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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "The cause of unrest in Palestine, and the only cause, arises from the Zionist movement, and from our promises and pledges in regard to it." - Winston Churchill, June 14th, 1921.

DANGEROUS MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS: With the Soviet Union now adopting a completely new and friendly attitude towards Saudi Arabia, and Saudi Arabian representatives visiting Communist China to court support for an independent Palestinian State, the Middle East crisis is entering a new and more dangerous phase. Both Moscow and Peking, currently engaged in high-level negotiations, have attempted to exploit the Middle East unrest stemming from the establishment of the Zionist State of Israel. Saudi Arabia has, until recently, been the West's major ally in the Middle East. But the Saudi leaders have become progressively disenchanted with Western policies, charging that the U.S.A. in particular has adopted a pro-Zionist stance as a result of an enormous Zionist pressure in Washington.

While large numbers of Israelis have been shocked by the Beirut massacres, the Zionist machine in the U.S.A., as in Australia, continues to attempt to whitewash Israel's policies. Distinguished American Jewish expert on the Middle East, Dr. Alfred Lilienthal, writing in his "Middle East Perspective" for October, says that "When Yasir Arafat reached his decision in early July to leave Beirut, his announced major concern was the security of thousands of Palestinian refugee civilians who would be left without PLO protection. An integral part of the Habid-negotiated PLO exodus from Beirut was the understanding that Phalangist militiamen would not accompany Israeli tanks entering West Beirut and that the international peacekeeping force of the U.S., France, and Italy would be deployed in the western sector until the Lebanese Army was able to take over to enforce law and order.

"The agreement was violated when the Israelis used the assassination of Lebanese President-elect, Bashir Gemayel, in September as

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an excuse for re-entering West Beirut from the eastern sector and elsewhere in Lebanon in the guise of 'preventing the danger of violence, bloodshed and anarchy', according to the Israeli Cabinet pronouncement. Gemayel's Christian Phalangist militiamen, long bitter enemies of Palestinian and Lebanese Muslims, did accompany the Israeli returnees as did trained militiamen of Major Saad Haddad, Tel Aviv's ally who rules the Israeli enclave in south Lebanon. These militiamen entered the two camps, in whose hovels and wreckage Palestinian and Lebanese refugees had returned after the siege of Beirut was lifted, with the full knowledge of the Israeli army which provided them with at least some of their arms and provisions and helped them with flares for night-time operations."

After describing the frightful massacres which took place with Israeli connivance, Dr. Lilienthal charged that the U.S. media must share much of the blame for building a false picture of the former terrorist Begin, and for helping to build a "compliant American public and an enslaved Jewish community." "In their relentless quest for the Jewish vote and dollars to sustain themselves in office, the supine politicians in Congress must also share in the guilt of the Lebanese massacres. They sent the weapons with which the camp inhabitants were murdered."

The so-called "Christian Militia" are Zionist creatures killing Christians, Moslems and anyone else that Israel orders them to go against. The use of the term "Christian" is designed to confuse gullible Christians who, in spite of the Beirut massacres, are still trying to justify Zionist terrorism. The future of the Middle East depends upon Western nations demonstrating that they are no longer prepared to adopt a pro-Zionist stance. Unless this is done, Communist influence right throughout the Middle East must continue to grow. When even the Saudis are forced in desperation to turn to Moscow and Peking, it is time for the West to take stock.

THE FLINDERS BY-ELECTION: The political commentators are having yet another "field day", attempting to justify their existence with their discourses on why the Labor vote was not greater. Saturday Extra of "The Age", Melbourne, of December 4th, publishes an in-depth investigation of what political views were held by the electors in a street in Karingal, a housing estate, which we feel sheds light on the thinking of middle-class Australians. The essence of what emerged was that "while...even confirmed Liberal voters are willing to believe Mr. Fraser has not given good government, very few people will make the leap of faith that is required before you can say Mr. Hayden would do any better ... We had trouble finding anyone in Karingal who believed the result of the Flinders by-election would matter to Canberra, or that anything done in Canberra - including the election

of Hayden Labor government - could much affect Flinders. No party inspired faith or hope."

Not surprisingly, some electors said they might switch their support to Labor if Mr. Hawke were the leader, a reflection of the influence of the media, which has consistently promoted Mr. Hawke, and a degree of wishful thinking - "Mr. Hawke is a more forceful man than Mr. Hayden and demonstrated as President of the ACTU that he can solve problems." Those expressing such views will get a bad shock if Mr. Hawke ever becomes Prime Minister.

Federal Treasurer Howard and other Federal government spokesmen have, of course, gone through the ritual of claiming that the Flinders vote was an endorsement of government policies. The Liberal vote was in fact down 4.75 per cent, but most of this went to the minor parties, including the incredible "Deadly Serious" party, which recorded 1.6 per cent. Mr. Bill Hayden is probably correct when he says that the government's wage-freeze policy affected the vote. In the absence of any clearly-defined Labor alternative economic policy, the government did appear to be trying to do something. But it can be predicted with complete certainty that any "wage freeze" policy will, in the absence of any reversal of inflationary financial policies, not only be a failure, but will worsen the overall economic situation.

The commentators are undoubtedly right on one point: Prime Minister Fraser will see the Flinders by-election result as preparing the way for an early general election following a double dissolution, hoping that this will enable the Coalition to gain control of the Senate. Once again we stress the importance of the Senate in the long-term battle for Australia.

BRIEF COMMENTS: Generally overlooked in the growing controversy concerning the damming of the Franklin River in Tasmania, is that the most important issue is not whether a hydro-electric scheme should be established on the Franklin River, but whether Tasmania is a self-governing State of the Federation. There may be good reasons why the Franklin River should not be dammed, but there are no good reasons why the Federal Constitution should be further eroded. Most of the opinion concerning the Franklin dam, as expressed in the 40 per cent who wrote "no dams" on their ballot paper at the Flinders by-election, is the result of a highly organised campaign backed by much of the media. Rightly or wrongly, the majority of the people of Tasmania has indicated they want a hydro-electric scheme established on the Franklin River. If one quarter of the State of Tasmania is to be declared a wilderness area with no development possible without the permission of an international organisation, then self-government in Australia is in its death throes.

West Germany has always insisted that it is a non-immigrant country. Despite the fact that large numbers of foreign workers have come to West Germany, it was assumed by the politicians that their presence would only be temporary. They were guest workers, not immigrants. There were relatively few problems while there was little unemployment. But now there are mounting racial tensions. The behaviour of some of the Turks, who have brought to West Germany some of their political feuds, and have engaged in acts of violence within their own community, is causing concern amongst the German people. Another failure for "multi-racialism".

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The election of Mr. Bill Gunn as new deputy leader of the Queensland National Party was a major rebuff to the media which has been attempting to promote the trendy Primary Industry Minister, Mr. M. Ahern. The Gunn election was also a defeat for National Party President Sir Robert Sparkes, and Secretary Evans.

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News that the U.S.A. unemployment figures have now passed 12 million and is still increasing, further contradicts the predictions of the economic "experts" who have been saying that the "indicators" suggested that the depression was easing. Now comes the projection of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation that there could be "a mild upturn" in the U.S.A. during the second half of 1983, and "some revival" by 1984. The key to what will, or will not happen, depends upon monetary policy. Expansion of the money supply at a much faster rate would stimulate the economy. But under orthodox financial policies it would also stimulate inflation. No one lacking in an understanding of the elementary facts about money creation can offer any constructive suggestions. One observer says that the world is now faced with either a major war or revolution. Either would be a major disaster. (Essential reading at this time of crisis: "The Money Trick". Price \$2.55 posted).

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BASIC FUND PASSES \$20,000: 29 supporters have given the Basic Fund a big "push" last week, contributing \$4,533, taking the total to \$21,103. But another \$24,000 is required to reach the target, which is the very minimum required to meet the massive challenge of 1983. It is now obvious that Australians must look to themselves in the storm which is getting worse by the day. A flood of donations would be an inspiring Christmas present.

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