

ON TARGET

A WEEKLY COMMENTARY ON THE COLD WAR

"We will bury you . . . your children will grow up under Communism . . ." Krushchev.



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Thought for the Week: "Where there is no vision, the people perish.." - Proverbs, 29: 18.

WHERE WE STAND: There is an old Chinese proverb which states that it is better to light only a small candle than to go on cursing the dark. The great Roman Empire was disintegrating and darkness was closing in on the civilised world when the light of Christianity was lit in an obscure province of the Roman Empire. The light of Christian Truth eventually showed the way forward for the greatest Civilisation man has yet produced. But in recent years that light has been dimmed, the shadows of despair and cynicism have deepened, and even a fever of materialistic achievements cannot disguise the fact that a deathly fear has replaced a creative faith. It is in this situation that On Target seeks to keep alight the torch of truth against those gale forces which seek to snuff it out.

As we are not engaged in popularity contests, and support a movement, The Australian League of Rights, which seeks no power for itself, we can neither be bribed nor intimidated. We seek to serve that Truth which the Founder of Christianity said would make us free. We start from the position that the protection and extension of individual freedom is the most important objective in the world. Politics, economics, financial systems, must all be subordinated to serve this central objective. We believe in absolutes, that reality is not a matter of opinion or something to be decided by counting heads. We believe that all the basic truths concerning man living in society have been discovered over man's long history. We believe that those who refuse to heed the tragedies of the past are doomed to go on repeating those tragedies.

We trust that what we have said will indicate clearly to new readers where we stand. And as we take our stand on the Christian concept of the importance of individual freedom, linked directly to the concept of individual responsibility for how that freedom is used, the Christian Season is an appropriate occasion for us to spell out for both old and new readers where we stand on associated issues. We Australians do need a vision, but a vision without the freedom to strive to achieve it, can only end as a bad dream.

The pioneering explorer Wentworth had the vision of Australia as a New Britannia in the Southern Seas. We completely reject the false materialism which seeks to create the image of Australia being "a part of Asia." A people not only lives in space, but more important, lives in time. Australia is an island continent, the largest in the world, geographically close to South-East Asia. But Australia was explored, pioneered and developed by people of predominantly British stock - English, Scots Irish and Welsh. They brought to Australia British institutions, the traditional British concept of

limited constitutional government, a basic feature of which is effective decentralisation of power. They brought that priceless heritage, English Common Law, which grew in the climate of opinion created by the Christian Church. And also they brought the main vehicle on British culture, that noble English tongue "which Shakespeare spoke." Australia as a nation owes nothing to Asia; its roots go deep back into Western Europe, particularly the British Isles. It is true that many other Europeans of non-British background have joined with British Australians to develop Australia, but their contributions have been inside the framework of a nation whose traditions and institutions are basically British.

At a time when sick sophisticates and subversives seek to deride the nation's true history, we believe that greater emphasis should be placed on that history as a guide to the future. We urge that Australians, particularly young Australians, should be taught to stand with pride to honour the Crown, the custodian of the nation's soul, to salute a flag which in the crosses of the Union Jack symbolises not only Christianity, but all major British Christian patron saints, St. Patrick, St. Andrew and St. George. Symbolism, including language, is that which man uses to reflect his tradition, which are the accumulated wisdom of the past. The attack on a people's symbolism is an attack on the very soul of that people.

We believe in a proper pride in one's heritage, including one's racial heritage. The second Christian Commandment states that the individual should love his neighbour as himself. It is only the individual who lacks pride in himself who cannot extend much respect to others. As that most Christian of writers, Shakespeare, said, "To thine own self be true and thou cannot then be false to any man." The man who is false to himself, to his own heritage, will be false to others. Present-day Australians should be thankful for the heritage of racial harmony which their sturdy forefathers passed to them. Men of vision said in essence that if the European wanted to develop Australia for the European, particularly the tropics, then he must be prepared to take his coat off and do the work which many argued only non-Europeans could do. We stand for the strict preservation of a homogeneous people and reject all the false arguments for violating it.

Dorothy Mackellar aptly described Australia as a sunburnt country. Much of it is not endowed with reliable rainfall. But resourceful Australian farmers have demonstrated that they have no equals in producing from soils which would not be highly regarded in some much better favoured countries. The agricultural development of Australia has been the backbone of the development of Australia as a nation. Large numbers of small towns and thousands of miles of roads, railways and other development would never have taken place without the agricultural development of Australia. We stand resolutely opposed to revolutionary "reconstruction" schemes, Marxist in concept, which must increasingly strip the rural communities of their people, undermine a whole way of life, and greatly increase the economic and human problems of the vast humanity ant-heaps. We believe that if Australians generally stand idly aside while financial policies of increasing debt, taxation and inflation are used to destroy the smaller farmer, generally the family farmer, we are permitting the destruction of the backbone of the nation. The case for effective decentralisation in a vast continent like Australia is such that if neglected Australia will eventually perish as a free nation.

We stand for a true nationalism, but reject the false idea that this can only be forced upon the Australian people by destroying the very foundations of the Federal system, and by centralising more

and more power and decision making at Canberra. True greatness in a people is only possible when individual initiativeness, the creative urge in man, can find expression through decentralisation. A nation can be no greater than the greatness of its constituent parts. As centralisation is imposed through a monopoly of financial power, so there is an ever increasing growth of the vast bureaucratic army of occupation, progressively crippling initiative and local life in a jungle of red tape. The founders of the Federation had a vision of true national greatness when they laid it down in the Constitution that there should be a progressive creation of new States, a progressive decentralisation of Power. That vision was also grasped by the party claiming to represent the rural communities, the Country Party, which states in its Federal policy that there should be new States. But it is perhaps symptomatic of this era of darkness and decay that the Country Party has turned its back on this and many other visions. It endorses financial policies which are strangling the existing states. We stand for the revival of the spirit of a real Australian national spirit, based upon the releasing of individual initiative through decentralisation, and genuine progress through a healthy competition between sovereign States.

We believe that a major feature of Australia's material heritage is its great mineral wealth, we reject the short sighted policy of squandering this wealth primarily to establish figures in international bank accounts. The much-published "foreign capital", which it is claimed is essential for Australia's development, is in fact little more than a transfer of figures in bank ledgers without which Australians are asked to believe they cannot feed, clothe and house themselves, and work upon their own resources. If present policies are continued, Australia will become a type of off-shore island quarry for foreign interests. We are selling our children's birthright. We stand for conservation in all its aspects and oppose the rape of our environment and resources to feed an economic monster which progressively ceases to serve true human interests. The feeding of this monster is also driving an increasing number of mothers of young children from their homes in an endeavour to obtain extra amounts of the diminishing purchasing power resulting from what the "experts" term "controlled inflation." We have recently had presented frightening evidence of young children being locked in high rise flats while mothers go to work, or are taken to school with older children. What type of a people are we who tolerate a Government which, while preaching anti-Communism, follows the Communist policy of increasing numbers of Government-financed creches so that mothers can be taken from their homes.

Christmas is the time we think of the miracle of new Creations. It is a time of special joy for children. Our children are our greatest treasure. We stand for making every effort to pass on to them in full richness that heritage which has come down to us over the ages. But to do this we must heed those words which echo down the long corridors of time: Ye cannot serve both God and Mammon. We believe that Christmas is a time for reflection on this and similar Truths. And it is a time for re-dedication to the application of those Truths. This, then, is where we stand. We invite all freedom-loving Australians, those who are proud to be called Australians, to stand with us at this time of deepening crisis.

"THE AUSTRALIAN PEASANT": Under this heading, a new type of advertisement appeared recently in The Australian and The Age. We strongly approve of the sentiments expressed:

"Who's your boss now, mate?

You're good at humping someone else's wool and beef
and minerals onto someone else's hips.

"Pioneers - your ancestors were!

Now you don't even own the land you've got your flat feet on.

Come on, mate: who owns the bank that owns you?

"Peasants - never!

Aussies before have wiped the dust off their faces and shed their white collars and fought back.

All we need is someone to push us just a little more - and it's on.

"Leaders - that's what we need.

Politicians who are sincere enough to risk their seats trying to free the country again.

Leaders who'll wrestle back our land and print our own flamin' money.

"Are you game, mate?

Yes, you.

And the bloke behind the big desk.

God knows we need every single Aussie.

"Our friends in other countries have held their heritage.

How can you expect them to respect us if we don't, too.

Stop burbing valuable daylight.

Let's get on with the job and start selling Australia instead of selling Australia out."

Inserted by Nicholas-Cumming, we understand that the purpose of this advertisement was to try to foster a little proper pride in Australia and what it stands for. Constructive action is urged: "Encourage your local member to think Australia. Get your friends to do the same. The more heads, the more willing he may be to risk his seat for a worthwhile cause."

WILL PRIME MINISTER GORTON PLEASE EXPLAIN: Dr. Walter Henderson, Barrister-at-Law, has written to Prime Minister Gorton concerning the Australian Government's decision to refuse to permit Rhodesian women tennis players to enter Australia to take part in the Federation Cup in Perth. The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia invited the Lawn Tennis Association of Rhodesia to take part in the Federation Cup, and the Rhodesian accepted the invitation. The major part of Dr. Henderson's letter to the Prime Minister is a copy of letter sent to all the major Australian newspapers. He writes: "I challenge the Australian Government to produce to the public such legal opinions as it may have which show, or purport to show, that these resolutions (concerning sanctions against Rhodesia) were validly made under the United Nations Charter." Dr. Henderson also asks: "For how much longer are they (Australians) going to tolerate that their foreign affairs and foreign policy are to be dictated to them by an alien body over which they have no control?" The Russian tennis players, and their "manager", have had no difficulty in entering Australia.

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