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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—*

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Thought for the Week: "Almost the highest attribute of man is 'judgement', the exercise of choice. Far more than learning, it moulds the character and shapes the abilities, and there is no more conclusive proof of the essentially Satanic origin and nature of Socialism than its insidious and all pervasive attack on the powers of judgement and choice..."

- C.H.Douglas, in The Development of World Dominion.

Mr. Charles Pinwill, League State Director for Queensland, sends this assessment of the current political situation in his own State:

"Queensland Liberals in Crisis:

"The Queensland Liberal Party, in coalition with the Nationals to form Government, has 20 State M.L.A.s.

"Irrespective of the recent crisis, the Liberal Party is in deep trouble and on the figures looks likely to lose half its representation. State wide, they attract less than 20% of the vote, are a non-event outside of Brisbane, and in the recent Federal election slid by over 6%.

"With a swing of just 6% against them they would lose 10 of their 20 members. Any informed observer would have to agree that 7 will go in the coming Queensland election.

"At the time of writing, Dr. Lew Edwards has been deposed and replaced by Mr. Terry White as Liberal Leader, with Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen - as a result - threatening to break the Coalition.

"Mr. Terry White is a mixed bag from our point of view. On the plus side, he made the best statement of them all on the question of the High Court decision on the Franklin Dam, and its threat to Federalism. On the minus side, he had made a deal with the worst elements among the 'trendies' in the Liberal Party to achieve leadership and in that sense 'has the devil to pay'.

"Whatever Premier Petersen may do, he faces an election in the next 4 months. His Government will almost certainly survive it. His

National Party will have a much greater representation, as against the Liberals, but the Coalition will lose a degree of its numbers advantage over the A.L.P., with its new Leader, Mr. Keith Wright, at the helm.

"The greatest danger to conservatism is that the Queensland Premier may lose much of his present authority in Queensland. However, a more likely result is that the Liberals will take the fall, responsibility, and recriminations. They will be little more than a 'cricket team' of 11 to 13 members.

"On the optimistic side, with the Coalition surviving with a workable majority, and the Liberals in galloping retreat, the State Treasury may well go to the Nationals. With an A.L.P. Federal Government, especially once it goes on the back foot over a faltering economy, and Joh Petersen, in, hopefully, a 'go-for-broke', determined mood, it may well be his best opportunity yet for his State Bank, and pressure on the Federal Opposition for flat-rate taxes, a referendum on Constitutional reform to protect the States, and similar measures.

"The relationship between the Premier and Mr. Terry White, anything but clear at the time of writing, and occasioning much speculation, is not as significant as it might seem. It can only alter the date of the election, and even then by only a couple of months. Mr. Keith Wright is much the most able exponent whom the Premier has had to face. He is regarded as the next Premier in Queensland, but Joh isn't going anywhere for the moment. Only an outright defeat, or a very close thing, which destroys his authority, can change this. All Queensland supporters must work hard against this.

"If the result is better than this the National/Liberal numbers ratio will move from under 2:1 to close to 3:1. Under the Coalition agreement the Liberals will have to surrender portfolios ... The Treasury??

"Ironically, Mr. Keith Wright made his first speech in the House on the need for a State Bank, and has firmly committed his Opposition A.L.P. to introducing one (of some sort) if victorious in the coming State election.

"A State Bank for Queensland seems to be a likely outcome. Whether it is a Socialist or a private enterprise, Queenslanders' Bank will be decided by this coming election.

"Queenslanders should look to assisting the Queensland Premier in any of his vulnerable seats, especially if the National candidate is a reliable conservative."

BUNFIGHT ON BANKING; The State Bank of New South Wales has issued a writ for payment and damages against the Commonwealth Savings Bank. The State Bank, whose manager is Mr. Nicholas Whitlam - son of Gough - is complaining because the Commonwealth Savings Bank has refused to hand over a half-share of the profits made in NSW. This it is bound to do under a Savings Bank Agreement, provided the Government of New South Wales does not enter the savings bank field.

A similar agreement exists between the Commonwealth Savings Bank and the Queensland Government.

Please note - nothing in the Savings Bank Agreements with NSW and Queensland prohibit the operation of a Trading Bank, with conventional credit-credit powers. Some opponents of a State Bank in Queensland have claimed that it does, but they are wrong.

Mr. Whitlam, in an extraordinary manoeuvre which started in 1981, appears to have been trying to get Savings Bank facilities for the State Bank without breaching the agreement with the Commonwealth Savings Bank. This was done when the State Bank bought up the fixed capital of the Rural and Building Investment Society, based in Tamworth, NSW, which, oddly enough, operated under an Act of 1903 which does not make provision for public examination of accounts. The State Bank then contrived to have the R & BIS 'swallow up' the State Building Society, which operates under a 1967 Act, requiring public inspection of accounts.

"I don't believe there is any b----y difference at all between many of the operations of a building society and a savings bank", says Vern Christie truculently (National Times, August 5-11, 1983).

Mr. Vern Christie is the managing director of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, who is responsible for "the controversial decision by the Commonwealth Savings Bank to refuse to pay to the State Bank of NSW a half share of its NSW profits for 1981-82 due in September last year under an agreement which stretches back to the early 'thirties. The sum: \$13.8 million, plus interest ..."

This is the reason for th writ from the State Bank of NSW.

Meanwhile, there is a mounting groundswell for the establishment of a State Bank in Queensland. There is increasing interest in the recently published "Case for a Queensland State Bank", by Jeremy Lee, written in answer to the National Party State President Sir Robert Sparkes, whose opposition to the establishment of a State Bank is widely known. In his booklet Mr. Lee answers a statement of Sir Robert's point by point, and also gives the background to the current controversy between the Commonwealth Savings Bank and the State Bank in NSW.

(The Case For a Queensland State Bank - Jeremy Lee, \$3 posted from all League offices, or the Institute of Economic Democracy, Ravensbourne, Queensland 4352).

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS: A Commonwealth Government Advertisement (National Times 5-11/8/83) announces a review of the operation and administration of the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs (AIMA)

Quite apart form its unfortunate name - 'Multicultural Affairs' sounds as if it could just as easily be 'Inter-Racial Adultery' - the personnel and terms of reference of this august body is mind-boggling. Chairman is Moss Cass. Other Committee Members are Eva

Cox, Professor D.L.Jayasuriya from the University of W.A. and Alan Matheson, Ethnic Liaison Officer with the ACTU and Chairman of the Australian Council of Churches Commission on Community Relations.

Both the Government and AIMA start off from the following accepted premises:

- (a) that Australia is a multicultural society;
- (b) that each ethnic community has the right to retain its own culture, language and lifestyle;
- (c) that all residents (Note; not citizens) should have equal rights and opportunities to achieve total participation in Australian society;

The review will examine the statutory functions of AIMA, and see whether any changes in function or administration are required.

Submissions are being solicited, and a questionnaire "to assist people and organisations wishing to make written submissions" is available, from the Secretary, Committee of Review of the AIMA, GPO Box 236E, Melbourne, Vic.

It would be interesting to know what AIMA has to say to the majority of Australians who reject the multicultural society and have never been asked for their agreement to this sabotage of traditional Australia. It would also be interesting to know whether this tax-funded body will take submissions in any language, or whether they insist on English?

BRIEF COMMENTS: Professor Lauchlin Chipman is an academic who has impressed us with his corrosive criticism of the multi-cultural society, and "modern" education. We are disappointed to learn that he is an atheist, as reported in The Sun (Melbourne) August 15th. Professor Chipman is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Woolongong, N.S.W.

He spoke at a recent "Right to Life" Conference at Xavier College, Kew (Melbourne suburb), here attacking the concept of euthanasia (mercy killing). He stated that to alter the law to allow those, whose life has become an intolerable burden, to prescribe their own death is not the answer.

Professor Chipman pointed out that if voluntary euthanasia were legalised it would not be possible to determine if the consent were genuinely voluntary and not the result of pressure from callous relatives ("Nothing splits a family like a fiver!"). Again, many elderly people could exaggerate, in their own minds, the notion that they were a burden on their children, etc. Professor Chipman mentioned other issues, but the foregoing should suffice.

We accept the Christian view that man does not have the right to take his own life, which was given to him by God, who will end that life in His own good time.

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