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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "Marxism-Leninism blames those who defend themselves ... The spread of Communism in the world can be peaceful, to a considerable extent, provided those the Soviets want to conquer are made to feel guilty to the point that they refuse to defend themselves. As Clausewitz said, 'War is caused not necessarily by invasion, but by the fact that the people being invaded resist the invader'.

"Marxist-Leninism claims that its conquest will be a peaceful one because it will be able to convince those being invaded that by defending themselves they will be responsible for the war".

Canadian Rheal Belisle as reported in the Canadian Hansard for January 31st, 1984.

"ONE STEP BACKWARDS....": Students of Marxism-Leninist dialectics are familiar with Lenin's famous instruction that on occasions it is necessary to take one step backwards in order eventually to take many steps forward. Mr. Bernie Taft, a former joint national secretary of the Communist Party of Australia, and a member of its national executive, announced last week that the party was faced with disintegration in the near future. Mr. Taft described his resignation from the Victorian Executive of the Communist Party, along with 22 other members of the 32 strong executive, as "the end of an era". Taft said that the party was "a spent force in Australian politics with membership declining drastically in recent years."

The Communist Party of Australia is engaged in a dialectical step made necessary by a developing situation in which formal Communist parties are no longer deemed necessary for the advancement of Marxist-Leninist ideas. It is instructive to recall that when Mr. John Halfpenny, the influential Victorian Secretary of the Amalgamated Metals, Foundry and Shipwrights Union, resigned from the Communist, and not so long afterwards was permitted to join the Australian Labor Party, he jokingly said that he "really could not tell the difference anyhow". Quite apart from the fact that Marxists, not members of any Communist party, have infiltrated all

the political parties, not only the political parties, but the Christian Churches, the Universities and much of the educational system, have become infected with the collectivist virus which Marxism-Leninism promotes. We doubt if there are many members of any Marxist-Leninist party who work for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. But Marxist influence has been consistently strong in the ABC's political programmes.

It is hard to think of one of the long list of top Communist traitors in the West - Alger Hiss, Fuchs, Philby, Maclean, Burgess and many others - who was a member of a Communist party. No doubt Mr. Bernie Taft and his Marxist associates will follow Mr. Halfpenny's lead and, at a suitable time, join the Australian Labor Party. In Victoria there will be few problems, considering the powerful influence of the Socialist Left. We have consistently stressed that the declared members of Communist parties in the English-speaking world have been merely the shock troops of a revolution being advanced in the main by the "moderate" Fabian Socialists. Not surprisingly, there are now proposals for the establishment of an alternative Socialist movement, not a political party.

Senator Gareth Evans and his fellow "democratic socialists" are the biggest threat right now to the security and rights of the Australian people, not Mr. Bernie Taft and his fellows. Why have a Communist Party attempting to create a totalitarian State when the politicians of all parties have, for many years, been supporting programmes which lead inevitably to such a State.

So far from the announcement of the break up of the Communist Party of Australia being good news, it is a red danger signal. Freedom-loving Australians should carefully assess its far-reaching significance.

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR NEW ZEALAND: (Jeremy Lee reports from Taumarunui, N.Z.): "The New Zealand Labor Party is right on target with its latest proposals, which appear to have come out of the same Socialist International stable as the A.L.P. New Zealand faces an election before the end of the year. The National Party, led by recently-knighted Sir Robert Muldoon, faces the usual challenge from the Labor Party, and also from a new party, the New Zealand Party, led by a former National who is disillusioned with the Muldoon programme. Quite a sizeable minority of disaffected Nationals have defected to the NZP, as have a considerable number of former Social Credit Political League supporters. Current polls show the NZP to be attracting some 20 per cent of the support, while the Social Credit League has shrivelled to insignificance. The two current Social Credit members of parliament have squandered their golden opportunity, at a time of unparalleled inflation, high taxation, and unemployment. They have simply tinkered with trivialities, and are now seen as political 'squibs'.

The Labor Party has discarded former leader Rowling in favour of the supposedly dynamic David Lange, who generally comes over like a lead balloon. But in anticipation of the election, the Labor Party has unveiled a package of proposed reforms for Parliament, which starts with a 23-member increase in the size of Parliament itself.

The package was put together by the deputy leader, former Professor Geoffrey Palmer, who has written some sound criticism in past years concerning the abuse and corruption of the parliamentary system.

Some of his proposals are sound - the introduction of the Committee system into the N.Z. situation, and a provision that three months must elapse between the introduction of a Bill into Parliament and its final passage. Without an Upper House to review legislation, such a move is a partial step to providing the electorate with a little more time for appraisal than it has had in the past.

These reasonable proposals, however, are more than outweighed by the promise of a Bill of Rights, based on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which New Zealand has ratified. It will therefore be much the same sort of monstrosity which Lionel Murphy, firstly, and now Senator Gareth Evans have been so eager to foist on Australia.

It will be interesting to see whether any of Labor's opponents have the courage to grasp the "internationalist nettle" in combating the socialist programme - or whether they will stifle any criticism of the United Nation sacred cow, which Muldoon himself has fed for so long.

THE FADING "ECONOMIC RECOVERY": Following the discovery that there is a wide gap between Prime Minister Hawke's public relations performance in Japan and realities concerning the Japanese attitude towards Australian beef exports, it is not surprising to read "The Australian" headline, "HAWKE'S CHINA TRADE PROSPECTS FADE". The relatively small stimulus to the Australian economy has been the result partly of new credits relating to increased rural production, mostly grain, and the building industry. But most sectors of the rural economy are extremely vulnerable to the international situation, as witnessed by the dramatic and shattering collapse of Australia's sugar industry. World sugar prices have dropped by half in the six months because of large surpluses. There could be worse to come if European Economic Community sugar exports continue to be subsidised. We have warned that the "get bigger" philosophy is no solution for Australian primary producers caught in the cost-price squeeze. Genuine solutions require a drastic reduction in financial costs, including interest payments, all determined by government financial policies.

Primarily for the record, and for the benefit of those who wish to heed the type of realistic advice which has been proved

consistently right over a long period of time, we state once again that the much-publicised international recovery starting with the U.S.A., is much like Mr. Hawke's rhetoric, empty of substance. The increase in American economic activity during last year and early this year, was primarily the result of an increase in the rate of credit creation. As we predicted, the inevitable result of this policy was rising inflation. And so the headline, "INFLATIONARY TIMES AHEAD FOR FLOURISHING GOLD FUNDS", merely reflects that with the return of what one correspondent terms "inflationary thinking", more Americans are investing in gold as a "hedge".

The only answer of the "experts" to inflation, is to cut back the rate of credit creation and impose more restraints in the form of higher taxes and higher interest rates. And so, in the gobbledegook language of the witch doctors of financial black magic, "overheating" fears in the U.S.A. are easing as growth slows. So much for the American "recovery".

But Mr. Hawke and his Minister for Finance, Mr. Paul Keating, still persist in painting a glowing picture of a "recovery" which makes 1985 look like the dawn of a new golden age. Those who believe such predictions are going to be shocked by realities. While the prevailing "recovery" is depending to a great extent upon the debt drug in the form of a deficit which will certainly be higher than that projected by Mr. Keating, generally overlooked is the enormous international deficit of \$40 billion. Interest payments on that astronomical debt are one third the size of the national output. If the Hawke government is going to attempt to produce a recovery based upon an escalation of both internal and external debt, the end result is going to be greater disasters for the Australian people. If the debts are further expanded, then more high inflation with its destructive impact is as certain as the sunrise. There is no genuine salvation for anyone inside the framework of present finance-economic policies, which can only be changed when enough electors insist that changes take place.

In the meantime, realists will dismiss the Hawke confidence trickery and adopt a most conservative attitude towards their own affairs.

BRIEF COMMENT:

With friends like Mr. Bill Hartley of the Victorian Socialist Left, the Arab nations do not need any enemies. Commenting on the murderous behaviour of Gaddafi's Embassy in London, Hartley, who has described himself as the Australian representative of the Iraki News Agency, dismissed the affair with the comment, "One person is dead and others are injured, but it's only a handful of people".

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