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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "We are taxed in our bread and wine, in our income and our investments, on our land and on our property not only for base creatures who do not deserve the name of men, but for foreign nations, complaisant nations who will bow to us and accept our largesse and promise us to assist in the keeping of peace - these mendicant nations who will destroy us when we show a moment of weakness or our treasury is bare, and surely it is becoming bare!...."

"When a government becomes powerful it is destructive, extravagant and violent; it is an usurer which takes bread from innocent mouths and deprives honourable men of their substance, for votes with which to perpetuate itself."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero, celebrated Roman orator, statesman and philosopher, in the First Century, B.C.

THE MOUNTING ANTI-ZIONIST BACKLASH: Dr. Alfred Lilienthal, the famous American Jewish authority on the Middle East, is reported to have said following his recent visit to Lebanon, that Zionist terrorist activities have set the Zionist cause back 100 years. There is undoubtedly a great deal of truth in this observation. But it is also true that the Soviet strategists are shrewdly continuing to exploit the situation, presenting themselves to the Palestinian refugees and other Arabs as their only friends. Time and time again throughout history, Jewish leaders, victims of the "chosen" madness, have so overdone their campaigns and policies that there have been massive backlashes. Unfortunately, the rank and file of the Jewish people are generally the main victims of the backlash, their leaders escaping the brunt of the vengeance sought by outraged people.

"The Herald", Melbourne, of October 4th, carried a story from Beirut, published first in the "London Times", aptly entitled, THE LESSONS ISRAEL WILL NEVER LEARN. Correspondent Robert Fisk makes the following comments: "The Israelis never learn, even after the horror of Ahatila. Every night was the same, up to the eve of their departure from West Beirut. Around 7 o'clock, when the last sunlight had

disappeared over the Mediterranean, the sky over the city would be lit by a cold yellow glow. The flares would hang, incandescent and golden, over the slums, ruins, and Palestinian camps....There would be no shell fire this time, just a crackling radio in a blacked-out street, a Hebrew voice that issued orders to lonely, frightened soldiers. The Israelis would be hunting for 'terrorists' again. It was - and is - an obsession for them, an unclear military objective with neither end nor meaning.....

"Thus when Israeli troops did move into the Moslem sector of the capital, they sent the Falange into Shatila to kill the 'terrorists', gunmen who were largely imaginary since most of the guerrillas had sailed out of Beirut two weeks earlier. The real terrorists turned out to Israel's Christian allies, and therein lies the ghastly irony of the whole ghastly affair. For Israel armed the Falange and Major Shad Haddad's militia.

"The Moslems have been effectively disarmed and their surrender was made palpable when the Moslem politicians voted for Amin Gemayel's presidency. The Israelis have not disarmed their Falangist friends. Having thus upset the balance of power in Beirut, the Israelis are now leaving."

Correspondent Fisk goes on to observe that there are dark times ahead for Lebanon, stating that "All this will be Israel's doing and she will have gained no advantage from it by invading Lebanon." As Douglas Reed points out in his great classic, "The Controversy of Zion", the madness flowing from the "chosen" idea will continue until the Jewish people join the mainstream of mankind and free themselves from the collectivism which Christ condemned in robust language when He confronted the Pharisees. Far too many Jews have been recruited to the Communist cause because Marxism also offers its own version of the "chosen" idea. Karl Marx said that it was the "proletariat" which had been "chosen", not by God, but by history.

What has happened recently in Lebanon has opened up discussion on the whole "Jewish question" in a way which can no longer be suppressed by smearing. We await with interest to see how those Christians who have supported Zionism and the "chosen" concept react to recent events. The realities have been harsh, but this is, regrettably, the way in which many people learn. The Middle East situation may yet produce that deeper understanding if there is to be genuine peace in the Middle East, this denying the Soviets the opportunity to further their long-term strategy. C.H. Douglas said that the establishment of the State of Israel would prove in the long run to be a major mistake by the Zionist leaders, leading to situations which would bring the basic "Jewish question" into the open for comment. Christians have a special

responsibility to ensure that the growing backlash against the Zionists is used to free Jews as well as non-Jews from the threat of totalitarianism collectivism.

THINK-OF-A-NUMBER ECONOMICS: "It's time, surely, for the Government's statisticians to take a clean sheet of paper, think of a number, and work out a new set of figures properly weighted to massive tax evasion."

Mr. Douglas Wilkie, in The Sun (Melbourne) October 4th. The thrust of Mr. Wilkie's searching article in the Melbourne daily (above) is that it is impossible to calculate exactly just what volume of "money" is by-passing the coffers of the Treasurer. (Mr. John Howard). The "pollies" (as Mr. Wilkie detractingly refers to our politicians) are largely guessing. Similarly for our "G.D.P." (Gross Domestic Product): the figures which appear in Government Year Books are prepared by government statisticians who do the best they can with figures which are probably well-cooked. And what about standards of living, and wages and salaries? Those who are geared to the P.A.Y.E. system of tax payments (tax stamps and tax certificates) can't play the tax fiddle but there are many thousands who can, in the form of "swindle sheets" (expense accounts); low-interest company loans, flats and units at merely nominal rentals, company cars, family overseas trips, and multifarious goodies.

Then there is the "underground cash economy", with some "guesstimates" soaring as high as \$10 Billion (who knows?). As Mr. Wilkie comments - "Real average earnings may be 30% higher, after allowing for tax-cheating, moonlighting, and cash-on-the-nail deals. "All this is being fostered by a fallacious finance-economic system with further distortions being added by the essential immorality (universally misunderstood) of taxation systems. In reality, all taxation is legalised robbery. Mr. Wilkie comments:

"Our consumer spending-power is hidden in the murk of immorality engendered by a taxation system that favours big-time cheats, and incites the little man to come in for his chop."
We would re-write that comment thus: "Our consumer spending-power is being forced into concealment by the immorality of the taxation system which some wealthier taxpayers find easier to avoid than some small, who try." Mr. Wilkie's final sally is against the politicians who use "the fallibility of statistics" to support their own political programmes. Such a programme, we ourselves assert, as Malcolm Fraser's retrospective legislation.

ORGANISED DECEPTION: "Nearly every aspect of society where money is important is permeated with the same selfish and, at the same time, anti-social principles...."

The above extract is from a letter which was published in The Age, (Melbourne) October 4th. This letter over the name of a "F.J.R.

Hird", was given a prominent heading - "Organised Deception Is Exploiting Us Daily."

The writer points out that deception is everywhere; e.g. television advertising being "so much psychological deception taken to the extremes of noise, colour, and absence of meaning". Even our own language has lost much of its meaning. Many words now have altered meanings. 'Comrade' was an excellent word, but now means a Communist. 'Gay' was an excellent word, but now means homosexual. There are many other examples.

The writer observes that the population in general is losing faith in our institutions, this embracing governments, unions etc.; others are schools, universities (education), churches, professions. The point is more than adequately made.

Our political leaders are now speaking of 'organised deception' by certain wealthy taxpayers in the field of taxation; but then again the politicians themselves, are just as culpable for organised deception as those they accuse, as they are "fiddling" with statistics to endeavour to condone their own immoral legislation.

We feel that so long as the individual is being squeezed of his substance to feed ever-more-voracious governments, then so long will the individual be forced into some measures of self-protection, even if these are basically against his honest nature. At the same time, such forced less-than-honest practices are erosive of decency and confidence, and are highly infectious: the erosion spreads rapidly throughout the community, and must deepen. Ultimately, any society operates on faith. Would one board a train, or a bus, if one knew that the driver of both was drunk, or incompetent? Many thousands of parents are now discovering that their children are not receiving an adequate education from the schools and colleges to which they are sent in good faith.

The fallacies of the finance-economic system are destroying Faith, and Faith is the undergirding principle of a society; a society without such Faith will not endure. Our enemies know this all too well.

BRIEF COMMENT: In his TV address to the nation on retrospective tax legislation, Prime Minister Fraser produced two examples of what he claimed were British precedents for retrospectivity. But he did not point out that his 1978 example concerned legislation introduced by the Callaghan Socialist government. Neither did he point out - for obvious reasons! - that the end result of the Callaghan's retrospective legislation was the defeat of the Government by Margaret Thatcher. There is not the slightest doubt that if Hayden Government is elected, Mr. Hayden's more dogmatic Socialists will be pressing that retrospective legislation be used to the maximum.

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