

Comment by Michael C H Jones

Well the "elections" for the big hitters are done and dusted. Obama is US President again, despite or because of about \$8/9 billion in Presidential Election expenditure - a billion directly and the rest through special interest groups given the quaint US funding laws - I cannot be bothered any longer to get the grotesque terminology right. Xi and Li are in, and Hu and Wen out, because of Deng's CPC/PRC structural changes in the early 1990s and Jiang Zenin's return as the Politburo 'Godfather'. Who knows what will happen - more of the same argy-bargy on strategic matters or policy failures in political-economics bringing on troublesome levels of global-regional confrontation?

Part of the answer lies with the relative minions of global relations namely North Korea and Taiwan in East Asia and Iran and Israel in West Asia. Can China and India "influence" their relative spheres of influence or does the USA have to step in - and into what? The USA of course wishes to preserve Taiwan and Israel but bring down North Korea and Iran. For obvious reasons China would like to "preserve" North Korea and Iran and weaken Taiwan and Israel. What does India want - I doubt if they know themselves. As for Australia - "all the way with the USA" with a twist - the Howard/Abbott Conservative Liberals with George Bush and the moderate Tea Party Christians and the Rudd/Gillard ALP with Obama and "pivoting" to Asia/Darwin. Political Party allegiances have gone global - the Christian Anglo-sphere Liberal/Republicans meets the Asian multiculturalism Labor/Democrats.

Which brings us to Jewish Israel. There, I have already type-cast myself. But note I did not use the Zionist word. I am an extremist - a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant extremist. I do not believe in the Jewish State of Israel - it should never have been set up in 1948 in the first place - it was a travesty against all the peoples of Palestine and Israel. Fundamentalism of any description has never appealed to me whether ideological or theological - Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Marxist etc. Of course I simply "love" the drawing of maps - the Jews do theirs from thousands of years ago and the Chinese from often only hundreds to determine the boundaries of whatever - and surely the principles are the same? I have always been in favour of handing back a large slab of Australia to the aborigines, in modern circumstances perhaps the Island of Tasmania or the evacuation of all non-indigenous peoples from the Northern Territory - just get the Australian Army currently occupying the region to round everyone up and "bus" them south. Silly? No more so than what has been happening in Israel for over 60 years.

Bottom line is that the "Two State" solution is dead and buried - well at least during my life-time. It has to be 'One-State" simply called Israel or Palestine, and it can not be either Jewish or Muslim. And the Jewish lobby groups in Washington and Canberra better get used to it - or just bring on the Third World War? There is no way that the newly elected governments of the Arab Spring can support or acquiesce in current Israeli militarism with their US/Australian "fellow travelers" - that is not to say Hamas has god on its side. So the shootings will go on, the killings will ebb and flow, the extremists of both sides will enjoy the sounds of their own rhetoric, and absolutely nothing will be achieved until the Jewish State of Israel is dissolved and passes into history. Personally I am tied of being politically and emotionally blackmailed by opportunists whose prestige and remunerations depend on continuing bloodbaths.

But perhaps change is a-coming?