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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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Thought for the Week: "It is not modern techniques which is the main cause of social disintegration, but a conception of life which has ceased to value tradition, that rationalism which has no relation to the past but sees life merely as a series of independent presences. Paradoxically, man who has no past has no future either. Man, to whom tradition is sacred, plants trees and creates benefits for the next generations; because he has part in the past, he looks prudently into the future. The uprooted mass man cares for neither past nor future.... He does not bother what becomes of his work, he does not love durable things, he loves change, and duration seems to him tedious. It is only reverence for the past which makes you love things which last. That is why our age is incredibly unstable. The sense of stability has been changed.

- Emil Brunner in Christianity and Civilisation.

A WORLD GONE MAD: At the very time that Prime Minister Hawke was warmly hosting the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Mr. Hu Yao-bang, representing a regime responsible for the murder of tens of millions of Chinese people, he was moralising about New Zealand rugby players whose only "crime" is that they want to test their skills against South African rugby players, and adopting a most threatening attitude towards any Australian cricketers daring to play in South Africa. Showing his true totalitarian colours, Mr. Hawke speculated on the possibility of refusing to issue passports to Australians wishing to play cricket in South Africa, and then went on to say, "I say this to those who may be contemplating this offer that has been made: that the Australian Tax Officer will be looking extraordinarily closely at any arrangements." Here we have the Prime Minister of Australia openly threatening to use the taxation system for political purpose.

Calling on Mr. Hawke on his way home after being hosted by the murderous Comrade Mugabe of Zimbabwe, and the tyrants running other African States, Prime Minister Lange of New Zealand became emotionally indignant when informed of the decision by the New

Zealand Rugby Football Union to tour South Africa. It was a "day of shame", said Mr. Lange. There is no record of Mr. Lange telling Comrade Mugabe, for example, that it was "shameful" that his regime was holding innocent people in prison and torturing them. Following the lead of the Fraser Government, the Hawke Government insists that Qantas flies into Zimbabwe, instead of directly into South Africa. Most passengers flying into Zimbabwe then proceed to South Africa on South African Airways. While this costly farce continues, at least five African States have their planes fly direct into Johannesburg!

Mr. Hawke's pettiness even extends to suggesting that consideration should be given to whether the prospective Australian rugby tour of New Zealand might have to be stopped because it could infringe "either the letter or the spirit of the Gleneagles agreement." Where is all this madness going to stop? The media gives front page coverage to the unfortunate killing of a number of blacks in South Africa as a result of riots stirred by trained revolutionary activists, but hides on back pages a small item concerning the massacre of hundreds by Soviet forces in Afghanistan. The role of the media in fanning the flames of world-wide revolutionary activities is now a major feature of the struggle for the world.

At this critical time it is important to recall the words of the great Lord Acton concerning the first big revolution against the Western Civilisation, that in France. Acton said that behind all the smoke and fury there was "design". The Hawkes and Langes are but puppets of the present revolution, and will be ultimately swept away by that revolution. What is essential is an exposure of the designers and their strategy. One of the major objectives of the designers at present is to isolate and destroy stability in South Africa, irrespective of how much this costs in terms of bloodshed.

QUEENSLAND VERSUS THE REST?" The Stage is being set for the most convulsive developments in Australian history. At a time when Mr. Hawke's credibility had been badly shaken, he has been forced into a position where a head-on confrontation with the Queensland Government could end in his complete destruction. Mr. Hawke knows this. He has always sought to avoid an open confrontation with Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen. Having failed to persuade the Premier to discuss the Queensland situation, Mr. Hawke then had to appeal to Mr. Peacock to try to intervene. The attempt to isolate Queensland economically has horrendous implications. The Marxists are, as usual, working to escalate the crisis. No realist denies that the Premier won the first round of his battle with the strikers who denied Queenslanders light and power. But the battle has now moved to developments stemming from the government's anti-strike legislation. Following the lead given by visiting Archbishop Runcie, a number of Christian clergy have openly joined in the programme of confrontation. No freedom loving person, particularly a

Christian, will deny that wage-earners have the right to strike. But those who have the right to strike must also accept another principle, that of responsibility. Those responsible for the Queensland power strike showed no consideration for the rights of fellow Queenslanders when they denied them power during the middle of the summer.

All monopolies are anti-social and corrupting. Labor monopolies are just as evil as other monopolies. The Queensland Premier clearly understands that people generally have become increasingly angered by strikes initiated by power-hungry trade union officials. There is not the slightest doubt that the position of the Premier will be strengthened as a result of the nation-wide campaign against him.

BIG LAUGHS FROM THE TREASURY. David Thompson reports from the West;

A West Australian Supporter send a copy of a hilarious letter received in April last year from Mr. Chris Hurford, Minister Assisting the Treasurer, in reply to a question on inflation and the creation of credit. The Treasurer was asked, why it is not possible to monetise the nation's credit in order to help control inflation with the application of Consumer Discounts, financed through the Reserve Bank. The findings of the 1937 Royal Commission into Banking were quoted, in part, as an illustration of what could be done:

"... The Commonwealth Bank (Reserve) can make money available to governments or to others on such terms as it chooses, even by way of a loan without interest or even without requiring either interest or repayment of principal."

All hilarity at the following reply must be tempered with the sobering knowledge that at that time, Mr. Hurford was the Minister Assisting the Treasurer:

"... such a strategy ignores the fundamental relationship between the money supply and inflation. In particular, the very substantial increase in the volume of money in the economy that would result from such an initiative would inevitably create a situation of excess demand for available real goods and services and, in the absence of controls such as rationing, would ultimately lead to higher rather than lower prices for the goods in question. While the linkages or forces within our economic system that would work to bring about this result are somewhat complex, it nevertheless holds that your suggested initiative would create the classic inflationary situation of "too much money chasing too few goods".

CREATION OF CREDIT: Mr. Hurford does, however, admit (in an oblique fashion) that the money supply can be manipulated at will - presumably by the creation of credit:

"It is in recognition of the foregoing relationship that the Government's approach to monetary policy is to provide just sufficient monetary growth to finance expected increases in the production of goods and services...."

All of which means that Mr. Hurford has barely the first clue about how the financial system works, but merely rubber-stamps gobbledygook from the 'entrenched army of occupation' in the treasury back-rooms!

BURKE ON FUEL TAX

W.A. Premier Brian Burke, feeling the hot breath of electoral backlash over the Land Claims issue, has taken another swipe at his Federal colleagues on the oil tax issue. Reports in "The West Australian" (16/4/85) reveal that Mr. Burke favours the proposal that instead of raising the price of fuel 4c litre in May, the Federal Government take an excise reduction.

"Every two cent rise in the price of fuel that goes to the Commonwealth is an extra \$1.2 billion in the Commonwealth's coffers", he said. "If the price of oil rises by ten cents, the Commonwealth takes half of that in excise." Mr. Burke claimed that although the State could not reduce the excise, "... we can continue to hammer the Commonwealth", he said. (Our emphasis).

PGA ENTERS THE ARGUMENT: Mr. Dolin, the spokesman for the W.A. Pastoralists and Graziers' Association appeals to city people to support them on an issue of common interest - fuel prices. Mr. Dolin is reported in "The West Australian" (15/4/84) as saying that the Federal Government had budgeted for revenue of 13.6 billion from its import parity excises, based on the 1984-85 \$35.36 price per barrel of crude. He points out that after price increases in January and March, oil is now \$38.44 per barrel.

"The increases were windfalls to the Government, created by the savage devaluation of the Australian dollar. They have already boosted revenue by \$120 million above budget estimates. Because the next review on May 1 comes after further devaluations of the dollar, we estimate that the new price will be \$45 per barrel, or an extra 4c a litre. The direct cost to the community is bad enough, but the indirect cost to transport, power and other costs will be intolerable," Mr. Dolin said. (Our emphasis).

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