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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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Thought for the Week: "The definition of cowardice is to see what is right and not to do it".
— Confucius.

THE ENEMY WITHIN ABOUT TO STRIKE: N.S.W. Law Professor Lauchlan Chipman has aptly described the far-reaching powers proposed for the Human Rights Commission as "Orwellian". Use of the term "rights" is itself a chilling example of the double-speak mentioned by George Orwell in his classic, "1984". The Human Rights Commission is recommending amendments to the Racial Discrimination Act which would destroy the very foundations of English Common Law, a system of law which is rooted in the Christian view of the value and God-given rights of every individual. Under the proposed amendment to the Racial Discrimination Act an individual could be charged with creating racial intolerance even if the alleged offending statement was not intended to create such intolerance. The onus of proof of innocence would be the responsibility of the defendant.

The ominous shape of things to come has emerged clearly in Canada, where Albertan schoolteacher Mr. Jim Keestra, the centre of one of the most incredible smear campaigns in Canadian history, has now been charged by the Albertan Provincial Government with "wilfully promoting hatred against a group". Under Common Law there is no such thing as group libel. But all that is being changed in Trudeau's Canada. The charge against Keegstra is that he did "by communicating statements while teaching the high school students at Eckville High School, wilfully promote hatred against an identifiable group, namely Jewish people, contrary to the Criminal Code". The Albertan Government is described as conservative! But few governments in Canada have been as active in promoting UN-type Human Rights proposals. The charge against Keegstra carries a maximum sentence of two years' imprisonment. Keegstra was fired from his teaching post and the Alberta Teachers' Association recommended the withdrawal of his teaching certificate.

What is Keegstra's alleged crime? He allegedly told his students in the course of teaching modern history that World War II Holocaust

claims were exaggerated. A devout Christian, Keegstra apparently told his students about the role of Political Zionism in modern history and made available a number of books which presented an alternative view to that being put, mainly by the media. One of the books recommended was Eric Butler's "Censored History". One Canadian report states that "Jewish groups want the Criminal Code (amended) to say it is a crime to distort historical facts, such as by denying the Holocaust". Which means that Jewish authorities who also deny the accuracy of the Holocaust story will be proscribed. Dr. Alfred Lilienthal's monumental work, "The Zionist Connection", would be banned. While Jim Keegstra is the first target in the totalitarian drive in Canada, the major objective is to try to silence the Canadian League of Rights, whose influence has been growing as a result of a widespread distribution of literature which is generally kept off bookstalls.

We have no doubt that Australian Attorney-General Senator Evans, and the army of totalitarian secular humanists who seek to deny Australians the right to express a dissenting view and to oppose the different manifestations of a programme described to radically change Australian society, are well aware of Canadian developments. If Senator Evans has his way, it will become "illegal" for Australians to oppose an immigration policy designed to produce a multi-racial society, to criticise Political Zionism, to deny the nonsense about sex-equality, and much else. A growing army of bureaucrats operating in a host of Commissions, ranging from Sex Discrimination to Race Relations, is actively engaged in seeking to change the very foundations of traditional Christian society in which freedom is directly linked with personal responsibility.

Professor Chipman has made the important point that the present growing threat to the individual's freedoms did not start with the Hawke Government, which has merely taken over the programme set in motion by the Liberals and Nationals. It is important that all those groups now coming together to resist the totalitarian threat do not make the mistake of believing that all would be well if the Hawke Government were defeated. Our considered view, which we know is shared by some former traditional Liberal and National Party politicians, is that the greatest disaster which could now befall Australia would be the election, perhaps through the failures of the Hawke Government, of a Peacock-Sinclair Government. The present deadly threat to traditional Australian society could never have developed without the betrayals of a Fraser Government falsely presented as a conservative answer to the extremism of the Whitlam Government.

What is urgently needed as a preliminary to cleansing Australia's political stables, is the development of a non-partisan national patriotic movement designed to generate understanding of the threat of

the "enemy within", and to create a climate of opinion in which only those political candidates who stand for traditional values, for the restoration of the Common Law rights of the individuals, and for the necessary changes which will bring the Federal Constitution under the control of the Australian people, will be elected to office. We are convinced that the potential for such a movement exists. It must be actively encouraged in every possible way. ("Censored History", \$1.35 posted, and "The Zionist Connection", \$18 posted, are available from all League bookshops.)

CHESHIRE CAT IN A VELVET GLOVE: The Federal Government's tactic now seems clear - to keep the attention of the public focussed on the 'colgate' smile of the Prime Minister, with its "ring of confidence" as he swans from one sporting fixture to another before an entirely abject and uncritical media, while the 'back-room' boys in the Cabinet work feverishly on the plan to dismantle Australia.

Mr. Hawke, oozing joviality and bonhomie, has become the guru of a new cult of "togetherness" and largesse. In his Australia-day comments, he told the nation that, while he personally favoured the idea of a republic, nothing would be done to foist such a change - or, for that matter, a new flag - on Australia until the people had indicated they were ready for it.

Such pragmatism - which, on the surface, appears to contrast so strongly with the feverish fanaticism of Senator Evans and Ryan - is comforting to those who fear a repeat of the Whitlam revolution.

The truth is that the Hawke approach is even more dangerous. The Weekend Australian (January 28-29, '84) contained this brief article, almost invisible behind Bob Hawke's larger-than-life assurances:

"A bid to change the Australian flag has begun at the official Federal Government level. The newly reinstated Special Minister for State, Mr. Young, and his stand-in for the past six-months, the Aviation Minister, Mr. Beazley, have been actively examining how this political hot potato should be handled. It is understood that Federal Cabinet will soon decide how best to ignite the debate on the pros and cons of changing the flag before the issue is put to a national vote before the 1988 bicentenary year. The Minister for Housing and Construction, Mr. Hurford, yesterday publicly revealed that the Government had not allowed weighty economic discussions to completely swamp Cabinet debate on the flag.

"There is thinking going on - there have been deliberations on the issue, Mr. Hurford said. "Provided we can get that popular support that we want, and if we can possibly get it going across the political spectrum, that is what we want to achieve - we will be moving...."

No doubt Senator Evans will be seeking a million dollars or so

for a "Yes" campaign, as he did for his postponed referendum.

But isn't it awful that all this should be going on without the knowledge of the Prime Minister, Bob Hawke?

ISRAELI HUMANITARIANISM: It seems clear that Israel has no intention of leaving southern Lebanon, previous assurances notwithstanding. In an effort to counter increasing resistance, Israel is reported to be turning to another hatchet-man - one Etienne Saqr and his militia - to counter guerilla fighters. The Weekend Australian (Jan 28-29, '84) reports:

".... Some members of his 2000-strong private army have already moved into Israel's zone of the Awali River. Saqr has just returned from Jerusalem where he urged Israel and America to keep their troops in Lebanon and praised Israel for its humanitarianism in Lebanon. "He is a good friend of Israel", an Israeli official said this week. But in Lebanon itself, he has a far more chilling reputation as a fanatic whose militiamen demonstrated their hatred for Palestinians during the civil war by dragging them alive behind taxis through the streets of Beirut..."

(We have just received a most devastating first-hand account, by a Christian educator, Dr. Ken Bailey, of events in Lebanon during the Israeli invasion, hardly any of which has appeared in the media of the West. Dr. Bailey describes how American television teams filmed much of the cold-blooded killing of thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians, but who observed that none of it would ever be shown. When Dr. Bailey's tape is available, readers will be notified. We recommend that the tape be passed on to Church leaders and fellow Christians. We must warn that it makes appalling listening, but the Truth must be faced. Watch for further announcement.)

BASIC FUND PROGRESS: With Australia poised on the brink of the biggest crisis in its history, with the very future of the nation at stake, the League of Rights can justly claim that it has over the years developed a structure and a programme which offers the only real hope in averting complete disaster. Groups outside the League are increasingly drawing upon the League, its speakers and its expertise. Years of dedicated work and building have only been possible because of the regular filling of the relatively small Basic Fund. A relatively small deficiency in the 1983-84 fund remains to be filled by the great majority. We dare not fail. Statement next week.

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