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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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Thought for the Week: "If one thing has been demonstrated in the world of scholarship above another, it is that men may be educated away from the Truth, as well as educated in the Truth. If a man be educated away from the truth, his departure from the truth will be in proportion to his education. His departure from the truth will be infinitely greater than that of the simple-minded man".

— Rev.P.Goard, quoted in *The Servant Nation*, by Maj-Gen.H.N. Sargent.

"THE TRIBUNE" AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS: (1923-1983, Sixty Years of Struggle for Socialism).

The Communist Weekly, Tribune, has just "celebrated" sixty years of publication. In spite of the fact that we have recently been assured by some, "officially in the know", that the Communist Party is no longer subversive, in Australia; we are incurably swayed by facts which have been demonstrated over a long period of time, and are not influenced by propoganda, disguised as "news". The fact is, that the "line" that the Communist Party in Australia is not subversive, is itself subversive! Some people have encapsulated this stratagem in the words: "The Devil Can Quote the Scriptures". What interested us in the "birthday" issue of Tribune were the plaudits and felicitations from a variety of sources; principally unions. These are revealing and tell much.

Mr. Donald Horne is a well-known Australian. An author, media critic, ex-Editor of The Bulletin (Sydney), he now lectures in the Political Science Department at the University of New South Wales. He has an article in the "birthday" issue of Tribune, headed - "Tribune has a definite future as an alternative".

Then there is an advertisement for "The Journal of Australian Political Economy" (J.A.P.E.). We are told that "subscription to JAPE comes with membership of the Australian Political Economy Movement". Greetings are expressed (in block notices) by "The South Coast (N.S.W.) Trades and Labor Council", and "The Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia, Victorian Branch". The Miners'

Federation, Southern District (N.S.W.) wishes Tribune success in the future. "The Australian Independence Movement" (A.C.T.) sends greetings, with an emblem of the Eureka Flag. Now a block ad. featuring Greetings from Italian Communists (P.C.I.) with the hammer and sickle flag waving away.

A large block notice states that- "The Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists cherishes Trib's unbiased (how about that?! ..On Target) reporting of industrial action. "Trib. has been relevant and will continue to be". ..."60 YEARS YOUNG IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SOLIDARITY AND SOCIALISM" .. That notice over the names of the General President, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary of the Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists. Does it please us to know that all communications under the control of this union could be "frozen" if and when the right button in Moscow is pressed?

We mustn't forget the Federated Engine Drivers & Firemen's Association (N.S.W. Branch). It supports Tribune "as a working class newspaper with a 60 year history of support for progressive struggles throughout the world". Names of Union officials printed underneath.

Now on Page 14 is a very large notice with the photograph of ten or so miners (underground, with lantern-helmets, etc.), some giving the clenched-fist salute. We read - "Australian miners salute the 60th anniversary of Tribune, the paper that has consistently championed the struggle of workers in Australia". By the side of the photograph of the ten or so miners is a slogan - "This is just the beginning, the struggle continues".

We should not forget the Aborigines. A large block notice (complete with Black Over Red, this time) inserted by the "TRANBY ABORIGINAL CO-OP COLLEGE" is prominent.

Greetings from The Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia. Congratulations from the Amalgamated Metal Workers and Shipwrights' Union (N.S.W. State Council) Mr. Laurie Carmichael will be pleased. "Keep the Presses Rolling", enjoins "The Water & Sewerage Employee's Union (Wages Division).

More greetings from "The Waterside Workers' Federation of Australia" (Sydney Branch). Greetings from the "Australasian Meat Industry Employee's Union (Victorian Branch)".

Congratulations from the "Newcastle Workers' Club" ("When in Newcastle, visit the Club that Supports the workers") There are too many others to quote: we can merely mention their names, all of which send special messages of encouragement, greetings, etc.:

"Building Workers Industrial Union of Australia", (Pat Clancy sends a message), "Newcastle Trades Hall Council", "Australian Railways Union (Victorian Branch)", "Sutherland District Trade Union Club Ltd.", "Maritime Workers' Union of Western Australia", "Fire Fighters' Union of South Australia", "N.S.W. Social Welfare Workers' Union", "Lebanese Organisation for Communist Action", "The Vehicle Builders

Employees' Federation of Australia (Victorian Branch)", "The South Australian Branch of the Food Preservers' Union". Finally, "The Plumbers & Gasfitters Employees' Union" urged Tribune to "continue the fight for peace and a socialist society". But of course, we all know now, having been reassured that only silly people see "Communists under the beds", that the Australian Union Movement is absolutely free of any subversive Communist influence!!!

GANDHI: More information is coming out about this strangely gifted personality as a result of the current film now screening around the world. The current issue (June, 1983) of our monthly Intelligence Survey carries an article - "The Suppressed Truth About Gandhi". Send \$1.00 for a copy.

The Weekend Australian (June 25-26) carries a review of a new book, "The Viceroys of India" wherein there are some most revealing snippets about Gandhi, one of which is that Gandhi was introduced to the Hindu holy writings, the "Bhagavad Gita", by British Theosophists in London: he read it first in English!

Lord Wavell, the second last Viceroy of India, said that Gandhi was 15% saint, 15% charlatan, and 70% extremely astute politician. One comment from the reviewer, Edward Kynaston, we know to be true: i.e. "Gandhi could not have existed without the British". We fully agree with the remarks that - "he (Gandhi) could not have got away with his campaigns of non-violence in any other colonial empire: one thinks of the Belgians and the Dutch and the French in North Africa, and certainly not within Hitler's Third Reich".

KEYNES: "There is no doubt that it was in Keynes' name and on the basis of his theoretical work that the modern world has experienced the longest period of general inflation, and has now again to pay for it by a widespread and severe depression".

Professor F.A.Hayek, writing on Keynes in The Australian June 25th)

Professor Hayek was joint-winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1974. We can well recall the period, over some decades, when Keynes was the Ultimate Guru of Economics. Hayek remarks that it isn't easy to explain why these ideas suddenly went out of fashion, leaving behind a bewildered community of economists. We well recall, ourselves, being admonished by local economists that we have no business writing on economics unless and until we had mastered Keynes' "General Theory". Then, a few years later we can well recall a Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics (Professor Walters) stating during an address at Monash University (Melbourne) that "modern economics were a failure", or words to that effect. Now, Keynes is "old hat". Paul Samuelson and Milton Friedman, and others, are the new "buzz" names. Hayek states that

the "old truth" is being rediscovered, i.e. that the acceleration of inflation cannot be indefinitely continued. Keynes himself, states Hayek, was thoroughly aware of the danger of growing monetary demand degenerating into progressive inflation: he feared this might happen. It did.

Hayek says that Keynes was scientifically wrong: "...I am claiming that perhaps the most impressive intellectual figure I have ever encountered ... was wholly wrong in the scientific work for which he is chiefly known..."

INFLATION READY TO BLAST OFF IN U.S.A.: "The rise in the rate of inflation in the past two months has been brushed off as being due to energy costs - yet this development represents a major danger and a threat to the defences against another rape of the wealth of this country (U.S.A.)".

Maxwell Newton, in The Australian (June 27th) Prime Minister Hawke has assured us that Australian Business should prepare itself for a sharp upturn early in 1984, following on from an earlier upswing in the economy in the U.S.A. At least Mr. Hawke is optimistic: no doubt his Government's political and economic strategy is now based on such a hoped for recovery. We fear that Messrs. Hawke and Keating will be waiting for longer than they anticipate, and that disappointment lies in wait for them.

The fact is that the "highly stimulative" policies over the last ten months will result in higher inflation, and higher interest rates. Maxwell Newton reports the expected: viz. the inflationary action of America's Central Bank ("the Fed.") was followed by renewed weakness in the dollar and a rise in the price of gold. The so-called hard-heads in the financial world "fly into gold" whenever their currency weakens in the belief that it will, under the circumstances, more than hold its value. This often is the case, but we warn people about pinning hopes in permanent financial salvation from ownership of gold. In a general economic collapse it will be found that few speculators will have the money to buy gold. This is how financial fingers are burned!

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