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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "Most of the major ills of the world have been caused by well-meaning people who ignored the principle of individual freedom, except as applied to themselves, and who were obsessed with fanatical zeal to improve the lot of mankind-in-the-mass through some pet formula of their own... The harm done by ordinary criminals, murderers, gangsters, and thieves is negligible in comparison with the agony inflicted upon human beings by the professional 'do-gooders', who attempt to set themselves up as gods on earth and who would ruthlessly force their views on all others - with the abiding assurance that the end justifies the means."

- Grady Weaver in The Mainstring of Human Progress.

THE RESURRECTION OF A CIVILISATION. During his recent tour of Australia under the auspices of League of Rights supporters, distinguished British scientist Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs, drew attention to the difference between faith and religion, stressing that religion means appropriate action to make faith a reality. Marxism is a religion, most of its supporters dedicated to action. A Civilisation is the incarnation of intangible values. To the extent that Western Civilisation was the incarnation of Christian values, it was a Christian Civilisation. Today that Civilisation lies broken and bleeding, crucified by the spiritual descendants of those who rejected Christ's message of freedom for the individual two thousand years ago. Foremost in the campaign which led to the Crucifixion, were the Pharisees, who were incensed when Christ said that the Sabbath (institutions) were made for man, not man for the Sabbath. The Pharisees fanatically believed that they knew what was best for the individual, whose every action had to be governed by written regulations.

Nothing has more dramatically demonstrated the sickness of Western societies than the spectacle of the Hawke Government calling a Summit Conference on the mounting drug problem, offering a massive \$80 million of the taxpayers' money for a national programme

which it can be predicted now will fail primarily because there is no proposal to look at basic causes. These could be discovered if a realistic examination were made of another measure of a dying Civilisation: the growing number of despairing and disoriented young people who are committing suicide. Then there are those who, while they cannot bring themselves to direct suicide opt for an attitude of escapism. Drugs help provide one way of attempting to cope with a situation which large numbers of the young find hopeless and despairing. Many are convinced that the bomb will eventually drop and there is no hope for the future. Students in American Universities have been debating the question of whether or not cyanide tablets should be readily available for students if a nuclear attack took place. There is little faith in the future.

Every responsible parent and teachers should all be warning children of the dangers of drug taking. But even the Soviet authorities are finding that lectures on the perils of acute alcoholism are having no effect on the growing consumption of vodka. People forced to live in the dull, grey world of collectivism, with little scope for individual creativeness, turn easily to the most readily available form of escapism - vodka. "Progressive education", with its rejection of appropriate disciplines for the young, the erosion of traditional values, and the distortion of history, has much to answer for. Mr. Hawke and his colleagues are not addressing themselves to this important question.

On top of this is the perversion of the true purpose of the economic system, with large numbers of the young left unemployed and a feeling of uselessness. Present financial, economic and social policies can only be described as those of the anti-Christ, with an ever-increasing cry for even greater centralisation of power and the crushing of the human spirit. With some shining exceptions, Christian Church spokesmen offer little but pious platitudes, or even worse, and carry forward the spirit of the Pharisses with a call for more controls and regulations to "make people good".

The resurrection of a dying Civilisation is not going to start with "Summits", but out amongst the people, where regeneration must first start with individuals, these learning how to associate together to inject a spirit of positive hope into what admittedly is a dark but far from hopeless situation. But this process of regeneration requires access to that Truth which we were told is the foundation of freedom. The League humbly believes that it is in the forefront of the regenerating process by its growing stream of literature, cassette tapes and now video tapes. The challenges were never greater - but so is the opportunity to serve God and our fellow human beings, including our betrayed youth.

BASIC FUND SUCCESS REFLECTS HIGH LEAGUE MORALE: National Director Mr. Eric Butler, recently returned from New Zealand, has provided the following brief report on the 1984-85 Basic Fund appeal:

"With all interstate figures in, the League's Basic Fund, set at \$50,000, finished strongly over the past few weeks, the total reaching \$55,411. The surplus, which no doubt will be further increased, will be allocated to the 1985-86 fund.

"The 1984-85 Fund was, in my opinion, the most vital we have ever conducted, as it took place against the background of the most concentrated campaign of anti-League smearing yet seen in Australia. The success of the campaign was a reflection of the continuing high morale of the League. I wish to thank all those who gave so generously, in some cases, sacrificially, to ensure the success of the Basic Fund. I extend special thanks to those relative newcomers to the League who also made valuable contributions.

"For those not aware of the fact, I would like to stress that salaries paid to the small team of full-time League employees lag far behind other expenditures. No League employee, including the National Director, even draws the Basic wage. There are no super-annuation schemes or retiring allowances. An enormous amount of work is done by near-full time volunteers. The League's printing presses are run by volunteers, generally at weekends.

"As a result of the success of the Basic Fund, I am pleased to report that the League's planned programme to maintain the standard of its printing equipment, its small fleet of vintage but most reliable cars, to build up paper and book stocks, and to make a start in the field of video tapes, has been carried through.

"The change to our new National Headquarters at 145 Russell Street, has been proceeding smoothly and has been another big step forward. As some of our supporters already know, the League is now planning further big advances. These will require that the League's Annual Basic Fund continues to be filled as quickly as possible. I maintain my faith that the growing army of League supporters will not falter as the increasingly perilous situation develops. We have moved through the most momentous year in the history of the League, one which will be recalled in the future with proper pride by those who never failed to stand with fellow League supporters."

ABUSE OF TAX REVENUE: The Special Minister of State, Mr. Mick Young, conceded in Parliament on March 26, that several M.P.s were allowing the use of their free parliamentary telephones for the use of "pressure groups". The Australian (March 27, '85) reported:

".... Mr. Young told Parliament yesterday he accepted "those sorts of things do occur", although he called on members to use their taxpayer-provided services responsibly. An Opposition backbencher, Dr. David Watson (Lib. - Qls.) raised the issue by pointing out that the office telephone of Qld Labor Senator George Georges was being advertised as a contact by the committee for peace and disarmament..."

Corruption in the Federal Parliament is now so widespread that such items have almost lost their power to shock.

It was revealed in February (The Chronicle, Toowoomba, 18/2) that Federal funds have been neatly channelled from the Community Employment Programme (C.E.P.) to a multitude of Left-wing groups. Amongst examples: The Nuclear Disarmament co-ordinating Committee received \$6,330 - specifically to organise the Palm Sunday Peace Rally in N.S.W. People For Nuclear Disarmament (PND) in Sydney received \$78,482 to employ five people for 6 months on a 'peace bus' project. The same group got another \$15,392 to employ one person full-time for "disarmament education", this despite the fact the same organisation has several communists on its staff, and recently advertised for staff in the Communist Tribune. The Victorian-based Campaign for International Co-operation and Disarmament (CICD) received \$47,568 to employ 3 people for a year in the organisation's 25th anniversary project. Pax Christi, headed by Socialist Left academic Joe Camilleri, got \$71,061 to employ 5 people for over six months on "peace education".

And one, and on. Other C.E.P. funding covered:

Victorian Trades Hall Council - two grants for \$81,640 and \$157,839.

The Tasmanian Wilderness Society - \$17,443, \$38,767 and \$11,790.

Wilderness Society in Sydney - \$57,642.

Tasmanian Wilderness Society in Victoria - \$66,616.

Friends of the Earth - \$23,697.

FILEF (the Australian operation of the Italian Communist Party) got \$13,267 in N.S.W. and \$23,499 in South Australia for building renovations and staffing.

The Union of Australian Women (Victorian Branch) got \$35,631 to employ 3 people for a year to write the history of the organisation.

The Australian Union of Students, although virtually defunct and totally discredited, got 2 grants of \$31,810 and another of \$21,075 to employ staff.

And the Victorian Teachers' Union received a total of \$110,641 to fund its Womens' Affirmative Action Handbook.

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