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The price of freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "Our kindly sympathy for the under-dog is being exploited to secure the creation of a permanent world of under-dogs". - C. H. Douglas in "Whose Service is Perfect Freedom".

HAWKE PROPAGANDA MASKS REALITY: With business tycoons like Mr. Alan Bond of Western Australia lauding Prime Minister Bob Hawke for his achievements in Asia, it is not surprising that large numbers have been deluded by the publicity associated with the Hawke tour of Asia. While the promise of koala bears for the Japanese may have been a clever publicity gimmick, with Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone eulogising Mr. Hawke as being "fair dinkum", and the dramatic announcement that a partnership between Red China and Australia could almost revolutionise Australia's sagging iron ore exports, demonstrated that Mr. Hawke has a tremendous flair for confidence tricks on a grand scale, there are certain realities which no eulogies can permanently suppress.

If Australian beef producers really believe that Japanese promises concerning no discrimination against Australian beef exports, actually mean increased beef exports to Japan, they are clutching at straws. The truth is that the Japanese economy, which Mr. Hawke so lavishly praised, is still depressed and likely to remain so for a long time to come. Japan has one of the highest teenage suicide rates in the world, the result primarily of a feeling of failure to succeed in a society which treats individuals almost like robots. Business bankruptcies are still running high, and the financial policies of "restraint" have reduced effective purchasing power. The headlines of Mr. Hawke's statements about Australia and China combining to boost the steel industry drowned out the news of the \$120 million loss of iron ore exports to Japan. In world-wide recession conditions, which still prevail in spite of all the talk about "recovery", Japanese importers of coal and iron ore are in the position where they can drive hard bargains. There is not one iota of evidence that Australian exports to Japan will be increased as a result of Mr. Hawke's koala bear diplomacy.

The same can be said about China. China has actually

The increase in the number of unemployed has, it is reported, "shocked" the Hawke Government. If in fact the Government is suspended construction on its steel industry. It has been estimated that projected Chinese steel production will meet all Chinese requirements for perhaps the next decade. How then does Mr. Hawke propose to rejuvenate the depressed Australian steel industry with greater Australian exports?

According to the axioms of orthodox finance, Australia has a "favourable balance of trade" with the three major Asian nations he visited: Japan, South Korea and China. All three are saying, in effect, that they would be delighted to buy more Australian exports. But this requires that Australia takes more from them. And there is the rub. Sections of Australian industry will have to be destroyed to achieve this. Not even Hawke super-salesman is going to find it easy to persuade Australians to fit into his grand design.

Australia's basic economic problems can only be solved inside Australia. When Australians have a financial policy which enables them to buy all the production they require, without increasing debt, then trade will be on the basis that genuine surpluses are being exchanged for the surpluses of other nations. While modern "education" has undermined some of the critical faculties of Australians, we have no doubt that they will prove once again the truth of Abraham Lincoln's observations that while it is possible to fool some of the people some of the time, it is not possible to fool all the people all of the time. The great awakening may not be too long in coming.

BRIEF COMMENTS: As Lebanon disintegrates under the impact of growing violence, it is appropriate to ask advocates of multi-culturalism to explain why it is such a disastrous failure in Lebanon. Perhaps Mr. Al Grassby, who panicked so badly during the Israeli assault on Beirut in 1982, could explain how Australia would be "enriched" if it became another Lebanon.

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Writing in "The Australian" of February 10th, Victorian Labor M.P. Mrs. Joan Child waxed eloquently about the introduction of public funding - i.e. using the taxpayers' money without their permission - for elections. Mrs. Child says that "democracy" will be enhanced by public funding. She does not mention that public funding does not help the independent candidates. But she boldly says that "Labor is not afraid of democracy. Labor is not afraid of the voice of ordinary men and women." Mrs. Child is using the language of 1984. Labor is not only afraid, but is scared, to have, for example, the issue of immigration made a major electoral issue. If Labor is not afraid of electors having an effective say in their own affairs, they would have a referendum to provide electors with the opportunity to vote on the issue of initiative referendum and recall.

reduction in unemployment can only be obtained by massive public works programmes. These in turn can only result in continuing high inflation. We can warn that the much-publicised "recovery" is mainly cosmetic; that the basic evil in the present financial-economic system continues to sap the health of Australian society.

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The Zionist propaganda machine has never ceased in its attempt to smear Pope Pius II, one reason being that the Pope, with his extensive intelligence sources throughout Europe, never heard anything about the alleged gassing of six million Jews. Relatives of the late Pope initiated legal action against one of his smearers, the American Jewish historian, Robert Katz who, amongst other charges, claimed in his book, "Death in Rome", that Pope Pius had failed to condemn Nazi persecutions of the Jews. Italy's highest judicial authority, the Court of Cassations, has found Katz guilty of slandering the late Pope and sentenced him to 13 months' prison.

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The garrulous Mr. Mick Young, "Special Minister of State", proposes a further denigration of the institution of marriage, and the traditional family, with travelling allowance concessions being extended to de facto partners of Members of Parliament on the same basis as that currently provided for MP's wives and husbands. Not so many years ago any Minister of the Crown forced to admit that he was having what was then termed an immoral affair, would have had to resign his portfolio, while any backbench Member in the same situation would have had great difficulty in surviving the next elections. But times have changed, as witnessed by Mr. Young's suggestion. The next step is, of course, to extend the same travelling concessions to the partners (if that is the correct term) of homosexual Members of Parliament. Why should they be discriminated against in this brave new world where standards are progressively lowered. We trust that outraged taxpayers will tell Mr. Young in the strongest language just what they think of his proposal.

SENATOR DON CHIPP AND SENATOR GARETH EVANS:

In the Senate debate on the Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Amendment Bill (December 15th, '83) Senator Don Chipp observed that "the Government is putting forward a proposition to change the very document which governs our existence, the Constitution. The Government says that it will spend \$1½ million extra on the Yes case..." Senator Chipp then stated that he would put an analogy, viz. that a State government decides to fluoridate all water supplies and that the State constitution first must be changed. Again, all State political parties are in agreement.

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Senator Chipp then thanked Senator Evans for walking into his trap, stating..." - and they would be right. Senator Evans ascribes a monopoly on wisdom to politicians that I do not. On many occasions politicians have been wrong on fundamental issues and ordinary people have been absolutely right....."

Senator Chipp then asked Senator Gareth Evans what he would say if the State of Victoria spent \$10 million on the Yes case to fluoridate the water supply and then said: "we will not allow any money to be spent on the No. case". What would happen?

Senator Gareth Evans: "You would probably need to do that to beat the fruit cake brigade on fluoride. You really would,"

Senator Chipp again had his point proven, pointing out that Senator Evans has made a judgement, and that anyone who disagrees with the fluoridation of water supplies is in the fruit cake class (nutty... On Target). Senator Chipp went on to attack the Hawke Government on its hypocrisy.

Credit where credit is due. We aren't over impressed with many of the "trendy" emphases on certain issues by some of the Australian Democrats (Senator Janine Haines of South Australia thinks the Sex Discrimination Bill doesn't go far enough. Senator Michael Macklin of Queensland wants homosexual teachers in schools!!); however, the Australian Democrats were responsible for knocking out Malcolm Fraser's outrageous tax on literature, and now they have knocked out Senator Evans' even more outrageous proposal to specially fund the Yes case for the proposed Constitutional amendment.

Typically, Senator Evans deferred the Referendum when he thought they could possibly be defeated, without the taxpayers' \$1½ million to brainwash the electorate, which he obviously holds in contempt.

Senator Chipp did show him up properly (above), Senator Gareth Evans has the essentially immature mind of the Socialist/Humanist ideologue. No one, with any dissenting views, can possibly be right - if such views run counter to the political ideology.

BASIC FUND APPEAL URGENT: As will be seen by this week's "Action Bulletin", the League is pre-positioning itself for an escalating battle which will play a major part in deciding the future of Australia as a free nation. The hour is perilously late. We can assure all readers that major developments have been planned. But they require that our carefully prepared financial budget be met. We are well in the battle now raging, but only because a minority of readers have already contributed the major part of the 1983-84 Basic Fund of \$45,000. Since last week 4 supporters have contributed a further \$167, taking the grand total to \$34,458. All that is now necessary is for the great majority to contribute the balance of \$10,542.

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