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To Whom it might concern

Dear Sir/Madan,

I was God-Blessed to be privileged with a nominally ‘Communist’ history teacher in my last years of High School.

He had been behind the (then) Iron Curtain and had seen - with his own eyes - the realities of life on *both sides* of the fence.

In our last 2 years of High School, two schoolmates and I received private tuition from the good man (i.e. there were only *three of us* in our special class) because being nominal ‘intellectuals’ (i.e. the three of us studied *French* rather than something eminently more ‘practical’ like *Woodwork* or *Metalwork*) had the special class arranged since our Modern History and French timetables clashed.

One day, one of us three (I’ll leave him unnamed respecting his right to privacy) asked: “Sir!  You’ve been behind the Iron Curtain.  What’s it like for the little man behind the Iron Curtain?”

Our teacher replied: “Son!  Throughout the world, the little man gets kicked up the arse until he grows a callus and doesn’t feel it anymore.”

Needless to say, we were impressed by his candour.

In the many years since that time, I’ve come to realise that this observation by a nominally ‘Communist’ history teacher was a true example of Gospel Truth.

**As always, the inept imbeciles that purport to ‘govern' on our behalf, ‘legislate’ on our behalf and ‘administer’ on our behalf are demonstrating their incapacity to run the proverbial ‘chook raffle.’**

**As always, our ‘Wise guardians of the Poor’ (cf. William Blake) are hell bent on catching and persecuting *small fish* with a lightweight fine-mesh net while the *big-fish* tear their way to freedom in the usual manner of nominal ‘lobbying,’ a well-known euphemism for *greasing palms* (dare one suggest ‘bribery’) while the *little fish* are processed for pet food!**

**In case you need examples of what I’m referring to, consider the SMH July 28, 2019 article *Crown's unsavoury business links: how Australia's casino got tied up with criminals.***

Will I be accused of entertaining a jaundiced viewpoint because I see our government (public service?) policies to be encouraging ***major criminals*** (aka my ‘big fish’) by giving them license to launder money and encourage (and indulge in) international crime while coming down on ***tradesmen***(aka my ’small fish’) for attempting to minimise their taxation.

**Surely our current laws are sufficiently robust to handle the ‘indiscretions’ of petty criminals since it’s patently obvious they’re not intended to *oversee* (let alone *deal with*) the financial activities of major criminals.**

Dishonesty may not be the prerogative of any individual in our *still-stratified* society.

**BUT I DO THINK IT SHOULD BE NOTED *AND PROSECUTED* under the auspices of OF BLIND JUSTICE'S ‘IMPARTIAL SCALES’ RATHER THAN BEING EFFECTED IN ITS CURRENT AND NON-SCIENTIFIC ‘DOUBLE BLIND' (AKA *VICIOUSLY ONE-SIDED*) MANNER THAT EXEMPLIFIES THE TEACHING OF MY FORMER HISTORY TEACHER!**

All the best,

Serge Martich-Osterman