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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "No one would give a child of six a ten-pound note, turn him loose with a box of matches in a firework shop, and to tell him to set off his pretty rockets. But that is exactly what has been done by giving the initiative to an uninstructed - worse, a misinformed - electorate; and allowing it to provide something claimed to be a mandate to interfere in the business of everyone having a 'vested interest'".

- C. H. Douglas in "The Political Problem"

AFRICAN REALITIES: When the famous British Christian missionary, David Livingstone, went to Africa, he described the charnel house conditions. While it is true that European colonialism in Africa was motivated primarily, but not exclusively, by the prospects of economic gain, it is also true that Africans benefitted enormously. They were introduced to the values undergirding Western Christian Civilisation. Europeans like the great Dr. Albert Schweitzer buried themselves in the jungles of Africa in an attempt to help the African. Those who did most for the Africans also understood African realities. Unlike the liberals, they did not believe that Africans were basically just the same as Europeans, and if educated like Europeans, would automatically act like Europeans.

At the very time that Western political systems were breaking down, with party demagogues promising electors that they could vote in the most irresponsible manner, the liberals, backed by the Marxists, urged that the Western colonial powers should "liberate" their African colonies and grant them political constitutions based upon Western democratic systems. The realists attempted to warn that the Western voting system was completely alien to the Africans, and that the end result would be disaster for the Africans. But the liberals persevered, even though the result was a retreat into barbarism right down Africa. Idi Amin was not the exception, as often proclaimed, but the norm. Rhodesia did offer the faint possibility of a multi-racial political system working with a

constitution which sought to have black voting linked with some qualifications and responsibilities. But the liberal front runners for the international revolutionaries, would have none of this and imposed a majority vote which was manipulated by Comrade Mugabe to obtain power as the first step towards destroying all minorities.

As demonstrated by Mr. Malcolm Fraser, who has been openly inciting violence in South Africa, those responsible for the disaster of Rhodesia, now want to impose that disaster upon South Africa. The media continues with its deadly role of completely perverting the truth about events in South Africa. Black children, whose education in the main is paid for by white South Africans, are depicted as boycotting their schools, in some cases destroying them, because of the "oppressive apartheid system". What would Australians think if their school children started to boycott school, engaged in violent protests, and burnt their schools down because of some alleged political injustice.

The white South African is just as entitled to be in South Africa as the blacks, millions of whom have flocked down into South Africa because of what the whites have provided. They have not flocked to South Africa because they felt they might get a vote there. It is not so long ago that Nigeria gave approximately one million foreign blacks, mostly from Ghana, a short time in which to leave, arguing that the Nigerian economy was unable to sustain the foreigners. South Africa should take the initiative against those seeking to impose economic sanctions, by requesting that all foreign workers and illegal immigrants return to their own "liberated" countries. Economic sanctions should be met by starting to withhold some of the vital minerals which Western nations require for their economies.

If a major military conflict with the Soviet Union broke out tomorrow, the dangerous nonsense about political voting would be swept aside by military realities. South Africa is vital to Western military strategy. The Soviet strategists hope to reach their objective in Africa by encouraging the "useful idiots" of the West to continue with the demolition programme set in motion over twenty years ago when Harold Macmillan gave his "winds of change" address in the South African Parliament. Widespread starvation throughout the whole of "liberated" Africa, cushioned only by Western relief schemes, is one of the results of the retreat by the British and other colonial powers. The problem of adequate food will become much more acute if South Africa collapses. Ironically, it is South Africa which provides large food supplies to the rest of Africa!

It is to be hoped that the Liberal Party under Mr. John Howard will move immediately to dissociate itself from disastrous activities of Mr. Malcolm Fraser. We are looking forward to some typical hard hitting comments by RSL President Bruce Ruxton when he addresses the League's National Seminar at The Victoria, Lt. Collins Street, Melbourne on Saturday, October 5th.

ENTER MR. JOHN HOWARD: The media had a "field day" last week as Mr. Andrew Peacock committed political suicide, demonstrating in the process what we have always said: he is a political lightweight. But what of "Honest John" Howard? All we will say at this moment is that his main Achilles heel is his financial orthodoxy. And he inherits a party in which there are deep cleavages. Hopefully there may be a more sensible attitude towards South Africa.

PRODUCING THE ROPE FOR THE SOVIET HANG-MASTER: (David Thompson comments):

In the middle of May, John Elliot and Vladimir Pletnev linked arms and toasted each other with a can of Fosters in Moscow's most prestigious hotel. Who is John Elliot, and why would he be toasted by the Soviets? He is the head of the Australia-USSR Business Council, and was leading a 35-strong business delegation to the Soviets to improve trading opportunities.

Elliot is also the man who runs one of the biggest and all-embracing companies in Australia, viz. Elders-IXL. Elders, who took over Mr. Laurie Matheson's Commercial Bureau in 1983, is also the only Australian company to have an accredited office in Moscow, according to the "Business Review Weekly" (24/5). Further, Elders-IXL is also the agent in Australia for the Soviet's two main commercial ventures in Australia, viz. Belarus Tractors, and Tecma electrical goods. Elders is also believed to be Australian agents for some of the Soviet fishing interests in the Southern Hemisphere.

The reason that John Elliot was being toasted by the Soviets was that Elders, in particular, has big plans for expanding trade with the Soviets, and needs the new Business Council to pave the way. Accompanying Mr. Elliot to Moscow were some of Australia's leading businessmen, all trying to sell their respective products to the Communists. Sir Leslie Price, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, along with John Evans, head of Comalco. Peter Frawley, of the Australian Meat & Livestock Corporation; and Dr. John Burman, of CSR - and many others.

Of last year's exports to the Soviet, wheat and wool were overwhelmingly predominant, accounting for \$500 million. According

to the "Business Review Weekly", Elliot emphasises the need to regularise Australian agricultural and mineral exports to the USSR, but realises that we have a commitment to import more Soviet machinery and equipment, petroleum products, timber, chemicals, and semi-processed materials. He does not explain why we are unable to produce such products ourselves.

Elders has high hopes of skimming the cream from the trade with the Soviets, and is reported to be keen to embark on joint ventures with the Soviets. One proposal is said to be a joint farming venture which will use Australian management and equipment, with the aim of helping the Soviet boost production in arable and live-stock farming, which would result in "lucrative" opportunities for Australian companies involved in the supply of equipment and technology to the agricultural sector. Which companies? Why, Elders-IXL, which is rapidly becoming the sole monopoly stock agent for the whole Australian rural sector, although minor competitive firms are tolerated for the present.

So, Mr. Hawke and the Labor Party must be very pleased with their man, Elliot. But wait! Mr. Elliot claims to be not a Hawke Labor man, but a leading Liberal man. He is currently the Federal Treasurer of the Liberal Party of Australia!

Mr. Elliot leads the first major trading delegation to the USSR in much the same way as Sir Peter Abeles leads the Australian delegation to Communist China.

Finally, in Western Australia, the proposal to accept a dry-dock in the southern port of Albany has been met with a storm of protest. The dock was to be built and financed by the Soviets, but they would have the right to the use of the dock for the Soviet fishing fleet. And who were the agents who were putting the case on behalf of the Soviets? John Elliott's Elders-IXL.

(We await with interest to get the reaction of new Liberal leader, Mr. John Howard (strongly anti-Communist) to the activities of Mr. Elliot - Editor.)

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