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The pride of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the week: "The disciples and heirs of the French egalitarians are the Marxists, Communists, Socialists, Liberals and political Churchmen of today, who, believing themselves to be missionaries and theorising themselves out of reality, are not prepared to concede that equal opportunities inevitably reveal unequal capabilities".

- H.B. Isherwood, in Race and Politics (1978)

WHERE IS NEW ZEALAND HEADING? Mr. Eric D. Butler reports from New Zealand:

The shallowness of contemporary politics is even more obvious in New Zealand than in Australia. One can only be amused by the attempts of the image makers to project New Zealand's new Labor Prime Minister, Mr. David Lange, as a man following in the footsteps of Australia's much-publicised Prime Minister, Mr. Bob Hawke. But Mr. Lange is no Bob Hawke. While the Lange Government enjoys influential support in the media, Mr. Lange lacks Hawke's skill for media manipulation. But eventually both leaders will be overtaken by finance-economic realities which cannot be masked by public relations gimmicks. 1985 will see both Wellington and Canberra grappling with the problem of servicing their external debts.

Just as the "conservative" Fraser Government paved the way for the Hawke Government, so the "conservative" Muldoon Government generated the electoral backlash which brought the Lange Government to office. Once again it was a case of disillusioned electors voting a government OUT, not voting a new government IN. There has been considerable speculation about the role of the New Zealand Party, headed by colourful millionaire Mr. Bob Jones, originally a supporter of Sir Robert Muldoon's National Party. Mr. Jones and his colleagues offered a strange mixture of policies including the same anti-nuclear stance of the Labor Party. Although the "Social Credit" Party, currently preparing to change its name, had its vote slashed by over 50 per cent, it managed to finish with two seats in the present parliament, the same as in the last Parliament. The total New

Zealand Party vote was greater than that of "Social Credit", but no representatives were elected.

As a close student of New Zealand politics for many years, I do not believe that the Bob Jones party was the decisive factor in defeating the Muldoon Government; if this party had not existed much of the vote which it obtained, primarily a protest vote, would have gone to Labor, increasing still further its present majority. The dramatic reduction in the "Social Credit" vote also confirmed my view that much of this vote at the previous election was primarily a protest vote, and did not indicate any support for the vague policies described as Social Credit. The sooner the power men running the "Social Credit" movement change the label, the sooner will it be possible for any useful innocents to grasp that the New Zealand social credit movement was hi-jacked a long time ago. Social Credit is never going to be advanced through party power politics.

The new situation in New Zealand provides the New Zealand League of Rights with the opportunity to increase its support and influence as electors discover that the Lange Government's programme offers no solutions to basic problems, but threatens to take them further down the totalitarian road. The shape of things to come has been indicated by the severing of diplomatic links with South Africa while seeking closer links with "liberated" African nations.

Although it was probable that the Muldoon Government would eventually have ratified the United Nation Convention concerning "Non Discrimination Against Women", it is certain that the Lange Government will, unless met with a massive wave of opposition, ratify the Convention as soon as possible. As I write, considerable publicity is being given to a report by the New Zealand Human Rights Commission. The Commission's report states that New Zealand moved the United Nations General Assembly resolution in 1978 for the adoption of the draft Convention. Human Rights Commissioner Diana Shand is quoted as saying, "It evolved only after serious deliberations by all parties and New Zealand played a leading role in its final adoption by the United Nations for future ratification by individual countries".

Needless to say, the Human Rights Commission sees no threats to individuals by the Convention. All those opposed to the Convention are spreading unnecessary fears. The hard-nosed Marxists at the United Nations must be laughing their heads off. Well may New Zealand realists be asking where New Zealand is heading. Turbulent developments are not far ahead, the same type of developments which are going to shake Australia in 1985.

JEREMY LEE REPORTS: The growing concern over the land-rights issue has continued to result in excellent meetings in my recent tour of central NSW, Victoria and South Australia. A feature of the meetings

in NSW was the presence of considerable numbers of Aborigines who, to my surprise, expressed strong agreement with the addresses - so much so that I returned to one area to have a private meeting with Aboriginal leaders. They were and are extremely concerned with the radical element which has gained control in government agencies dealing with Aboriginal affairs.

This concern has been reinforced by the views of Mr. Stewart Murray, Victorian Aboriginal leader. Mr. Murray, an ex-Digger, was reported in The Sun (August 15, 1984) as saying: "...The State Government is listening to stupid people who do not have a real affinity with Victorian Aborigines or any historic claim to any consideration in Victoria... I become impatient when I think of the problems our young people are facing while the bureaucrats and the scavengers haggle", said Mr. Murray, the father of eight and chairman of the Victorian Aboriginal Land Council. The young people are turning to drink and drugs in increasing numbers. In my Aboriginal dialect we call them 'boogani' or 'lost souls'. The bureaucrats who are standing in our way, are 'cookimagi' or 'crocodiles'.... There are too many people from outside Victoria, too many people with too much money and too much authority. We don't need Commonwealth offices, which we can't even find when we go to Canberra, and where no-one wants to know us. For that matter, we don't need regional offices here in Melbourne either. We have no need of so much money being spent staffing so many Aboriginal departments. We have enough radicals here of our own to spoil things (including Mr. Murray's son, Gary, a member of the aggressive Aboriginal Task Force). The radicals want land without responsibility, land without paying rates or taxes. They want mineral rights, special privileges... they want, want, want!"

Mr. Murray is absolutely right. But he'd better watch out. Mr. Clyde Holding may well hire another journalist to "expose" him; or, even worse, the Human Rights Commission may well deal with him for alleged "racist" views!

The Aboriginal Task Force, incidently, took over the job originally started by Dr. Coombs and his Aboriginal Treaty Committee.

NATIONAL PARTY RESOLUTION: The Queensland State Conference of the National Party, which met in Rockhampton towards the end of August, had the following resolution passed unanimously:

"This Conference calls on the Federal leadership to commit the Party on return to office to pass laws on a referendum to return the Constitution to the control of the people".

This is an indication that the strong lead given by the Premier on this question, and vigorously championed by former Aboriginal Affairs Minister Charles Porter through his movement "People For A Free Australia" is bearing fruit.

It seems, however, that there is something less than enthusiasm among certain sections of the Party hierarchy. The resolution, which was submitted to the Conference by the Cooroora branch on Queensland's north coast, did not appear on the agenda, and had to be submitted as an urgency motion from the floor. The Federal leader, Mr Ian Sinclair, was not enthusiastic about the resolution. He has, on previous occasions, sought to forestall any definite commitment on this question by stating that his party "will not use the external affairs power" when in office, without reversing the legal position which has all but destroyed constitutional integrity.

The resolution, of course, is not binding on parliamentarians, and will be ignored if possible. Only if faced with such a large national insistence that can no longer be ignored will federal politicians grasp the nettle. This has begun to happen on the land rights question. A vocal and articulate grass-roots is the real key to Australia's future.

FEVERED IMAGINATION DEPARTMENT!: A letter, effectively brief, to The Australian (September 1st) over the name of a "Nigel Jackson", referred to a report in this national daily newspaper (24th August) that the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bill Hayden) has made in the Federal Parliament, viz. that the League of Rights had "manufactured and disseminated" the rumour that "a band of 60 armed Vietnamese had been sighted on exercise in full military uniform near Bendigo".

Mr. Hayden's assertion, apparently, was that this rumour was aired at a National Party conference held at Portland, Victoria. The Australian's correspondent, Mr. Nigel Jackson, called on Mr. Hayden (in his letter) to put up or shut up, as he didn't believe the accusation.

We have news for Mr. Bill Hayden. We don't believe a word of the report either, in the absence of hard, undeniable evidence

What we do believe is that Mr. Hayden's outburst is just another "round" in the now fierce psychological warfare against the League of Rights; and we do expect this warfare to intensify as the Federal "Labor" (Communist/Socialist/Humanist) Government at Canberra enters the era of fiscal/political difficulties. The "dream ride" is almost at an end, and Mr. Bob Hawke will reveal his true colours to the Australian electorate at large when he is going down. His eclipse is certain, quite possibly in the term of the next Federal Government.

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