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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "The more I see of Governments, the lower is my opinion of them and I am confident that what the world wants at the present time is a great deal less government, and not a great deal more... I want to get aperfectly simple idea into your minds. And that is that Governments are your property, and you are not the property of Governments. There is no more pernicious and blasphemous nonsense existent in the world today that the statement which has been incorporated in the constitution of the modern dictatorships, which claims that the State, by which is indicated the Government, is everything and the individual nothing. On the contrary, the individual is everything and the State is a mere convenience to enable him to co-operate for his own advantage. It is this idea of the supreme State in its various forms which has made the State the tool of the international financier who has mortgaged all States to himself." - C.H. Douglas in Security - Institutional and Personal (1937)

MR. TONY STREET CONTRADICTS PRIME MINISTER FRASER: Before the last Federal Elections, Prime Minister Fraser dogmatically stated that after the "summer hump", from February onwards, unemployment would fall as a result of the "sound" policies of his Government. Events have proven Mr. Fraser wrong, as we predicted. Unemployment has not come down, but has in fact edged upwards. The Howard Budget was an admission that unemployment was to increase still further. We have expressed the view that it could reach 500,000 early next year. Prime Minister Fraser has continued to speak in glowing terms of his Budget "strategy". One of Mr. Fraser's problems is not only philosophical, but is also a type of invincible stupidity which has manifest itself with Mr. Fraser's personal entry into the Werriwa by-election in N.S.W. Mr. Fraser is so far removed from reality that he believes he can "sell" his Budget to the Australian people. The Werriwa electors will provide Mr. Fraser with his answer tomorrow, September 23rd. They will note that

Fraser has in fact been flatly contradicted by his own Minister for Employment and Industrial Affairs, Mr. Tony Street, in his speech on the Budget on September 14th.

Mr. Street said that there were no signs of any improvement in the unemployment rate. The evidence suggested that it would increase. He said, "by the early 1980s the situation could be one where, in addition to the problem of the 15 to 19 year olds being unemployed there is a growing proportion of people in their early 20s who have little work experience or prospects of employment. If this situation develops, as it has in a number of other countries, there will be real dangers to the fabric of society." Enormous damage has already been done to the fabric of all Western societies. Another army of young unemployed in Australia early next year will be warmly welcomed by the Marxists. But Mr. Street and his colleagues present no answer to the growing social disintegration. Neither has Labor leader Hayden who can only offer more debt-finance to try to stimulate the depressed economy.

Poor Mr. Street, a relatively honest if not brilliant politician, talks of a "difficult" solution, stating that "All of us will have to share the cost of the remedies." What remedies? Those which the Fraser Government has persistently attempted have, on Mr. Street's own admission, failed. Talk of "sharing the costs" is a reflection of the philosophy of the Fraser Government. The constant suggestion is that there must be sacrifice - although not for the politicians! Australia is an enormously wealthy nation. There is a vast reservoir of unused productive capacity which could be used in a number of beneficial ways. Adequate houses could be built. The public transport systems could be modernised. And much more important, an adequate defence programme could be undertaken. All that is required is the provision of the necessary financial credit in such a way that, so far from there being more inflation, there would be no inflation at all. Australia would move off the disaster course now being followed.

We have constantly maintained that Mr. Fraser's big back-bench majority, resulting primarily because of the fear of the return of Gough Whitlam at the last Federal Elections, would prove eventually to be the Prime Minister's Achilles heel. It is ironic that a by-election made necessary by the resignation of Gough Whitlam, Mr. Fraser's greatest asset in the last two Federal Elections, may well mark the beginning of the end for Mr. Fraser. As Mr. Fraser has put his policies and his leadership on the line in Werriwa, a major electoral defeat must shake a growing number of uneasy back-benchers who are beginning to realise where Mr. Fraser is taking them. If a change of policy can only be effected by removing Mr. Fraser, and several of his closest

colleagues, then the sooner this takes place the better. The nation is much more important than Prime Ministers and Cabinet Ministers.

BRIEF COMMENTS: We feel that Mrs. Mary Whitehouse, a most remarkable woman who has demonstrated yet once again that the individual is not a mere piece of flotsam on the sea of history, is right when she says that the young are starting to turn against the permissive society, which they now see as the establishment set up by the middle aged. There is also evidence that the young are beginning to look critically at an establishment in which they see Big Finance openly co-operating with International Communism. But the future of the young requires more than mere opposition. They must be introduced to constructive policies which will ensure that their reaction leads to something more realistic than past reactions.

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A new slavery is developing, but the Left-wing propagandists of this world turn a blind eye. As does, of course, the World Council of Churches. Young blacks from Angola are being forced to go to Castro's Cuba to work in the plantations. This new slavery is taking place under the guise of "education".

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The continuing international Marxist campaign against Chile must be seen in the context of the global power struggle. If the mineral resources of Southern Africa are lost to the West, or the supply of them became more difficult, then the minerals of Latin America become much more important for the West.

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Our Canadian contemporary, "On Target", in its issue of September 11th quotes the following revealing report from "The New York Herald Tribune" of August 24th: "ODESSA, USSR (UPI "Armand Hammer, an American with a knack for trading with the Soviet Union, opened a plant yesterday that is the backbone of what is said to be the biggest East-West business deal in history. Mr. Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum, dedicated a huge ammonia storage facility on the Black Sea and proclaimed it the "crowning achievement" of his relationship with the Soviet Union. Mr. Hammer, 80, led reporters and guests through a tour of the facility, which is part of a 20-year, \$20 billion deal....."

Armand Hammer is the son of Dr. Julius Hammer, a colleague of Lenin. The Hammer family's long association with the providing of economic bloodtransfusions to the Soviet Union is but a part of the story of how the Soviet Union has been kept operating by the West. The earlier Hammer contributions are dealt with by Dr. Antony Sutton in his

classic, "National Suicide". (\$3.80 posted).

When President Jimmy Carter said that he would "firmly punish countries that violated human rights", he was inferring that his wrath would be directed against Latin-American countries like Chile. The Carter Administration is now openly preparing for closer relationships with Castro's Cuba, the flood of economic transfusions to the Soviet continent while preliminary approval has been given for Communist China to purchase American technology that has military applications. President Carter and his "advisers" clearly only insist upon punishing anti-Communist nations who are allegedly violating human rights. Communist nations can violate human rights without being punished.

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The babble of comment on the "computer holocaust" reminds us of the Mad Hatter's Teaparty in "Alice in Wonderland". A child can see that if a machine is made which enables an individual to do the same amount of work in a fraction of the time previously required, it has saved a lot of human labour. It has made free time available to the individual to do something else. If the individual has genuine freedom of choice, he may well decide to use his free time to take up painting. Or he may go fishing. Or he may devote some of the time to helping the Boy Scouts. He would still be active - but doing what he genuinely felt like doing. He would be a much freer man than he was before he had a machine to do the bulk of his work. But to claim that he must be kept "fully employed" merely to enable a financial income to be distributed, is to accept the basic Marxist viewpoint. Any conference on the "computer holocaust" is useless unless first there is an answer to a basic question: "What is the true purpose of production?" The future of Civilisation depends upon how that question is answered. Unfortunately Mr. Bob Hawke, strong for a "summit" on the unemployment issue, is as weak as the Government on any constructive suggestions. The League of Rights has just brought back into print a booklet containing three Papers given over 20 years ago, dealing exhaustively with the subject of technology and unemployment. "Leisure" is essential reading at the present time. Price \$1.25 posted.

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"Tis a mad world, my masters", said Shakespeare's character. We were reminded of this as the press headline proclaimed, "Beef price rises worry cattlemen." It is just as we said it would be; after four years of decimation of beef herds - and beef producers - prices rose, consumers had to pay more, buyer resistance developed, and cattle producers who survived are worried about what to do about consumer backlash. What is required is a consumer-price discount system without any interference with the free market system.