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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "Men aren't mathematic equations; they can't be measured by scientific instruments. No man has the identical aims, emotions, passions, loves, and desires as another man has. Every man is unique, because he is an immortal soul. He shares in God's infinite variety, which is never duplicated. He is beyond science; only his body is the field of the biologist. The new psychology you read about, here and there, can never be science, for science is an exactness. Its experiments can be repeated over and over, with always the same results. But man's soul is beyond science, for no man's spirit can be analysed by another man, because they have not experienced exactly the same thing he's experienced, nor thought the same thoughts, nor loved nor hated nor suffered as he has."

— Taylor Caldwell, in "The Sound of Thunder".

"NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" OR REVOLUTION?: by Eric D. Butler.

The self-destruction of the Fraser Government started from the very minute it was elected first in 1975. Early in 1976 the situation was so clear that I wrote a prophetic brochure stressing that the Fraser Government was on the road to disaster. The Hawke Government proposes to proceed down the same disaster road, but at a much faster rate, one which is going to result in the greatest constitutional convulsion in the history of the Federation. The famous Jewish writer, Dr. Oscar Levy, enunciated a basic truth when he said that the ideal is the enemy of the real. Mr. Hawke is a fervent idealist, but his ideal of a centralist Australia is not only to bring him into direct conflict with the State Governments of Tasmania and Queensland, but also with the Labor governments in the States. Premier Burke of Western Australia has brushed aside as a mere "academic" exercise Mr. Bob Hawke's Boyer lectures in which the abolition of the States is recommended. Mr. Hawke cannot move immediately to abolish the States, but as Mr. Burke is going to find if he attempts to establish an Ord River sugar industry, Mr. Hawke will demonstrate his determination to stop this. One of the protections of individual freedom and

rights left in Australia is the division of power. While preaching "national reconciliation", Mr. Hawke is set on a programme which is going to produce growing conflict. His early challenge to Mr. Gray of Tasmania is an indication of the shape of things to come. Adherence to the same financial policies of the Fraser Government will make it impossible for Mr. Hawke to obtain his deal of "consensus". Like Mr. Fraser before him, Mr. Hawke will find himself violating what he claims to support.

The pathetic spectacle of Malcolm Fraser weeping as he lost power confirmed my own view of a man so divorced from reality, so shallow and narrow, that apparently the thought of electoral defeat never entered his head. Nothing so graphically demonstrated the mentality of this disastrous man than his claim in his policy speech, and repeated during the election campaign, that he had played a major role in bringing peace to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). These repeated statements were made even as Comrade Mugabe's notorious North Korean trained Red Brigade was engaged in wholesale butchery and destruction in Mataberland, former Prime Minister Ian Smith deprived of his passport and unable to leave even for medical attention in South Africa, whites desperately attempting to defend themselves and Mugabe openly moving towards a one-party state. Even the pleas of Qantas, whose crews live in fear while in Zimbabwe, to halt the Qantas flights into Zimbabwe, do not appear to have registered with Malcolm Fraser. But perhaps this is not surprising when one understands that he holds the same unreal views about Africans as does Mr. Hawke.

Every realistic observer knew that the Fraser Government was delivered a death blow at the 1980 elections, a blow only partly masked by the numerical size of the majority. But that majority would have disappeared if only a few thousand electors had voted differently. Governments are voted OUT, very rarely IN. The disastrous financial policies, coupled with the humbug and double talk of Mr. Fraser and his colleagues, eroded the credibility of Malcolm Fraser to a point where, as Mr. Bill Hayden correctly said, even a drover's dog could have led the Labor Party to victory. The charismatic Bob Hawke, carefully groomed by the image makers, and enthusiastically backed by many in the media no doubt ensured that Labor had a bigger majority than Mr. Hayden would have achieved.

But the size of Mr. Hawke's majority will not alter realities. Australia is now entering a period, not of stability, but of revolution, a revolution which unless halted by constructive action, will even destroy Mr. Hawke. A completely new era in Australian history has opened, even though it takes the nation back to what type of constitution it is going to live under.

All election comment by Eric D. Butler, 273 Lt. Collins St., Melb.

BRIEF COMMENTS: One paper described the strong Labor victory in the Victorian electorate of Flinders as "one of the election's most stunning upsets". We are not amongst the stunned. Readers will

recall how we said following the apparently poor showing of Labor at the by-election on December 4th, that both the media and the Labor Party had completely misread the situation. We also exposed the media-fostered falsehood of a 40 per cent write in of "no dams" on ballot papers. Labor Senator Susan Ryan cautiously admitted in an ABC TV political panel on election night, that the real problem for Labor at the by-election was the Labor candidate. He was quickly replaced for the general elections, his successor winning easily. The failure of the Labor party at the by-election was one of the major factors used to destabilise the position of Mr. Bill Hayden. And Mr. John Howard claimed that the Flinders by-election result was an endorsement of the Fraser government's "wage pause" policy. All of which again demonstrates the gullibility and superficiality of party politicians and many media commentators. There is, of course, the possibility that pro-Hawke supporters in the media deliberately fostered the myth about the Flinders by-election to downgrade Hayden.

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Perhaps Labor's Treasurer, Mr. Paul Keating, was overcome by the euphoria of Labor's victory on Saturday evening. But in answer to a question, he confidently predicted in the Canberra tally-room that he would be reducing both unemployment and inflation within six months. Unless Mr. Keating is going to implement immediately a wide range of indirect tax cuts, we can predict now that in six months he will be forced to eat his own words.

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Melbourne "Age" political columnist, (who urged support for a Labor government), comments on March 7th: "It is a measure of Mr. Bob Hawke's sublime arrogance that he sees himself, quite unashamedly, as the spiritual successor to Australia's greatest Prime Minister Minister, the late John Curtin". Like John Curtin, Bob Hawke is a reformed alcoholic. But can he bring himself to consider one of the Curtin war-time Government's most constructive achievements, the introduction of consumer price subsidies to end inflation? Although he tried to play it down later, John Curtin in his early days had close association with the Social Credit movement, as did several other members of the Curtin government.

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As Mr. Bob Hawke faces up to the task of solving Australia's major problems, it is an appropriate time to remind Mr. Hawke of the occasion some years ago when he appeared on a Melbourne platform as guest of the group known as "Women Against Inflation". Mr. Hawke remarked later on the quality of the questioning from the audience. Well he might, as the overwhelming majority of them were League of Rights supporters. Perhaps Mr. Hawke recalls his agreement with the questioner who suggested that as the technological revolution

increasingly meant that machines were doing the work of men, but received no wages, some new way would have to be considered of how to distribute incomes to displaced workers. If Mr. Hawke could tackle this question successfully, he might well replace John Curtin as Australia's greatest Prime Minister.

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Mr. Doug Anthonng, leader of the National Party, can always be relied upon to make the most absurd comments without any sense of embarrassment. Commenting on the election results, Mr. Anthony said that the Coalition government "Under the untiring and unparalleled leadership of Malcolm Fraser, had led this nation through an international recession in a way which had laid the foundation for economic recovery". We recall how, under the "unparalleled leadership" of Mr. Malcolm Fraser, the Coalition Government had an early election in 1977 in order to consolidate the programme of alleged economic recovery taking place as a result of the Government's policies.

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With the trendy Mr. Andrew Peacock the clear favourite to take over the leadership of the Federal Liberal party, it is appropriate to recall what he said during his resignation speech from the Fraser government in April, 1981: "I joined my party because it was a liberal party, not a conservative party". The Liberal party of Menzies was much closer to being a conservative party than that of Malcolm Fraser. It is no secret that before he died, Sir Robert Menzies was disgusted with the direction in which the Liberal Party was moving.

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Generally overlooked in the deluge of political comment following the Federal elections, is that the lavish pensions will ease the pain for many defeated Members. All MPs who have been in Parliament since 1975, the year when a large number of Liberals and National Party were swept into office, receive a lump sum of more than \$192,000 each. Ministers who lose their seats are entitled to a pay-out of \$214,120. It is estimated that the total bill for the taxpayers could be more than \$4 million. It will be interesting to see if Prime Minister Hawke carries out his pre-election promise to crack down on "indefensibly self-indulgent pensions for MPs."

CAN BASIC FUND BE FILLED? Following the recent financial SOS from League of Rights Director Mr. Eric Butler, the League's Basic Fund has surged forward. Since the last report, supporters have contributed \$3,607, moving the grand total to \$37,498. The new political situation, predicted by the League, makes it imperative that the Fund be filled immediately. Time is fast running out.

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