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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "The Soviet Union intends to absorb the whole of Southern Africa including its great mineral wealth; to dominate the Cape sea route, the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, and to bring N.A.T.O. to its knees without firing a shot. That is why Southern Africa is so important to the Soviet Union. Moscow is prepared to take great risks in Africa because detente is dead in that continent."

-General Sir Walter Walker, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. in his Preface to The Bear at the Back Door (1978)

MR. JEREMY LEE, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY, REPORTS FROM NORTHERN VICTORIA:

It was a singular privilege to be one of the guest speakers at the Annual dinner of the Murray Electors' Association. Over 100 people attended the function, which was ably chaired by Tom Fielder, the Association President, who, with the dedicated support of his wife Peg, and a small team of volunteer actionists, has made the Electors' Association into the most potent political organisation in this part of the world. Having endured the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" in his first lonely efforts to build a dynamic association of voters to replace the widespread apathy and cynicism generally found in so many Australian electorates, Tom must have felt proud and gratified last night.

The dinner was notable for a hard-hitting address by Victoria's National Party leader, Peter Ross-Edwards. One of the few politicians with the initiative and courage to go to Rhodesia to see for himself, Mr. Ross Edwards gave a graphic account of the real situation in Rhodesia, and observed that the ingenuity, enterprise and friendship he found everywhere - amongst black and white - impressed on him the close similarity to Australian communities. He pulled no punches in describing Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe as "front men" for Soviet and Chinese aggression. It was like a breath of fresh air to hear an Australian political leader speak in so forthright a manner. Answering questions at the end of his address,

Mr. Ross Edwards assured his audience he would continue to speak out on Rhodesia, and was not the type of politician who tailored his views to his audience. "If you think I am the sort of politician who will say one thing to a dinner such as this, and another to my parliamentary colleagues, you don't know me," he said.

Mr. Ross Edwards is one of a growing number now speaking with increasing force on the Rhodesian situation. Former State Chairman of the National Party in New South Wales, and member of the Upper House, Mr. Adrian Solomons has also spoken out strongly on Rhodesia. His Federal colleague, and one-time Chairman of Committees, Phil Lucock, who did his R.A.A.F. training in Rhodesia during the war, has also been outspoken. Further - and suprisingly - two Labor Politicians in Canberra have also spoken out. One was Senator Wheeldon, who tore the Fraser Government to ribbons for its selective policy of opposition to Rhodesia and South Africa, while ignoring the brutalities in such regimes as Uganda and Ethiopia. He went further in commending the efforts of Ian Smith, Bishop Muzorewa, and Ndabaningi Sithole to reach peaceful agreement. Referring to the tragic airline disaster in Rhodesia, Senator Wheeldon said in the Senate: "It was an outrage that somebody should shoot down an airliner full of people and then boast of it, even making some sort of joke of it to the effect that, 'we thought General Walls (Rhodesia's military commander) would be on it - so he is at fault for not catching the plane'. Certainly if Smith did it he would be condemned and justifiably so. Anybody who did that ought to be condemned, even Mr. Nkomo, with whom our Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, seems to have achieved some kind of rapport."

Senator Wheeldon was even more scathing about Foreign Minister Peacock: "The foreign policy statement offers us nothing but the platitudes and bromides that we ought to work for a bit of peace here, we ought to work for a bit of peace there, and we should not overdo it. We ought not to push too hard, and not upset the Chinese, not upset the Russians and not upset anybody and in the end it will all pan out as long as we keep a pleasant smile on our faces...."

Senator Wheeldon was equally scathing about the United Nations. On the same day, another A.L.P. member, Dick Klugman, made a similar speech in the House of Representatives. Included in his remarks was the following:

".....Unless the pressures in the so-called Third World change dramatically I predict that many countries will start to concentrate on us when South Africa and Israel have been eliminated. ...I used to believe that wars were caused only by the failures of capitalism. This is obviously not now true ... with Soviet troops occupying nearly all of Eastern Europe, and with Cuban mercenaries fighting in much of Africa, Communist countries have a hide to talk about interference in other countries ... It should be the aim of this country to try to encourage other democratic countries to act together..."

There is something quite nauseating and ugly about the silence of Liberal Country Party men who know about Rhodesia, when even A.L.P. politicians are now speaking out against the Soviets and the Chinese. What are we to make of Ralph Hunt, who spoke out so forcefully on Rhodesia before he became a Minister? Or John Macleay, whose silence is now deafening? Or, worst of all, our present Minister for Defence Jim Killen, who once said that he would put his parliamentary career on the line on the Rhodesian issue? A man who knows the truth, but who now prefers the quietude of passive conformity to the hard facts. As Lincoln said: "Silence when we should speak out makes cowards of us all." Let us all hope that Mr. Ross Edwards' example will shame his Federal counterparts into acknowledging the reality of Rhodesia today.

FROM BRITISH "ON TARGET": March 19th, 1979. "Vigilia" Reports on The Shah of Iran's Downfall:

"In a recent issue of (British) 'On Target' I drew attention to the financial attack on the Shah, then being master-minded by the Rockefeller-controlled Chase Manhattan Bank. During the weeks ahead patriotic journals will doubtless draw attention to a variety of contributing factors. Thus, excellent 'Hilaire du Berrier Reports (Jan. 1979) draws attention to such factors as the Shah's need to rearm after Britain's abandonment of the (Persian) Gulf, the fanatical Moslem opposition to modernisation, the domination of the universities by Communist students, American interference with Iranian attempts to crush subversion, American pressure for liberalisation, the Communisting of students sent to Western universities and the vicious Western press. "In my view, while these are valid arguments, they ignore the basic causes. The primary cause was the treachery and weakness of the Shah himself. Twenty-five years ago it was the political Right which restored the Shah after he had abjectly fled the country from Mossadegh. The real test occurred two years ago when a top Russian pilot flew his plane to Japan. Fired by his example a Russian helicopter pilot flew to Iran. The great anti-Communist Shah promptly had the pilot handed over alive to the Russians. By this act of gratuitous treachery alone, the Shah placed himself outside the company of great men. At the moment of writing (Feb. 20th, 1979) the Shah's generals and ministers are being daily executed. Why are they in Khomeiny's hands? In most cases they had already been put in prison by the Shah to appease the Red mob. Yes, it was the Shah who arrested them and delivered them to their enemies. Thus, not only did the Shah by weakness deliver Iran to her enemies but by treachery delivered his own loyal friends to their deaths.

Charles I, before his execution, regarded his downfall as prime punishment for his betrayal to execution of his loyal Minister, Stafford, who, alive would almost certainly have crushed the Roundheads. The Shah, by cowardice and treachery most foul, has brought ruin to his country,

and death to his most loyal supporters. The failure of the Shah, and later failure of his generals to blast the mob off the face of the earth, can properly be laid at the feet of what Caine, in his book on the French Revolution, described as 'the refined horror of bloodshed', which pervaded the governing classes."

Madagascar: "The press won't tell you, but the U.S. weekly- "Review of the News" (Jan. 17th 1979) reported that Madagascar, reluctant to be on the side of a West that lacks the will even to save itself, has permitted Red Air Force bases to be set up."
(end of "British On Target" items).

BRIEF COMMENTS: We notice that some reports appearing from the American political scene in the Australian press are to the effect that a "Draft Teddy Kennedy" movement is gathering momentum. We reported in a recent issue of On Target that Teddy Kennedy is now "inside the Insiders". Apparently the Eastern Establishment (U.S.A.) considers that Kennedy is now "ripe" for the top American political plum, having, hopefully, lived down the Chappaquiddick incident. This has been like a festering sore on Teddy Kennedy's political career since it happened on July 18th, 1968. His political enemies (and there are many) will undoubtedly raise the Chappaquiddick ghost again and again, as the American Presidential election (Dec. 1980) draws near.

Chappaquiddick means cover-up, ruthless use of position, power, influence, wealth, to prevent the truth from becoming common knowledge. The truth of the matter is that a young girl, Mary Jo Kopechne, was drowned in Senator Kennedy's car, when it ran off a bridge into deep water on an island on the Massachusetts coast. The events leading up to the tragedy, and the events after the tragedy, were the subject of a book - "Teddy Bare" by Zad Rust. It puts Watergate in the shade. According to recent public opinion polls, Teddy Kennedy is far ahead of Jimmy Carter in public acceptance: Kennedy is playing the usual (and expected) game of appearing cute about it all - even to the extent of denying his intention to "run" against Jimmy Carter of his own Democratic Party. But they always do this: it doesn't pay to lock oneself into a fixed position too early in politics.

BASIC FUND: We are pleased to report that we have now passed the \$45,000 minimum target for 1978/79. Over the past week 25 supporters have donated \$1285 and this pushes the Basic Fund up to \$45,393. All future donations will now be put towards the 1979/80 Basic Fund which will be formally opened later in the year. The National Director will make a comment on this matter in due course.

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