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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "...the mania for bureaucratic control, allied with a passion for mere enormity, represents a danger to our Civilisation itself. Many of those who are beset with these maladies profess to be the foes of Communism. Nevertheless, if they continue to move along present lines and go on building up an uncontrolled and arbitrary State with everything in its hands, they will create in this country the Communist system they claim to oppose".

— Captain Cyril Falls, Chichele Professor of the History of War, writing in "The Illustrated London News", March 11th 1951.

THE ANZUS TREATY AND REALISTIC DEFENCE; The much publicised controversy concerning the Anzus Treaty and the MX missile tests has, unfortunately, done little to focus attention upon the subject of a realistic defence programme. The hard truth is that Australia has been rendered progressively defenceless, morally, economically and physically under the policies of all Federal Governments. Australia and New Zealand are being progressively isolated at a time when the Soviet build up in the Pacific Basin is being dramatically increased. If physically invaded by any type of sophisticated military force, neither Australia nor New Zealand could defend themselves in the absence of assistance from the U.S.A. The campaign of vilification of the U.S.A., much of it supported by people who strongly resent being called pro-Communists, is designed to further isolate New Zealand and Australia, making them much more vulnerable to the most dangerous type of war, that described as psycho-political warfare. It is this type of warfare which has enabled the Soviet Union to progressively expand its global influence ever since the end of the Second World War. Except in Afghanistan the Soviet strategists have never had to use the Red Army to achieve their overall advance.

We have over the years drawn attention to Lenin's concept of warfare: "The soundest strategy in war is to postpone (military) operations until the moral disintegration of the enemy renders the delivery of the mortal blow both possible and easy". Writing in his booklet,

"How to Defeat Russia", the famous British military historian, Major-General Fuller, said that the Soviet did not want actual military conflict in Western Europe "because that does not fit her revolutionary technique ... The aim of this technique is not to persuade the enemy to change his mind by force of arms - the traditional method - but by internal revolution, by force of ideas. Its means are propaganda, fifth columns, strikes, rebellions and civil wars. It is a technique of conspiratorial subversion, of mental bacteriological warfare, and not of physical attack,..."

The international anti-nuclear campaign is a major aspect of current psycho-political warfare. Large numbers of Lenin's "useful innocents" are being used for purposes they do not understand. A current feature of the psycho-political war is that the "arms race" with nuclear weapons has made the Anzus Treaty irrelevant and that, in fact, the Treaty and military co-operation between the U.S.A. and Australia makes Australia a potential Soviet target for a nuclear attack. Even Prime Minister Hawke, who has been badly wounded politically by his radical Leftists, assists Australia's enemies by insisting on his determination to work to halt the Arms race". But how real is this "arms race"? Mr. Seymour Weiss, a retired U.S. Ambassador who has served as director of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Political Military Affairs, states in an article in the November 1984 edition of "Commentary", that there has been no "arms race" for the simple reason that the number of U.S. nuclear weapons has been DECLINING for two decades while the number of Soviet weapons has been INCREASING. President Reagan has insisted that the U.S.A. must try to catch up.

However, the anti-nuclear campaigners argue that the concept of one side having superiority is meaningless when both have sufficient to eliminate all potential enemies. This superficially compelling argument ignores the point made by Mr. Weiss, that the Soviet Union "at enormous material and political expense, has developed a massive conventional, theatre-nuclear and strategic-nuclear arsenal in order to advance its view of a desired international order, one dominated by Moscow".

This programme is used primarily for psychological purposes, to exercise political blackmail, paralysing the will of opponents. But the Soviet is only able to further psycho-political warfare because the non-Communist world continues to provide the economic bloodtransfusions without which the Soviet Empire would crumble internally. The Reagan Administration itself has helped with the financing of the bloodtransfusions, thus making nonsense of the attempt to develop even more sophisticated nuclear weapons. If the promoters of the anti-nuclear campaign were genuine, they would be attacking those powerful international groups who continue to finance the Soviet Empire. But this is

a subject which is shunned. And yet the very future of what is left of Civilisation demands that it be faced.

The realistic defence of Australia requires not only a rapid build up of a military defence system, but corrections to the nation's financial system in order that there is both economic and social stability. Such a move would have a big influence on American public opinion.

THE THREAT TO VICTORIA'S UPPER HOUSE; Our warning about the "reform" of the Victorian Legislative Council now promised by Premier John Cain, has been highlighted by the news that the Australian Democrats propose for the first time in a State Election, to give their preferences to the ALP, which gives Labor a strong chance of winning control of the Legislative Council. The Democrats support the proposed Cain "reforms", the major one being that the Council should be deprived of the power to block Supply. Unfortunately, ever since Sir John Kerr acted to resolve a national constitutional crisis resulting from a Senate decision to block Supply, the Liberal Party has been in retreat on this basic issue, virtually agreeing that no Upper House should ever deny a Government the money it requires to continue governing. State Liberal candidates are very much on the retreat on the issue.

If there is no check on a Government, which could come to office by misleading the electorate, then it might decide that it could spend as much as it likes. With four year parliaments, it would be years before the electors could express their opposition. No Upper House is going to take a stand against a money bill unless convinced that in a forced election, its decision was likely to be endorsed by the electorate. While the system of proportional representation has some attractions, an Upper House in which minorities might be represented, would be of little value if its major powers were destroyed.

The best advice we can give Victorian electors is that they refuse to support any Legislative Council candidate who will not pledge to oppose any weakening of the powers of the Legislative Council. Every effort should be made to get some backbone into Liberal and National Party candidates. If the Liberals lose the Victorian elections, they have only themselves to blame. There are some excellent Members, but the party has more than its share of trendies, opportunists and similar candidates.

BRIEF COMMENTS: Victorian Liberal leader Geoff Kennett is, like other Liberal spokesmen, vocally strong on the subject of freedom of choice - except when it comes to the individual having the right to choose if he wants to take fluorides into his body. The ALP strongly endorses compulsory mass medication in the form of fluoridation of public water supplies. We understand that Mr. Kennett himself has on

a radio programme expressed his own opposition to compulsory mass medication and that several Liberal candidates have in private said they oppose fluoridation, but then quickly stress that they cannot say anything public because of "party policy". In the Geelong area, where there has been strong opposition to fluoridation, Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Mr. R. McKenzie, has come under electoral pressure to stand by a promise he made in 1979, that he was against compulsory fluoridation and favoured a conscience vote on the issue. Mr. McKenzie now hides behind "party policy"! Genuine democracy is impossible unless the Member's first responsibility is to his electors.

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Consider the benefits of the "new education"; Magazines published by student councils at the Melbourne University and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology provide extensive information on drugs. The University magazine devotes a full page to the different types of drugs. Starting with marijuana leaf - "excellent stuff to start your smoking on", the reader is taken through a wide range of drugs concluding with herion, "which can be a bit of a nasty". The editor of the RMIT journal defends his publication, stating that the information "deals largely with lifestyle. Drugs are part of that lifestyle..." Are Australian taxpayers happy helping to finance information about this type of "life-style"?

BASIC FUND PASSES \$40,000: Last week 8 supporters contributed \$679 to the Basic Fund, pushing it past \$40,000 to \$40,194. We must be frank: Unless the great majority now back up the minority, the Basic Fund target of \$50,000 will not be reached. One major project concerning printing equipment has had to be put aside temporarily because the Fund is lagging. Can we have one big effort and conclude the fund by the end of March at the very latest? Failure is unthinkable. Queensland and Northern N.S.W. contributions to Mr. Chas Pinwill, Conservative Book Shop, 459 Ann Street, Brisbane, W.A. address: P.O. Box 16 Ingleswood, 6052. All others to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001.

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