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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—*

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Thought for the Week: "Under the two-party system, if one major party turns Socialist....then political contests tend to become a race between the two parties in the direction of State dictatorship."

- C.H. Douglas, in 1948.

THE "BRITISH" ANTI-RHODESIA CAMPAIGN: Mr. Eric D. Butler reports from England, where following his recent visit to Rhodesia, he is conducting a nation-wide lecture tour designed to increase support for Rhodesia:

Some years ago I interviewed Sir Roy Welensky in London. The former President of Rhodesia and the Central African Federation, subsequently destroyed by the British politicians who created it, told me that in all his troubled dealings with British politicians, he preferred the Socialists. "They stab you in the chest", he said, "but the Conservatives stab you in the back." I recalled this incident as I contemplate the pathetic efforts by Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives on the deepening Rhodesian crisis. The Conservative Party's Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lord Carrington, was in Salisbury when I was there. But he brought nothing new or constructive for the hard-pressed Rhodesians - merely the same old tired cliches about "majority rule". Following the Rhodesian delcaration of complete independence in 1965, the only realistic action possible in the face of the devious campaign being conducted by the Wilson Government, the Conservatives said that they would have acted very differently. But it was the Conservatives who sowed the seeds of the Rhodesian crisis. In 1960 Harold Macmillan made his ill-timed, and ill-mannered speech in the South African Parliament concerning the African "Winds of Change". This set extreme African power-lusters, miscalled "nationalists", clamouring for "instant democracy". When the Heath Government came to office, it treated the Rhodesians no better than the Socialists.

And what does Mrs. Thatcher offer today? She chided Prime Minister Callaghan in the House of Commons for not accpeting the Rhodesian Government's invitation for Foreign Minister Dr. Owen to visit Rhodesia on his trip to Southern Africa, but then went on to say, "We are very disappointed that the Kissinger proposals did not come to fruition, and

we are particularly anxious that proposals should be found which are acceptable to the people of Rhodesia itself." The British Conservatives are, like the Socialists, dedicated to the dogma of "majority rule". The dishonest and superficial argument is used that if only the Rhodesian Government will accept "majority rule", which means African rule it will cease to be the target of Communist-backed attacks. The Communists must be delighted with this absurd nonsense. Zaire, formerly of the Belgian Congo, is allegedly an independent African State. It has been appealing for urgent help to assist with defence against invasion from Soviet-dominated Angola.

One of the manifestations of the sickness of the modern liberal mind, is that once gripped by some theory, it stubbornly refuses to admit that the theory in practice is consistently disastrous. A former senior member of the British Colonial Service has recalled that when Tafawa Balewa took office as the first Prime Minister of Nigeria, before the British granted complete independence, he told the British official at a Government House party not long afterwards, that he expected to be assassinated on tribal grounds. Shortly after the British left, he was murdered. There has been no election of any kind in Nigeria since. The present Nigerian regime insists upon "majority rule" for Rhodesia! Representing a minor tribe, Amin of Uganda is engaged in slaughtering other tribes. There is no proposal to have any elections in Uganda. The truth is that African "majority rule" has not existed in any former British, French, Belgian or Portuguese territories in Africa. If the European is driven out of Rhodesia, the Communists through their tools like Robert Mugabe, a member of the minority Matabele tribe, will do in Rhodesia what they are doing in Angola and Mozambique.

British Governments have moralised about their "responsibilities" to Rhodesia, but whenever challenged have never been able to demonstrate a capacity for responsibility. They have closed their eyes to crimes such as the abduction of African children and the cold-blooded killing of missionaries. Foreign Minister Owen can visit the Marxist base of Mozambique, but cannot accept an invitation to visit Rhodesia. The Rhodesians are treated as moral lepers, much worse than Communists and terrorist leaders like Robert Mugabe. It is not surprising that an increasing number of Rhodesians are becoming disillusioned by "Kissinger plans" and talks with British politicians, and are demanding stronger action by the Smith Government. Prime Minister Ian Smith is now faced with the strongest internal challenge in his long career. If that challenge ends with a change of Rhodesian leadership, then British Governments are going to find themselves confronted by a much more determined Rhodesian Government, one which will produce major convulsions inside the United Kingdom as well as right around the world.

The vicious campaign against Rhodesia is not, of course, a genuine British campaign. Those promoting this campaign are the same people who droye and tricked the British people to surrender to the Common Market. It may be that just as the revolt by the British colonists of North America forced subsequent British Governments back to the true British tradition of decentralised government and power, so the courageous stand by a predominantly British community in Rhodesia will bring Britain back to sanity. There appears to be a stirring amongst the British electors as they find that all the rosy promises made by the pro-Common Market politicians have proved completely false. And an electorate increasingly disturbed by race problems in Britain, clearly sympathises with the plight of fellow British people struggling to maintain law and order against Communist-backed terrorists in Rhodesia.

BASIC FUND: According to the Gallup Poll just available, the coming May Referendum on the changes to the Constitution will be carried! This is not heartening news. However, the Gallup Poll found that there is widespread confusion over the three proposals on the Constitution (as we well know) and that the views of the electorate could alter dramatically as time goes on, and according to the wording of the proposals etc.

The League is about to campaign heavily for a "NO" vote, and even now, our special brochure is on the printing press. It will be sent out with On Target, hopefully next issue. Supporters may then get in their orders for the largest possible mass distribution so that we can alter the views of a volatile electorate on the three Constitution amendment proposals. This will give us enough time for a really thumping effort.

Yes, we didn't expect this added expense when we set the Basic Fund target of \$45,000, in September last year; nevertheless, we have to put all our energy into this campaign to stop the Canberra power-grabbers from weakening our Senate safeguard. The three major political Parties are for it: the Liberals and the National Country Parties in order to stave off an early Senate election which would produce an unfavourable result for them, and the Australian Labor Party (Socialist) in order that Socialism may be advanced, by way of a weakened Upper House (Senate), which in turn will be a good stride towards the one-chamber Parliament they so desire. Without the safeguard of an Upper House to block rash and ill-conceived, ill-intentioned legislation the individual is at the mercy of Big Government: Big Brother! The D.L.P. and some Liberal Party senators are opposed to the Referendum also independent Tasmanian Senator Brian Harradine - a very sound man.

Now, will each supporter who has not as yet made a pledge/donation to the League's Basic Fund, please do so immediately so that we can cope

with this immediate expense of the VOTE NO brochure. It will be printed in, probably hundreds of thousands, so we need that donation right this minute! Please will you help at once?

During the past week 17 supporters donated \$764 taking the Basic Fund to \$36,494.

MR. CHIPP FOR THE WILDERNESS? Yes, we think Mr. Don Chipp is for the political wilderness. Are we sorry? No, no way. Australian political life can well do without the Chippis.

It was most unlikely that Mr. Chipp would have obtained the pre-selection for his Melbourne electorate of Hotham, for the next House of Representatives election; and we believe Mr. Chipp knew it. Accordingly, we are not impressed with his appeals to "principle", "integrity", and all the rest. Most politicians have a strong dash of the ham actor in them; and some more than others.

We don't think much of Mr. Chipp's chances of drawing Federal Liberal back-benchers away from the Party to his new "third force": we know our politicians too well. Wavering Liberal back-benchers (and we have no doubt they are there) might, just might, back what looks like a winner; but they won't back some nebulous "third force". They won't put their heads on the chopping block for that!

On the other hand, the men of the Australia Party, and the Liberal Movement (Steele Hall returned, himself, to the Liberal fold) have nothing at all to lose in joining forces with Don Chipp, and may even move themselves up a notch in public recognition.

Mr. Chipp realises that he has no hope of winning office in Hotham as an independent: his personal vote (according to himself) is only 8%, and he says he wouldn't capture more than 20% of the total vote. So he has analysed his position thoroughly, as he would. Mr. Fraser won't wear him at all: there is a personality clash there. Mr. Malcolm Fraser has a strong dash of the austere, puritanical Scot, and this clashes with the permissive, opportunist, bend-with-the-wind, trendy, character of Don Chipp.

Incidentally, Mr. Chipp doesn't like the Australian League of Rights. In the Sun (Melbourne, March 24th) in Laurie Oakes's article, he is quoted as saying: "I'm not happy at reports I'm getting about Right'wing infiltration of the Liberal Party" ... "I can see evidence of the League of Rights and allied groups - the maniac pro-Right, fascist ethnic groups - moving in."

Indeed, we can see only evidence of Mr. Chipp moving out: where he belongs.

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