

## Australia Dossier by Robert Barwick and Allen Douglas

### Cinderella kissed a toad

*Pauline Hanson's new political party has recently emerged, and it has some peculiar fairy godmothers.*

Over the past weeks, a new political party has burst into prominence in Australia, registering from 8 to 25% voter support in opinion polls. Known as "Pauline Hanson's One Nation," the party draws its name from a formerly unknown fish-and-chips shop-owner from Ipswich, Queensland, who was elected to federal parliament in a landslide in March 1996. Many of her followers, as well as Hanson herself, speak of her as a future prime minister. And, because of her stand against Asian immigration, she has raised alarms throughout Southeast Asia, and even in China.

Hanson has risen to prominence on a wave of anger in rural and working-class Australia, against three things: the Mont Pelerin Society's free trade and globalization policies (endorsed by both the ruling Liberal-National coalition, as well as the Labor opposition), which have savaged the economy; recent High Court decisions in favor of "Aboriginal land rights," which potentially put up for grabs the ownership of all land in the country; and the policy of "multiculturalism," a grab-bag of affirmative action-type measures premised upon the notion that Australia is composed of different "races," which need to be favored in various ways—a policy which fosters the very antagonisms it is ostensibly designed to alleviate.

The anger, and the unrest are genuine. But, there are more than a few evil stepmothers in this story.

The fairy godmother waved her wand, and Cinderella went from rags to riches; in this story, we have two fairy godmothers: Kerry Packer and Rupert Murdoch, who between them

dominate Australia's media, and whose endless stream of articles on the "Hanson phenomenon" in fact created it.

Cast in the role of an aging, overweight Prince Charming, we have Graeme Campbell, a controversial parliamentarian from Western Australia, to whom Hanson frequently turns for advice on how to vote in parliament and similar matters. Campbell was kicked out of the Labor Party a couple of years ago, in part because of his flirtation with the League of Rights, a British Israelite gnostic cult with a following in rural Australia. The British-born Campbell then joined up with a racist outfit called Australians Against Further Immigration, and at one point stated that he was going to England to meet with the billionaire-populist Sir James Goldsmith, to raise funds.

The man who is widely credited with "discovering" Hanson, John Pasquarelli, is a former longtime staffer of Campbell's, who left him to work for Hanson.

Pasquarelli was the first of a string of spooks and Mont Pelerin assets who have been associated with Hanson during her brief career; to Hanson's credit, she has sacked at least some of them. First, was Pasquarelli himself, who, before his stint with Campbell, had worked for Sen. John Stone, a board member of the Institute for Public Affairs (IPA), a notorious Mont Pelerin front. Pasquarelli advised Hanson, who made her name attacking free trade, to hire IPA member Jeff Babb, a member of the Adam Smith Club, as a "researcher" (in fact, a controller). After dumping Pasquarelli and Babb, Hanson hired David

Thomas, a former member of the Australian Security Intelligence Service, an outfit notorious for its services to British SIS, which set it up in the first place. Most recently, Hanson has hired David Ettridge, a former fundraiser for World Vision, a non-governmental organization which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, and which has been involved in shady doings under cover of "aid," including having been caught twice flying guns into British intelligence's pet southern Sudanese rebel, John Garang.

Whatever her intentions may have been, Hanson has been created as a "countergang," a synthetic organization designed to siphon off political dissent into a dead-end. And, with her racist "anti-Asian" stand, she is a convenient straw man to be attacked by the Australian establishment's "multicultural" apparatus, as in precedent-setting moves now under way to forbid Hanson to register her political party. The real target of this apparatus is not Hanson, but Lyndon LaRouche, and his Australian associates in the Citizens Electoral Council, whose influence has been spreading rapidly.

This was made clear in Murdoch's *Weekend Australian* of May 3-4. Pro-drug multiculturalist columnist Philip Adams, who, notwithstanding his Murdoch employment, is also a longtime bosom buddy of Packer, stated: "It's been noted that Pauline Hanson's memorable maiden speech was chocker with policies that bore an eerie resemblance to those of Lyndon LaRouche and his lunar-right organization. Hanson is, of course, entitled to draw her ideas, such as they are, from any source she chooses. But if she were a member of the LaRouche organization (run out of the U.S., but with powerful tentacles in Queensland), then the voters . . . are entitled to know."