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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—*

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Thought for the Week: "We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful"  
C.S.Lewis in "The Abolition of Man".

MR. HOLDING'S LAND CLAIMS TIME BOMB: Last week saw further hysterical anti-League of Rights outbursts as the Marxist-backed and manipulated Aboriginal land claims movement ran into increasing opposition. The most vicious attack was by Victorian radical Federal ALP Member Mr. Pete Steedman, but there was also a smear introduced into a Magazine article in "The Sun", Melbourne, of May 5th, by a Mr. David Langsam who painted a glowing picture of a group of Australians of part-Aboriginal background, planning to restore the Barmah State forest and the Murray River "to something resembling their former glories". Mr. Langsam describes the League of Rights as "stridently conservative", which is least a change from the usual "right-wing extremist" tag.

But the worst blow for the revolutionaries and their ~~many~~ dupes, is the hardhitting attack on the Federal Government's land claims policy, by one of its own backbenchers, Mr. Graeme Campbell, representative for the electorate of Kalgoorlie. Mr. Campbell's letter is circulating widely amongst ALP groups and is touching a few tender nerves. Campbell rightly points out that the Aboriginal land claims issue not only concerns country people, observing that urban people "in the lower socio-economic stratas- people that we in the Labor Party have or should have a regard for - feel very strongly about what they see, what they perceive to be, an advantage given to any other group". While it is true, as Campbell says, the majority of his parliamentary colleagues do not understand the realities of the Aboriginal land claims issue, the Burke State Labor government in Western Australia is becoming aware that the issue could bring down the Government at the next State Elections. Unlike their colleagues in the Eastern States, who have tried to avoid the subject, the W.A. State Liberals have grasped the nettle and openly said they are

prepared to fight an election on Aboriginal land claims.

In Victoria the desperate Dr. Coghill has written to all Opposition Legislative Council Members, urging them not to be influenced by the "extremist" League of Rights. With the Victorian Aboriginal Land Claims bill in the Legislative Council, Dr. Coghill and his colleagues are now apprehensive that the Liberals may join with the National Party Councillors to have the Bill thrown out in the Spring session of Parliament. The Cain Government knows that the land claims issue would be a disaster as an election issue. A defeat for the Cain Government on the land claims issue would also increase the pressure on Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Clyde Holding. If the Victorian Liberals can follow the lead of the Western Australian Liberals, they could detonate a time bomb which would have far-reaching national implications.

MR. HOLDING'S SECOND BARREL: While the anti-land claims campaign pioneered by the League of Rights has forced Mr. Holding to concede that his national Aboriginal land claims legislation will not now be introduced until after the next Federal Elections, another ominous development has been taking place without any publicity. The draft of the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Heritage (Interim Protection) Bill was kept a close secret until two weeks ago. The Mining Industry was then given a copy and asked to respond by April 30th. Even a casual examination of the draft material confirms the reported view of Mr. Charles Perkins, recently appointed head of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs: "if the Heritage Legislation is passed, Land Rights won't be necessary".

As indicated by the title of the proposed legislation, it is of an interim nature, operating for two years from the date of commencement. It will then be superseded by comprehensive national land rights and heritage legislation. The manner in which the legislation has been rushed forward indicates that it is seen as an essential first step in the advancement of a long-term strategy.

The Bill proposes sweeping powers, allegedly for the purpose of protecting Aboriginal sites and objects. The legislation would enable the Federal Government to completely override State rights. No private property will be safe. The powers granted to the Minister are Draconian. No compensation will be offered for any detriment to owners or users of property.

In the objectives of the Act, it is stated that not only sites on land can be designated for protection, but also "seas surrounding Australia which are sacred or otherwise of particular significance to Aboriginals...."

The Minister may receive "an application orally or in writing from or on behalf of an Aboriginal person or group ....."

This opens the door for the various groups of white agitator exploiting the Aborigines. If the Opposition parties at Canberra can bring themselves to display some robust commonsense concerning this latest piece of revolutionary legislation, they will start to demonstrate that they may be fit to be re-elected to government.

WHY BE AFRAID OF FREEDOM?: League journals have on occasions republished some of the articles by Mr. Michael Barnard, Melbourne "Age" columnist, whose views, and method of expressing them, often provide a refreshing contrast to much of what appears in what is sometimes referred to as the "daily edition of the Flinders Street Tribune". But we have sympathy with the reader who says that Mr. Barnard's article, "Anzac with a Goebbels touch", ("Age" 1/5) "left me feeling depressed; in essence Mr. Barnard, whom I understand is a Christian, suggests that anyone not agreeing with his view of history concerning the gassing of six million Jews, should be equated with Anzac Day desecrators".

For our own part, we must also express our astonishment at Mr. Barnard's article. As Mr. Barnard points out, in West Germany legislation is being introduced to make it a punishable offence even to verbally express doubts about gas chambers, particularly at Auschwitz. Clearly the spirit of Hitler still strongly prevails in Germany today. In Canada, as in Australia, Zionist spokesmen have identified themselves with the campaign to make it an offence to express an alternative viewpoint concerning history.

Responding to an editorial in the Edmonton journal, Alberta, Canada, urging "anti-hate" legislation, Mr. Walter Klinck provided a response which at the present time deserves a wider circulation. We quote from our Canadian contemporary, "On Target" of April 30th:

"Ron Collister's call for a 'clear, strong, enforceable, anti-hate law' to 'improve, not diminish ... society' betrays a woefully superficial awareness of the principles of human association and mutual respect in a free and democratic society. His resort to non-substantive and emotive catchwords to brand views from which he dissents as 'hate' and his readiness to label those who view the world differently as 'hatemongers' suggest the limits of his own tolerance and respect for the right of other persons to espouse their opinions - right or wrong.

"In a democratic society, public policy originates with the people. All policies derive from philosophical bases, that is, from religion which attempts variously to 'bind back' (from the Latin religio) to reality and truth. Every citizen not only has the right but also the responsibility of unhampered enquiry, criticism, and advocacy concerning any and all ideological/philosophical/religious positions - the respective unique demands of which

contribute to the shaping of public policy. To exercise these rights and responsibilities, each citizen must enjoy - with absolute legal guarantee of security regarding person and property - the opportunity of full communication and exhaustive debate on all issues. No individual or group may be presumed to possess a monopoly on either truth or virtue - otherwise all pretence to the espousal of democracy must be abandoned as pure sham....

"The motives of any persons or groups who do not welcome open ideological criticism of their philosophy and policy advocacy must be regarded with suspicion. So long as all citizens are fully and equally free to criticise and advocate policy society can learn and develop through ongoing, unhampered - often spirited - but civilised ideological debate, each individual knowing that his input has been heard and considered. Attempts to legally deny such right of expression have no place in a free, democratic and Christian society. They emanate from a dangerous, misguided 'do-goodism' on the one hand and, on the other, from a thinly disguised unethical strategy of those holding or aspiring to power to defeat their opponents by repression - or to subject the established culture to attack by minority revolutionary groups while denying its members an opportunity of defence.

"One person's hate is frequently another person's love. Denial to some citizens of free input into social debate, especially in difficult economic or political times, can only cause a rising level of resentment and frustration. Mr. Collister's stated policy of suppressing ideological expression and debate will not contribute to the social weal - it is rather more likely a blue-print for civil war. That is simply a consequence of one of the immutable principles of human association.

"If Mr. Collister wishes to permit only the state-sanctioned 'official' view of theology, philosophy, history, politics and economics, there exist a number of totalitarian states, left and right, in which he might find a spiritual home - Nazi Germany is long since gone, but the Soviet bloc most likely could provide an appropriate environment".

BOOK: Pearl Harbour After a Quarter of a Century, by Harry Elmer Barnes.

"The assault (7th December, 1941) was not a 'sneak attack'. Washington had known the attack was coming several days beforehand, but deliberately kept this information from the Navy commanders at Hawaii. Price: \$11.00 posted from all League offices.

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