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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "The trade unions are broad mass organizations, and it is the task of the vanguard of the working class, the Communist Party, to march at the head of the unions, to guide and direct them, and to make them a field for Communist activity".

- Solomon Lozovsky, authority on Leninism, and trade union warfare, as quoted by V.L. Borin, in How To Betray Your Country.

MR. MALCOLM FRASER ON A STEADY COURSE: "Canberra could prove to be another Bass for Labor in the next Federal elections, the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Mr. Fraser, said last night".

- The Australian, September 2nd.

We believe that Mr. Fraser is performing quite well on all fronts, and that his hand on the helm of the Liberal Party is much steadier and surer than any other hand has been for a long time. He is gaining valuable experience for the time when Gough Whitlam will pass from the stage, to be quickly forgotten, and he (Malcolm Fraser) will be "on".

We believe that Mr. Fraser's underlying criticisms of the 1975 Hayden Budget are sound. That is, that there is not enough taxation relief given to individuals nor companies. In other words, more "economic sovereignty" should be placed back into the hands of individuals. This is as it should be. The Hayden Budget makes much of its spending programmes. But individuals much prefer to pay less tax and spend their own money in their own way, and not have it spent for them on wildcat Socialistic schemes by wily, mischievous ideologues.

But we can see little chance of Mr. Fraser being able to hold his course over the tempestuous years immediately ahead of us unless the principles of the Petersen Plan are applied to the Australian economy. We are well aware that the Treasury will fight tooth and nail against this "unorthodox" programme, but drastic occasions demand drastic measures: the economy will further deteriorate, and the standard economists will still have no answers.

Some of the braver voices from among the profession of Economics are now being raised. Only very recently Mr. John Brunner, the chief economist with B.H.P., asserted that all the world's leading economic theorists had been found wanting, principally because they failed to anticipate the high inflation rates of the present time (C. H. Douglas the Scots mathematic/engineering genius accurately forecast today's racing inflation over fifty years ago). Again, Professor A.A. Walters, Cassel Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics, told a Monash assembly in July, 1971, that the Keynesians had been proved wrong, and that modern economics had suffered a "humiliating failure". So it has - but the Treasury economists would never admit that - they are still doing alright under the system.

The very last people who will institute any kind of reform of a system are those who are profiting by it, or under it. And it wouldn't matter if the great majority of their fellow citizens were groaning under injustices: this is in the nature of things.

Unless Mr. Fraser is able to take this unorthodox action, in the face of intense hostility from the Treasury, and entrenched economic orthodoxy, then his Government will be destroyed by the very inflation which is destroying Gough Whitlam.

WHITLAM THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: "Descriptions of the Federal Government as 'centralist' were a 'grotesque caricature', the Prime Minister, (Mr. Whitlam) said yesterday".

- The Age, (Melbourne) August 28th.

This has a ring of unreality. It's all 'Alice in Wonderland' stuff. Who's fooling whom??

Actions speak more loudly than words. There comes to mind the "phasing out" of the term "Commonwealth". The Commonwealth Government is now referred to by the Socialists as the "Australian Government". We regret that many Opposition members have fallen into this practice also. There are seven Australian Governments: Six State, and one Commonwealth. Name-signs on many Commonwealth buildings around Australia are being brought down, and the word "Commonwealth" replaced with the word "Australian". It is, incidentally, quite probable that this is unconstitutional. The Australian Constitution refers specifically to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, and not the "Australian" Government. The wishy-washy Liberals won't challenge this - no votes in it, they would feel. They would be surprised. If this isn't 'centralist' and 'anti-Federalist', then we don't know what is. We do know that Federal Government contracts being let are still worded as between the tenderer and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

We can again instance the Whitlam Government's attempts to grab State Housing Authorities via the Mighty Dollar: the State Railways also. There have been the many attempts, via Federal referenda, to undermine the Australian Constitution to the detriment of the States; to say nothing of the "squeeze" placed on the States at the 1973 and 1974 Premiers' Conferences, which made the States' functions that much more difficult. (It was at the 1974 Premiers' Conference that Mr. Bjelke-Petersen put forward his now famous 'Petersen Plan').

There have been the attempts by the Whitlam Socialist cabal to prevent the States' right of appeal to the Privy Council. There is the Commonwealth Grants Commission Act, which the Opposition passed to its shame, which allows groupings of Local Governments to apply for, and receive Commonwealth funds. This is a definite step in Gough Whitlam's "regionalisation": the Socialists' plan to form administrative regions in all states, hooked hopelessly on Canberra largesse. The Big Idea is that all these "regions" will supersede the States.

We wonder whom Gough Whitlam thinks he is fooling. The man is egotistical to an absurd degree, and may probably believe that he is so clever and subtle that no-one in the dumb electorate would have the mental agility to see through his shabby, patently obvious, Socialistic "try-ons".

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE ON TIMOR: The confused state of affairs in Portuguese Timor as the result of the recent coup should not comfort Australians. As usual, the Communists are anxious to capitalise on any new development. Andrew Clarke, writing in The National Times, (Aug. 25-30) reported on the visit to Australia of Mr. Jose Ramos Horta, secretary-general of one Timorese political party,

Fretelin. Clarke wrote: "... Mr. Horta, 26, is a half Portuguese former journalist...he was given a more sympathetic ear by left-wing unions in Sydney, and radical overseas aid groups. These groups include the Communist Party of Australia, the Building Workers Union, the Australian Council of Overseas Aid, and Community Aid Abroad. Representatives of these groups formed the Campaign for an Independent East Timor, and sent a delegation to the colony in April this year. Included in the group was communist activist Mr. Denis Freney who helped in the publication of a press release alleging CIA intervention in the current crisis...Mr. Horta...denied that the Sydney-based Campaign for an Independent East Timor had provided anything for Fretelin, apart from a couple of megaphones. However, informed sources say that Fretelin has received a Land Rover and that Mr. Horta's fares from Timor to Australia, Fiji and New Zealand have also been paid for by left-wing groups..."

Andrew Clarke went on to point out that a number of Timorese students had returned to the island from Portugal as "convinced left-wingers after General Spínola's abortive attempt to prevent the entrenchment of left-wing officers in key positions in the ruling Armed Forces Movement in Lisbon. These students had joined Fretelin.

COMPULSORY UNIONISM FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS: A move is afoot to introduce compulsory membership of the United Graziers' Association in Queensland. As no primary industry organisation has been prepared to tackle the cost problem, but has concentrated instead on marketing controls, there is little enthusiasm amongst primary producers. So there is a concerted move for compulsion.

The U.G.A. has prepared a set of notes on the question, after detailed discussion with another statutory body - The Canegrowers' Council. There has also been consultation with a gentleman who has had "a good deal of experience with the Primary Producers Union and Marketing Acts which was the legislation under which Statutory membership was provided".

There are some surprisingly frank admissions in the U.G.A. notes. The Canegrowers' representative suggested that the main benefit to be looked for in becoming statutory would be to obtain a greater income from levies. In a further discussion with officers from the Department of Primary Industries, Mr. D. P. Lapidge, Director of Marketing, gave plenty of advice.

To quote the U.G.A. notes: "Mr. Lapidge saw no problems in us getting the basic per capita levy at a high figure of, say, \$500 per property".

Which should bring a warm little glow to many a rural heart in Queensland! Perhaps the frankest admission in the U.G.A. notes was the fact that "Freedom of Contract" - the right of employers and employees to enter into a contract of employment, would have to be eliminated under the Marketing Act. As the forerunners of the U.G.A. originally formed the association to protect the "Freedom of Contract", it is easily seen how far the wheel has turned.

BRIEF COMMENTS: Five million one-pint milk bottles are to be smashed to satisfy the Metric Conversion Board. A spokesman for the Australian Glass Workers' Union stated that the Board insisted that a complete change be made to metric-size containers: no "phasing out". Some-one will pay for the colossal waste involved; and that some-one will be, as ever, the individual consumer. The "waste" will be costed in to the new metric bottles.

Thank heaven for the small provincial newspapers. The city dailies wouldn't run this news. They

couldn't afford to offend the advertiser; the "Australian" Government with its full page Medibank ads. at \$4,000-5,000, or more, a pop.

Dr. Lockwood, the Liberal member for Toowoomba North, in the Queensland State Parliament, discloses (Toowoomba Chronicle, August 21st) that "Australian" Government cheques have "bounced" recently. Dr. Lockwood said that cheques for more than \$30,000 had been returned to the bearer with the words "present again" written on them. These cheques were paid to contractors to a Government Department. He said he would not name names for real fear of reprisals against the firms concerned. This is a good one - some of the firms have been able to pin the dishonoured cheques to their tax assessment forms when sending these to the Taxation Department.

There are interesting statistics in the 1975-76 Budget Paper No. 10... "Australia's Overseas Development Assistance". On page 13 (anyone superstitious???) is listed "Humanitarian Assistance to National Liberation Movements of Africa". The amount which Australia; or more correctly, Gough Whitlam's "Australian" Government gave to African National Liberation Movements (almost all of them Communist inspired and controlled) was \$150,000. Furthermore, the same amount will be given this financial year.

A political commentator in a Melbourne Sunday newspaper made a good point concerning new Access radio stations. These are broadcasting in foreign languages several times a week. The point made is that it is basically virtual ignorance of, or poor grasp of the English language which is separating migrants from an easier integration into the Australian community. How is this helped by providing programmes for them in their native languages??? Good point.

The Murray Electors' Association has advised us that Mr. Donald Martin, the Chairman of the British Freedom Council, will address a meeting of the Association on Wednesday, September 17th at 8.00 p.m. His address will be entitled - "Can Britain Survive?"

Mr. Martin has been a key figure in the British Anti-Common Market Campaign, and has moved to the front of the international stage with his work in the international anti-Communist movement. He was Chairman of the Political Committee at the World Anti-Communist League Conference in Brazil (Rio de Janiero) during April last. The Organising Secretary of the Murray Electors' Association requests that bookings be made in advance. To cover expenses a fee of \$2.00 will be charged. A comprehensive set of notes will be supplied to each person attending. The Meeting will be held at: - The Victoria Conference Centre, Fryers St., Shepparton. Victoria.

Colonel R.S. Garland, a specialist in military tacts and strategy, speaking at a recent defence conference at Sydney University said that three thousand Communists from Chile, (who were brought to Australia by Gough Whitlam's "Australian" Government) were now active in subversive organisations. Colonel Garland called for a security organization to protect key mainland installations in case of war, and an Australian Coast-guard Service. He urged a larger reserve army, with compulsory national service for young men, and women. Most important of all, in our view, he called for Australian nuclear weapons.. "the only way Australia can achieve a viable defence." The League of Rights is insistent that Australia must have a nuclear strike force for our defence.

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