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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—*

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Thought for the Week: "One reason why the progress of Monopoly appears irresistible is that it has a clear idea where it is going and so can formulate its objectives. So far it has never had to face a body of people with equally clear, but opposite, objectives, which have the invincible advantage of being in keeping with 'the warp and woof of the universe'".

- Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs, in Responsible Government in a Free Society.

DISINTEGRATION IN NORTH AMERICA: Mr. Eric Butler reports from Canada:

The retreat from Christian Civilisation clearly is gaining momentum on the North American continent. When I last visited Canada, nearly three years ago, the Western Canadian Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia were experiencing relative boom conditions, these primarily the result of oil development. But the phony energy crisis, and the policies adopted to deal with the alleged crisis, have left disastrous results behind. When I last visited Fort St. John in Northern British Columbia, in spite of a massive building programme, houses and apartments were almost impossible to obtain. Motels were permanently booked out. Now it is estimated that at least 20 per cent of homes are on the market. Motels are boarded up, one of the last built not even opening. The position is similar in Calgary, Alberta, where it is almost impossible to sell houses, even at give-away prices. The Calgary Family Services Bureau reports that men who have been in the \$300 bracket are walking the streets looking for work. Other former upper management are committing suicide reports the Canadian Council on Social development. Family life is breaking up as social disintegration spreads.

While the Trudeau Government presides over growing disintegration, Prime Minister Trudeau has set up a task force to propose policies to improve relations between the Communist and non-Communist worlds. Mr. Trudeau's divorcement from reality may be judged by a statement to the effect that it was time to de-escalate the Cold War by

treating the Soviets as human beings. This reminds one of President Roosevelt's view that the bloody handed monster Stalin was at heart a type of democrat with whom it was possible to co-operate to advance world peace.

The financial witch-doctors in both the USA and Canada continue to talk about an economic upturn while major companies continue to go bankrupt. Unemployment continues to remain high in both Canada and the U.S.A. The multi-racial society in Canada is generating increasing friction. Non-European community leaders who, in many cases, have only lived in Canada for a few years, are openly criticising what they charge is "racial discrimination". Any reference to the fact that the biggest percentage of criminals are non-Europeans, is charged to be a manifestation of "racism".

A report from the U.S.A. says that one million whites have fled from New York City since 1970, the main reason being fearful of never knowing when one will be mugged, assaulted, raped or murdered. Buildings are being increasingly burned down to try to get insurance. In one area 25 per cent of the mainly black children do not attend school, roaming the streets in gangs, robbing, looting and fighting other gangs. One of the most ominous developments is that the police have stopped caring. A few years ago Mayor Kevin White of Boston, after a visit to New York City, prophetically said that "This could be the beginning of the end of the American Civilisation".

Chicago is another major American city from which the whites are fleeing as the blacks move in. It is projected that by 2000 the city will be 80 per cent coloured. Violence continues to grow, spilling over into the white suburbs. The Al Grassbys of Australia should be sent to New York, Chicago, and other North American centres where economic breakdown and multiculturalism are resulting in revolution, and then asked is this what they want for Australia. Australia still has time to call a halt to the madness afflicting so much of North America.

CONSTITUTIONAL SABOTAGE: (Mr. Chas Pinwill, Queensland State Director Comments);

"Senator Gareth Evans, the most dangerous doctrinaire Socialist at Canberra, has now pulled out all the stops and is nailing his intentions to the wall.

"Four days after the Queensland State election was safely out of the way, and no doubt emboldened by the fact that the Constitutional question did not develop into the issue it should have done in those elections, or indeed would have; had it not been for the lack of courage in those politicians surrounding the Queensland Premier, Senator Gareth Evans spelled it out in The Australian and The Age on October 26th. "He is opening play with two assaults. The five referenda being put up to the electorate in February 1984, and legislation for an Australian

Bill of Rights to be put before the Parliament 'within two months'.

The Australian Bill of Rights: What Senator Gareth Evans says:

"The Bill of Rights will be "...based on the United Nations International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights".

It would, "amend the structure and role of the Human Rights Commission. Complaints about breaches of rights would be able to be investigated, and a strengthened Human Rights Commission would provide judicial enforcement."

The Bill of Rights would, "change the existing Racial Discrimination Act. A Task Force is now reviewing the Racial Discrimination Act and looking at the best ways to deal with racist propaganda, anti-discrimination enforcement, and the relationship between the Act and Aboriginal Land Rights legislation."

"The Bill of Rights would require observance of rights relating to the criminal process" (criminals' rights, no doubt...On Target)

"They (the Human Rights Commission) could be called in to aid any person in the course of any criminal, civil, or tribunal proceeding"

Senator Evans said the Federal Government "planned to develop co-operative enforcement arrangements between the Human Rights Commission and State anti-discrimination bodies with the aim of providing 'one-stop shopping' for complaints under Federal and State law".

And how is this little 'Bill of Goods' to be delivered? Quoting Senator Gareth Evans again, "The Bill would be largely based on the Government's external affairs power, which was upheld by the High Court in the 1982 Koowarta ruling, and the Franklin Dam ruling".

Again, "the Bill would aid people arrested for breaking laws against street assembly...it would over-ride State laws that denied equality of votes in elections".

The Human Rights Commission will be turned into "a full-time and professional organisation".

Senator Evans said he "was leaning towards outlawing group defamation", in preference to "building on traditional criminal law sanctions".

It is now clear that unless a reversal of the external affairs power can be won the pressure on the Constitution will be relentless though perhaps subtle enough to try to destroy it in numerous easy stages..

The Referenda: George Orwell's prophetic year, 1984, will open with an intense struggle for Australia's future as a federation.

The five proposed changes will be presented as:

- (1) Simultaneous elections.
- (2) Four-year parliamentary terms.
- (3) Interchange of powers between the Federal Government and the States.

- (4) Allowing the High Court to give advisory opinions.
- (5) The removal of obsolete provisions of the Constitution.

As Senator Evans relates, "the five referenda have been carefully chosen and modified to appeal to the widest-possible cross-section of Australians".

All this is simply a first step in Senator Evans' "renovation and reform plan"; which, he says, if passed, will begin "with a bang, not a whimper, a much longer and more far-reaching process of Constitutional renovation and reform".

In The Australian, October 29th, Senator Gareth Evans spoke of some of his ambitions for the future. They include:

- (a) Limiting the powers of the Senate, which he says are "still excessive".
- (b) Amending the mechanics of Constitutional change.
- (c) "Adapting" the distribution of Federal-State powers.
- (d) Constitutional limitation of the powers of the Governor-General.
- (e) By 1988, "a direct reduction in the Senate's powers over supply.

He said he thinks it is "pretty crazy to have a majority of Australians frustrated by a handful of votes in a couple of States".

In this is the Achilles Heel of the referenda proposals. Once again, Queensland, Tasmania, and Western Australia can stop them.

The League of Rights will be supplying material for the "NO" case.

Every supporter should be preparing now, and setting aside a few dollars in order to be able to inform the people in his area in the New Year. With sufficient effort Queensland and Tasmania might be expected to rebuff Senator Evans. Whether or not a third State will join them will probably decide the matter.

More information will be supplied through On Target on these referenda in the coming months.

#### BRIEF COMMENT

Professor Geoffrey Sawer, of Canberra, draws attention (Canberra Times Nov. 2nd) to the "Goya Henry" aviation case, which was before the High Court in 1936.

He says that the "Goya Henry" case laid down a limitation on Commonwealth power under the external affairs rubric which has not yet been disavowed: i.e. when Commonwealth legislation is based on an international treaty, the legislation must adhere reasonably closely to the terms of the treaty itself.

Interesting, but academic, we think. The only remedy to the deliberate attack on the Constitution is by appropriate national referendum.

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