EXCURSUS II

Thomas Land on Culture Becomes a Diplomatic Battleground

A claim by Sri Lanka for the return of a twelfth-century bronze figure from the British Museum became a focal point of political aspirations and international relations in 1976, when many countries launched a campaign for the return of cultural treasures now housed in the great museums of the West.

The issue of cultural restitution has been a matter of controversy for many years. In the case of the Sri Lankan claim, the statue, known as Bodhisattva Tara, was acquired by the British Museum in 1877. The statue was gifted to Sri Lanka by the British government in 1976, but was later returned to the UK in 2019.

The issue of cultural restitution is not limited to the case of Sri Lanka. Many countries have made claims for the return of cultural treasures from museums around the world, particularly in the case of European museums.

One of the key issues in the debate over cultural restitution is the question of ownership. Some argue that the ownership of cultural treasures is an issue of cultural heritage and should be returned to the countries of origin. Others argue that cultural treasures should remain in the museums of the countries where they are housed, as they are a part of the global cultural heritage.

The issue of cultural restitution is complex and multifaceted. It involves not only legal and ethical considerations, but also political and diplomatic issues. The debate over cultural restitution is likely to continue for many years to come.
EXCURBAN III

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Letter From Singapore

A new decade is hardly sufficient to understand Singapore's complexities, but it is enough to recognize that thoughtful people here are acting in a broad spectrum of political opinion, and that they are aware of the country's political development. One notable achievement of the opposition, which has been under effective control, is the emergence of the opposition as a serious political force in Singapore. The opposition parties, particularly the People's Action Party (PAP), have become more effective in recent months, and their leaders are now more visible on the political scene.

We tell Amnesty International that it's not a good idea to have a political party in Singapore. There are limits to the right to freedom of association, and the government is careful to ensure that they are not exceeded. But we also believe that the opposition parties are a necessary part of the political process in Singapore. They provide a mechanism for democratic participation, and they are a necessary check on the government's power.

The current Lee Kuan Yew government is fundamentally liberal, and it is sometimes mistaken for being insensitive to the growing demand for political freedom. 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