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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "There are only two powers in the world, the sword and the spirit. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit."

— Napoleon Bonaparte

FOILED ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE LEAGUE SEMINAR: The National Director, Mr. Eric D. Butler, sends these notes from the Brisbane front: "From the moment it became known that Mrs. Flo Bjelke-Petersen, the wife of the Queensland Premier, was to speak at the Brisbane Seminar of the Australian League of Rights on Sunday, August 10th, sections of the Australian media initiated a nation-wide campaign to prevent her from appearing, and speaking. Apart from the pressure from sections of the media to sabotage the Seminar, the pressure applied against her from sections of the National Party was intense and unrelenting: we believe many in these sections had been brainwashed with the customary smear material against the League, and are now becoming alerted to what has been happening over the decades — and having sharp, second thoughts. A deprecatory statement against the League which had been issued by one, Mr. Terry Gygar, a Queensland Liberal backbencher, was used prominently in the nation-wide campaign of smearing and intimidation. However, Mrs. Flo Bjelke-Petersen stood firm and gave a tremendous address. She told those in the packed hall that she had reacted with a 'horrified no' when asked if she would withdraw. She told the audience that she had the full support of her husband. A very fair report of the Seminar has appeared in The Australian (August 11th). Representatives of the media were present, and their numbers and intent brought to mind a savage wolf-pack. However, the Dinner in the evening was an outstanding success, with Senator Glen Shiel giving a first-class address on the purpose and the value of the Australian Senate. There was a moving presentation to Lady Cilento for her splendid efforts in so many spheres over many years. An enlarged report of all the proceedings will appear in the forthcoming popular-style League publication, the 'Electors' Voice'."

POWERFUL PRESS SUPPORT FOR MRS. FLO BJELKE-PETERSEN IN 'THE AUSTRALIAN':

In The Australian (August 6th) appeared no less than three letters to The Editor giving the strongest support to Mrs. Flo Bjelke-Petersen. They are all worth reprinting here - however we are unable to do that. Space will allow us to reprint the letter from a Victorian: the other two are from Queenslanders:

"As an example of gutter journalism your base Editorial ('The Emperor's Consul') (July 28th) reaches an all-time low!

Mrs. Florence Bjelke-Petersen's nomination for the Senate by the Queensland National Party is cited as 'a sorry commentary on the political maturity of our conditioned society'. I wish the anonymous, vitriolic journalist God speed to more politically mature societies such as Iran, Vietnam, Zimbabwe or even the U.S.A. or the U.K. where the majority of the population have been reduced to such apathy by the conditioning from the comrades of the media that they don't even bother to go out and vote at all.

Australia is still probably the most politically mature society on earth and that is why, despite the constant incitement by the media, the people, refuse to be whipped into a state of hysteria.

Yes, indeed, it may well be that the lady Senator from Queensland will emerge as a shining star in Canberra's political firmament - for she is just that, a perfect lady. Added to which Mrs. Bjelke-Petersen has other qualities which the people of Australia crave in their public figures: she has integrity; she cares about and intends to fight for the survival of the traditional family as the linchpin of society, and she has a set of values which makes her incorruptible.

She will need courage, too, to withstand the mindless mudslinging of which your Editorial is a prime example. I believe she has that courage and that the decent people of Queensland, still in the majority, support her."

This letter, above appeared over the signature of a "Betty Williams", of Canterbury, Victoria. We would not be at all surprised if the effect of this letter, together with the other two letters from Queensland, influenced the editors of The Australian to run the very fair report of the League Brisbane Seminar, which was referred to by the National Director in the first item. We again remind our actionists that a good letter, apart from its impact on readers, can influence the policy of newspapers themselves.

ROYAL NAVY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARNS AUSTRALIA: Sir James Eberle, as reported in The Australian (August 5th), advised Australia to avoid the danger of neutrality. In a professional and realistic address Sir James said that the immediate threat is not that the Soviet Union would invade the Northern Territory, but rather that there is a critical balance of military and naval power which has now swung in favour of the Soviets, and it is this which confers enhanced political power ("political

power grows out of the barrel of a gun"). Speaking of Afghanistan, Sir James said it had changed the thinking of many of Western political and military leaders, as it demonstrated that the Soviets were prepared to use force, if necessary to impose their political will on a previously non-aligned nation.

The main purpose of the immense Soviet navy build-up is to gain control of the West's sources of energy, and the means of transport of the materials of energy: the Soviet could well survive, itself, without open sea routes. He favours the aircraft carrier for Australia to enhance anti-submarine capability, but he does concede that Australia's needs could not be compared with those of N.A.T.O. Our own Jonathan Huntingdon is opposed to Australia's purchase of more aircraft-carriers which support Forward Defence - which Huntingdon says is a thoroughly outmoded concept: our Defence concepts should be now continental; because of the radically changed political alignments in Oceania, not to mention the radically altered capability of weaponry - as a result of technology. It is interesting that Sir James Eberle, himself, highlights the differences in Defence concepts between Australia and the N.A.T.O. nations. No doubt thinking as a N.A.T.O. Commander, he said:

"Although N.A.T.O.'s and Australia's needs could not be compared, proposals to build two aircraft-carriers instead of buying the U.S. F-16 or F-18 fighters would complement American and Allied plans". (Our emphasis). How reliable will be N.A.T.O. and Allied plans??? Is it better to look to our own defences, in our own way? A growing number of Defence experts seem to be coming round to this point of view.

BRIEF COMMENTS: The ripples of the "Blackwater Affair" are still sweeping around the nation. It is now acknowledged generally that Mr. John Howard (Federal Treasurer) and Mr. Doug Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party) acted unwisely, to say the least, in their confrontation with the miners. What is interesting is that the unions, as such, are now in open opposition to the Federal Treasury - and this is a new situation. Readers are aware that Communists and Socialists do not criticise the Power of Finance at all. To them, taxation is GOOD; high interest rates are GOOD - any monetary and fiscal policy which strips financial sovereignty away from the individual, thus rendering him even more defenceless against the rapacity of Big Government. Union leadership of key unions in Australia is solidly in Communist-Socialist hands; that's why it is so novel to witness the present antagonisms.

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The Theory of Evolution is about to take another knock. An Australian scientist, based in London, has discovered that genetic processes, previously unknown, if proven right - and Dr. Ted Steele is certain that they are right, will alter our thinking on every aspect of heredity

and environment; education and breeding.

We shall not be surprised if there is an orchestrated symphony of hostility to these discoveries, if proven. The forces of subversion and world revolution need their "equalitarian dogma" and their Theory of Evolution" so that their "racial warfare" can be sustained. If the man in the street comes to realise that there are inherent differences between races (what his plain common-sense tells him) and becomes aware of the stupidity of handing over political power to those who can't handle it - then a blow will be struck for sanity.

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FROM JONATHAN HUNTINGDON'S NOTE-BOOK: It's hard to believe that we have 190 million Indonesian and Malay Moslems (deeply religious people whose second most important shrine has been annexed by the Israelis) - as neighbours, and vital for our (Australia's) collective security. Will someone tell the Liberals about diplomatic subtlety, and please explain that morality, not money, must govern our long-term behaviour.

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Some of our more alert readers have started letter-writing to reactivate debate on nuclear weapons for Australia, and its your turn now.

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The French are giving a lead on Immigration: they have been expelling illegals who have been in France for up to a decade. In Australia the new amnesty on illegals was begun with a release of Chinese detainees from a Sydney detention centre.

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Australians, Ron Dean and David Scott, were tortured to death by murderers of the Kampuchean Pol Pot regime. Australia still recognises the Pol Pot regime, and whilst in Australia recently the Chinese Vice Premier said the Pol Pot regime was still fit to govern. Mr. Robert Hawke's daughter was committed for trial in Melbourne for painting on a hoarding: her message - "Support the Pol Pot regime".

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On the Asian front recently, further depressing news became known. The U.S. Carter Administration is to supply India with weapons - grade uranium, and also China is now free to buy U.S. weaponry: we hope restricted. The Japanese World War 2 "Zero" was designed by the Howard Hughes Corporation, as many a dead U.S. marine won't tell.

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