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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "Old Bernard had once said, "When a politician, anxious for office, talks of 'reforms', it's time for citizens to inspect their guns. Something dirty is afoot, and dangerous'

" 'Well', young Jason had asked, 'What politicians would you trust, Dad?'

" 'None, and that's the truth. But I would be less suspicious of a man who talked of the 'ancient verities', such as patriotism, honour, sobriety, hard work, respect for authority, constituted law, decency, manhood - if there's any of that left in this country. But I would be afraid if a man were too pious; I'd investigate him, and that I would'.

He had added, 'And beware of the rich man who cries for the poor! 'He is a cannibal. Like the tearful walrus who ate all the oysters in that book Alice in Wonderland... But the worst of all is the rich politician who 'suffers' for the common man. No, you can't trust a politician. You can't trust a government".

Famous American novelist Taylor Caldwell in Answer As A Man.

CLUTCHING AT POLITICAL STRAWS: The history of the League of Rights shows beyond dispute that the League has consistently exposed and opposed all policies for centralising power, irrespective of the label on these policies and irrespective of which party had advocated them. Centralisation of power is the essence of Socialism, and all parties at Canberra have supported centralisation.

We do not need to be told about the threat to freedom and individual rights posed by the Hawke Government; we have not only been in the forefront in exposing the policies of this government, but are regarded by the more informed Marxists as the only real threat to the government's policies and at the top of the Government's "hit list" if it can carry its totalitarian programme forward. However, we have no patience with the view of those, carefully fostered by Opposition party faithful, that "while it is true that the

Opposition has made mistakes and is far from perfect, we must work to elect them because the Hawke Government is so bad". And we are told, "At least the Liberals are talking about the tax reform, and Mr. Ian Sinclair has called for stronger defence".

Political realists know that the much-publicised debate about taxation initiated by Mr. Peacock, is not only phony, but could prove counter-productive for the Opposition. The Opposition parties had seven years in office to implement "tax reform". They could have split family incomes and given a little relief to the family, But they increased total taxation to record new levels. Mr. John Howard, who sees himself as Mr. Peacock's successor, was the Treasurer who attempted to impose the iniquitous Sales Tax on books and magazines, only being stopped when at the last minute the Australian Democrats were forced off the fence by a national campaign of protest in which the League played a major and possibly decisive role.

The so-called debate about taxation is not about reducing the total amount of taxation, but about how to continue imposing high taxes. Continuing high taxation is inevitable under the present programme of debt finance. The truth is that the Opposition parties have no credibility whatever concerning taxation and would be well advised to turn their attention to other matters. Where is the credibility of a politician like Mr. Ian Sinclair? This is the man who continues his vicious smear against the League of Rights.

As Minister for External Affairs, in the Fraser Governments, Mr. Andrew Peacock played a major role in the treachery which ended with the destruction of civilised government in Rhodesia and the imposition of yet another Marxist government in Africa. Never let it be forgotten that Peacock demonstrated that he was prepared to be a lackey for the United Nations by insisting that he had to close down the small Rhodesian Information Centre in Sydney. Let us make ourselves clear: If by some miracle an unrepentant Opposition, led by Peacock and Sinclair, were re-elected to office, this would be a disaster of the greatest magnitude. We warned early in the Fraser Government of the disasters ahead, but the wishful thinkers and party devotees criticised us for even suggesting that Mr. Fraser was going to carry on where Mr. Whitlam left off. Once again the League was right and its critics wrong.

If candidates of integrity in the Opposition parties genuinely desire to turn back the threatening totalitarian tide, they will, a start, publicise the most fundamental necessity for the salvation of a free and sovereign Australia; the return of the Federal Constitution to the control of the Australian people. They can promise that if elected, their first action will be to promote a referendum designed to allow the Australian people to gain control of their Federal Constitution, and to halt its subversion by Federal Governments using UN Conventions to over-ride the clear spirit and intention of the

Constitution. Having been a party to using UN Conventions, Mr. Peacock now weakly says that the electors can trust him not to do this in the future.

As political realists, we believe that the Hawke Government will be re-elected, possibly with an increased majority. We are not losing any sleep about this, and we are not going to waste time and limited resources trying to prop up an Opposition which simply does not oppose. What is urgently necessary is that skilful non-party campaigning be conducted to ensure that the Hawke Government does not get control of the Senate and does not win the two referenda, which the Government is "playing down". Even the referenda battles are hampered by the fact that the Opposition, when in office, attempted the same attack on the Senate now being conducted by the Hawke Government. The only reason why some Liberals are opposing the Hawke referenda is, in the words of one Liberal cynic, "We cannot afford to be seen supporting the Hawke Government on anything.

Encouraged by Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, Queenslanders should vote NO. Tasmanians will certainly vote NO, which leaves Western Australia as the "key" State. The League is devoting enormous resources to the Western Australian and Tasmanian "fronts". We believe that the Senate vote in Tasmania could provide a firm check on the Hawke Government's Senate ambitions.

While we feel that Victorian RSL President Mr. Bruce Ruxton has made an unfortunate decision in standing for the Victorian Senate, we also understand that he was answering what he felt was a powerful call to duty, standing on the Pensioners' ticket. We wish him well, as we do that man of tremendous integrity and courage, Mr. Barry Tattersall of Canaan College, who heads the Call to Australia team, Victorian electors can record a powerful non-party vote. We are pleased to see that veteran political actionist, Mr. Brian Peachey, is heading a powerful pro-Family Senate team in Western Australia.

Our general advice is to put Labor LAST in the Senate, and to support the non-party candidates. The bigger the vote, the stronger the message will be recorded at Canberra. If the Senate can be kept out of the Hawke Government's hands, and the referenda defeated, Australians will have a situation which will permit them to take the offensive which will permit them to take the offensive against all policies of centralisation. We can only hope that the better types in the Opposition parties survive the elections and then insist that any new conservative opposition which emerges must first repudiate the disaster policies of the past. Our greatest fear is that such an opposition will be captured by the same forces which have led Australia to the present deepening crisis. We will be returning to this matter after the elections.

BRIEF COMMENTS: The blatantly dishonest ABC TV "Country Wide" anti-League of Rights presentation was a new low in the continuing national campaign against the League. Even The Age, Melbourne, television critic was not impressed. One observer has commented, "This programme was as much a smear of Australia's rural community as of the League. In essence, it suggested that the rural community was so gullible that they were easy victims for the devious tacts of the League." In the not-too-distant future we are confident that the Red Network's national smear will result in a massive backlash in Australia's rural communities. Using its own video tapes of two of the meetings covered by the ABC, the League will be making its own film.

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Anti-League hatchet man, Phillip Adams, continued his campaign in The Bulletin last week. Painted a frightening picture of the League working in the shadows to create a climate which would see the emergence of an Australian Hitler! We expect worse to come as the national drama unfolds.

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A prime example of the distrust with which we should hold politicians is that of Andrew Peacock's speedy abrogation of his pledge, in Tasmania, to allow the Franklin Dam to go ahead, if re-elected. The Opposition "Shadow Cabinet", and Andrew Peacock have already caved in to the Wilderness Society now flexing its muscles for MORE action.

A WARNING: At the present time a number of movements, purporting to be conservative, are emerging, issuing literature and appealing for funds. League supporters are urged to ensure that they do not divert urgently required finance away from the vital work being done by the League.

A conservative political organisation, which issues its material from a box number in East Maitland (N.S.W.) has been issuing quite attractively presented literature at large, and inevitably, some of it has reached some League of Rights supporters. We wish to stress that the League of Rights has no connection with this above organisation, nor with any other organisation,

BASIC FUND: 26 supporters advanced the Basic Fund of \$50,000 to \$18,792 last week. There should be no need to stress the urgency of this matter. Rush contributions NOW.

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