February 1979, withdrawing in March. In 2005 China continues its campaign to again seize Taiwan, which like Tibet is a past conquest of the Chinese Emperors.
- Espionage - in Australia hundreds of spies were alleged by asylum-seeker Cheng in 2005, although our partly-crippled intelligence agencies don't seem to be interested (just as they seemed not to have interviewed an Islamist who offered to give information about his knowledge of that dangerous conspiracy). ASIO seems to have lost its way in a kind of sleep since 1986 when Professor Paul Dibb's theories appeared in a White Paper, and the enforced move to Canberra.
- The Chinese want to buy uranium. The West has trained people in nuclear science from all over the world. Our leaders seem not to notice the envy of the West that simmers below the surface in many nations that until the 1950s had to play "second fiddle" to Europeans. This envy will probably lead, like German and

Japanese envy did, to support for militarism, which is fed by giving arms secrets away.

- The Beijing dictatorship is notable for persecution and prohibition of opponents (1 million executed 1949-50), Christians suppressed, formation of a government-controlled "Catholic Church" and other such Churches, and the destruction of, and refusal to licence, places of worship. In recent years serious attacks have been made on the Falun Gung philosophical or religious group.
- Continues gradual reversal of democratic strands in Hong Kong, underlining the brutal repression of student demands for opening up to democracy, in the Tienamin Square massacre of about 10 years ago.
- Below-cost production and exports -- "dumping", even of vegetables, which presumably would be better used either by Chinese in China, or sent to famine areas in Africa. It is obvious that these foodstuffs, some grown with human excrement as fertiliser, are being produced as a deliberate attempt to put growers in other countries off their farms. Wages in all sectors of the nation are pitifully low. In addition, prisoners are used for no-wage production.
- This week's news that Hills Hoists may get all their products produced in China, instead of in South Australia, underlines the Australian Government's stupidity in allowing overseas countries to take tremendous quantities of iron-ore and coal, at bargain-basement prices and low collection of royalties. Of course production is cheaper, if Australia is "subsidising" China.
- A Chinese group recently tried to buy out an American oil company. The USA's trade deficit is unsustainable, except by force and huge bribery. Eventually, as the jobs from the USA are transferred to Mexico, then to China and other no-wage or low-wage countries, the sell-out of U.S. companies will be like an avalanche, followed by a wash of accelerated immigration. Australia's politicians seem transfixed by the idea that sell-outs of operating businesses are "investment," instead of it being a divestment of our economic independence.
- It is short-sighted to imagine that a tiny economy and population like Australia could enter into a "level playing field" relationship, really a preferential trade agreement, with a giant like China, and not find its industries at all levels liable to be swamped, then bought out, by the more powerful "partner." China has huge reserves of foreign currency.

Yours faithfully,

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