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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—*

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Thought for the Week: "... it may be noted how the power of taxation has grown into a form of oppression beside which the modest efforts of the robber barons of the Middle Ages must appear crude. While the (financial) system is based fundamentally upon a theory of rewards and punishment, modern financial methods, in conjunction with the taxation system, would appear to suggest that the acquisition of the reward is proper ground for the imposition of punishment in the form of taxation which will distribute the reward amongst those who have not worked for it."

C.H. Douglas in "The Monopoly of Credit"

THE PHONY TAX DEBATE; The rural community and small businesses receive another blow as a result of Mr. Paul Keating's "tax reform" policy. The thrust towards further centralisation of power is increased. The widespread controversy about the "reform" masks the fact that all the juggling, with a heavy dash of political bribery, is not designed to REDUCE total taxation. May we repeat again what we have said before: progressive increases in taxation are mathematically certain under the debt system of finance.

Opposition leader John Howard has offered no genuine alternatives. He has in fact admitted that he agrees with much of the "tax reform" introduced by Mr. Keating, stressing that he has always favoured a greater emphasis on indirect taxation. Mr. Keating has moved in that direction, and, if his figures prove to be correct (which is far from certain) the 10 per cent tax on cooking appliances will yield \$30 million a year on the sale of stoves, grillers and microwave ovens. Even the sale of icecreams, biscuits and packets of potato chips will net the government \$30 million. The direct tax cuts being offered will, according to Mr. Keating, be offset by the projected 5 per cent growth in the economy and wage increases continuing to bring taxpayers into a higher tax bracket. In other words, the Keating-Hawke-Treasury strategy is based upon the view that inflation, followed by higher wages, will

under orthodox financial practices, be forced to increase the dreaded deficit.

What is certain is that the general standard of living in Australia is going to be steadily pushed downwards. And that unless there is a major national protest, Australians will have identity cards imposed upon them. Total taxation in Australia could be drastically REDUCED by the use of new credits issued at the cost of administration, and by the financing of all necessary new capital works out of new credits, instead of out of taxation, these issued on a long term basis. From a physical point of view, the general standard of living in Australia could be much higher. And it is still true that what is physically possible should be made financially possible.

NEW ZEALANDERS RE-GROUP UNDER REVOLUTIONARY ASSAULT: Mr. David Thompson reports from New Zealand:

It is no longer a surprise in New Zealand to see the revolutionaries out in the streets, marching in demonstrations (sometimes accompanied by some church groups) or disrupting public meetings. A feature of Mrs Jackie Butler's New Zealand tour was the venom directed toward her from the militant women's movement, and the homosexual lobby.

Attempts were made to disrupt Mrs Butler's meetings, including the League's Annual Seminar in Auckland on September 7th. In many towns, police were required to keep order, and it was a great credit to Mrs Butler, representing the Council for a Free Australia, and Women Who Want to be Women, that her dignity and sense of humour never deserted her. New Zealanders, in the main, responded extremely well to her message.

Presently before Parliament is a Bill to legalise homosexuality, also being called the Sodomy Act. Conservative and Christian groups across the country are mounting a massive effort to have the Bill thrown out, and have collected over 750,000 signatures on their petition to Parliament. Intensive lobbying by the militant homosexuals has sparked off a debate that has, for the first time, deeply involved some of the churches.

The development of a Christian Coalition, in the same mould as the American Moral Majority, has sent a chill down the spines of the humanists and marxists. "Christians are going to take control of this country, says Mr Keith Hay, one of the organisers of the anti-homosexual petition. One of the others involved, Mr John Massam, editor of "Challenge Weekly" Christian newspaper, addressed the League Seminar in Auckland, and was roundly condemned by the homosexual spokesman (spokesperson?) for doing so.

The Christian Coalition receives solid support from fundamental church people, but traditional groups like the National Council of Churches (of the WCC) are deeply concerned, and have instructed a committee to investigate Coalition links with "right-wing" groups. Obviously, the liberals within the traditional churches, believe that the Coalition could be "dangerous". At last the Christians are astir, and may take the battle right to the humanists.

On Friday 13th, homosexual marches were held in each capital city, in support of the homosexual bill. But the homosexuals are also striking at the education system, which angers the Christian Coalition more than anything else. The conference of the Post Primary Teachers Association last month passed a motion calling for PPTA support for the "rights of self-identified lesbian and homosexual teachers" without a voice of dissent. The PPTA went further than any other teacher's organisation ever in stating that lesbian and homosexual high school students needed positive role models from lesbian and homosexual teachers!

More than 20% of farmers are facing the prospect of being forced off the land unless the Government creates a more favourable economic climate, according to Hawke's Bay Federated Farmers provincial president John Reynolds. "Costs have shot up over 16%, and to cap it all, this season we face product prices that will hardly pay the farmer wages on a debt-free farm", he said. Such is the state of New Zealand's most important industry - farming. All across the country the story is the same, and the key seems to be the savage combination of cost rises, heavy debt and spiralling interest rates.

New Zealand once provided assistance to desperate farmers, and their producer bodies often had access to Reserve Bank credit at interest rates that Australians envied - 1%. The Apple and Pear Board is the last to lose this concession this week, the explanation being; "This is part of the Government's move to put producer boards on a more commercial footing by cutting their access to cheap Reserve Bank money". This might make some sense if interest rates were about 12%, but even a farmer's overdraft rate is now 20.5%! Other rates vary up to one bank's rate of 27%. Mere survival is becoming quite impossible.

New Zealand's Rural Bank, created for the purpose of assisting struggling farmers, has now ruthlessly increased interest rates to a point where many of the farmers they have assisted, are facing destruction.

Such is the New Zealand political scene, that within the 'conservative' National Party, there is now a serious, concerted campaign to return Sir Robert Muldoon to the party leadership.

Sir Robert, who now languishes on the back-benches, refuses to rule out the possibility of a challenge to the leadership. To Australians (and Andrew Peacock) this must sound terribly familiar.

BRIEF COMMENTS: The leading role of former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, in the international assault upon South Africa, raises once again the question of what happened to Fraser while at Oxford University. Fraser has admitted to a close friend of the League of Rights, that he was active in the anti-apartheid movement while at Oxford. Was Malcolm Fraser not aware that the anti-apartheid movement at Oxford was Marxist dominated? If he is but one more of Lenin's "useful idiots", he is still far too dangerous to be allowed to claim to represent the majority of the Australian people. It is significant that continuing strong criticism by former WA Liberal Premier, Sir Charles Court, of Malcolm Fraser's anti-South African activities, is receiving "silent treatment" in the Eastern media.

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The new chairman of Victoria's Bicentennial Council, Mr. Bruce Grant, says he would like to see the bicentenary marked with a new constitution. A former feature writer with "The Age", Melbourne, Bruce Grant was appointed Ambassador to India by the Whitlam Government. He is currently adviser to the Victorian State Government on the arts. Mr. Grant wants to see an end to the Senate's power over Supply and a limit to the powers of the Governor-General. There is going to be major effort to have the Federal Constitution further weakened by the time of the Bicentennial Celebrations. Electors should give no support to any politician or aspiring politicians, who will not firmly pledge to restore control of the Federal Constitution to the people. Could we hear from that new Liberal leader, Mr. John Howard, on this vital issue?

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Politics are dominated by economics under a financial policy which forces industrial nations to strive for a "favourable balance of trade". Anti-Communist South Korea, headquarters of The World Anti-Communist League, is discreetly increasing its exports of Communist China.

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