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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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Thought for the Week: "Democracy has not a more persistent and insidious foe than the money power... that enemy is formidable because it works secretly by persuasion or deceit, rather than by force, and so takes many unawares; he is a danger to good government everywhere."

— Lord Bryce in "Modern Democracies".

MAJOR "PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY" PROJECT: The plight of the world is a reflection of the progressive retreat from practical Christianity during this century. Undergirding the great advances in Western Civilisation up until the first World War, the first major disaster of a century of continuous convulsions, was the impact of basic Christian truths. The value, dignity and uniqueness of every individual was accepted. Rights were held on lease from God, not from the State, and were regarded as inviolable irrespective of majorities obtained by Governments in electoral contests. It was believed that the power of Government (Caesar) was not unlimited. Constitutions reflected the Christian view concerning the evil of centralised power over the individual. Generally speaking, the Christian Church has abdicated from its traditional responsibility to be an outspoken Authority on the Laws of God as applied to the whole of life. The result is that large numbers of people are indifferent to Christianity. They are not anti-Christian; they do not see that Christianity is of any relevance to the great issues of the day.

But in recent years a growing number of Christians have come to a realisation that Christianity must offer much more than "personal salvation", must have a practical policy for influencing politics. As a result of hearing League speakers and reading League literature, a number of Christian groups have expressed a desire to become involved in what might be described as a Christian counter-offensive. Originally a concept was advanced for a Seminar to which representatives from all parts of Australia might attend. When this came to be regarded as impractical at this stage, it was agreed to use the occasion of the Annual South Australian State Seminar to launch the

project. Instead of the usual Seminar on the Saturday afternoon, followed by the League Action Seminar on the Sunday, the Seminar on "practical Christianity" will start on the Saturday morning, continue for the whole day, followed by another full day on the Sunday.

The dates are Saturday, August 16th and Sunday, August 17th. There will be an appropriate Divine Service on the Sunday morning. The League Annual State Dinner will be held in the evening of Saturday, August 16th, and all visiting interstate visitors and friends will be welcome. Details will be published shortly concerning the big weekend programme. We are announcing the project now so that any interstate League supporters and friends who may wish to attend this historic event, can start to plan now.

Speakers from four States are already scheduled to present Papers for discussion. One of the documents to be discussed at the Seminar is the enclosed "Creed for The Practical Christian" first drafted by Mr. Eric Buterr during his Canadian tour earlier this year and already widely discussed. Readers are invited to make any written comments which can be considered at the Adelaide Seminar. It is anticipated that this Creed will be issued as part of a national Christian Call to the Nation. It is confidently anticipated by those closely associated with the development of this project that a new and exciting note is about to be struck in Australian politics. The League of Rights is proud to be associated with this project and to encourage League supporters to support it enthusiastically. Once the project has been launched in Adelaide, it is visualised that there will be a series of similar follow-up Seminars right throughout Australia.

THE "ENERGY CRISIS" AND INFLATION: In his Paper on The Politics of the Energy Crisis given at the recent Queensland State Seminar, Mr. Eric Butler said that one of the most disturbing aspects of the "energy crisis" was that large numbers of apparently quite commonsense people could be brainwashed into believing that there was a threatened shortage of oil in the foreseeable future. Quoting from an internal bulletin of the Trilateral Commission, headed by Mr. David Rockefeller, Mr Butler said that the Trilateralists themselves do not believe there is any energy shortage, but are encouraging the energy-crisis myth so that this can be exploited in the interests of a global power strategy.

The irrefutable facts about proven oil supplies are summarised in Mr. Jeremy Lee's booklet, "The World-Wide Oil Scandal" (\$1 posted, or 5 for \$3.50 posted). NO ONE HAS EVEN ATTEMPTED TO REFUTE THESE FACTS. But the constant theme is advanced that dearer petrol is necessary to conserve limited oil supplies as well as making it profitable to bring other sources of energy into production. The Fraser Government has adopted what in essence is National Socialism.

There was a time when one of the Bibles of the Liberal Party was F.A. Hayek's classic, "The Road To Serfdom". Hayek pointed out that to use the price system to artificially regulate production inevitably fosters increasing monopoly. Today's Liberals have succumbed to the same central planning disease which has long afflicted the Labor Party.

While it may prove that Mr. Fraser can win the coming Federal Elections, in spite of widespread resentment about increasing oil prices, primarily because Mr. Hayden cannot offer a genuine alternative, the Australian people cannot escape the progressive inflationary impact of the "world parity" pricing policy. Even assuming that Saudi Arabia can escape the growing revolutionary ferment sweeping the Islamic world, and Middle East oil production is maintained, it is as certain as the sunrise that under present world-wide financial policies, inflation must continue and OPEC oil prices to rise. This means that if Mr. Fraser and his "advisers" insist that the price of Australian-produced oil must follow the OPEC price rises, high inflation must continue in Australia in spite of the babblings of Federal Treasurer John Howard who keeps repeating like a cracked record, that he is "fighting" it. Higher oil prices have been a major factor in the accelerating inflation rate, now running at 11* per cent per annum.

If the spokesmen for rural groups now warning the Government that oil prices will be a major issue at the elections, are genuine, then they should launch a national campaign of exposure on the global oil scandal. We agree with the view of the Cattlemen's Union that the Government could be neutralised in the Senate if an electoral backlash on oil prices were developed. The rural exodus is going to increase unless inflation is constructively reversed. Increasing oil prices are a major inflationary factor and, if there is any genuine leadership left in rural organisations, now is the time for it to be demonstrated. Such leadership could set an embattled Australia on the road to recovery.

BRIEF COMMENTS: Comrade Mugabe of Zimbabwe, desperately attempting to adopt the Leninist principle of the dialectical one step backwards in order to take two steps forward, is faced with a growing revolt by Matabele dissidents who support Nkomo. Mugabe has launched a police and army campaign against the dissidents. Armed robberies and murders have become prevalent. Ironically, farmers in some areas are being told to carry arms again. Mr. Mugabe has predictably announced that he is severing all diplomatic relations with South Africa. But he does not point out that there will be no severing of economic links. He has no hope of survival without South African economic co-operation. Unfortunately, the worst is yet to come in the country once known as Rhodesia. When it does, Malcolm Fraser and other political tools of the shameful betrayal, will wash their hands. But no amount of washing can ever erase the blood stains of treachery.

Political spokesman Isi Leibler has in essence threatened A.L.P. leader Hayden if he meets in Lebanon with Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. No civilised person can hold any brief for terrorists operating under the label of the P.L.O., but it is essential to stress that acts of terrorism are reprehensible irrespective of who carries them out. We have no doubt that Mr. Leibler has no objection to Mr. Hayden meeting Prime Minister Begin of Israel and his Foreign Minister Shamir, two former terrorist leaders, both of whom have been charged with collaborating with the Nazis during the Second World War. Writing in "The Weekend Australian" of June 21-22, Richard L'Estrange says that "according to well-placed sources on Friday, Mr. Hayden's decision (to meet Arafat) has already cost the ALP dearly within the Australian Jewish community, which has supported the Labor Party for a long time, often with generous donations". In the meantime Mr. Bob Hawke, who has been meeting the "right" people in the U.S.A., continues as the darling of the Political Zionists. Hawke's view is that the ALP cannot win under Hayden at the next Federal Elections, who will then be immediately deposed in favour of Hawke, who will come to power in three years. But, as Bobby Burns said, the best laid plans often go astray!

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It is always refreshing to report some good news. The Geelong (Vic.) High School Council has claimed that the State Government's sex education courses could lead to the moral breakdown of society. It also claimed the "human relationship" lessons could encourage sexual experimentation and permissiveness among children. In a hard hitting submission to the State ministerial committee on health and human relations, the school council questioned the composition and competence of the committee, stating that "We are concerned that of the 11 people on the committee, none appears to be Christian Ministers, although the Committee are delving into areas of spiritual and moral concern." The lead from Geelong could pave the way for a State-wide protest against the Hamer Government's proposals.

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As we predicted, former Communist leader, John Halfpenny is already indicating that he left the Communist party to advance Marxism through the Labor Party. Already there is talk of him becoming leader of the Socialist Left and ultimately of the State Labor Party.