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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance.*

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Thought for the Week: "Far more dangerous than crimes of passion are the crimes of idealism - the crimes which are instigated, fostered and moralised by hallowed words."

- Aldous Huxley in The Devil's Loudun

SIR JOH FOR PRIME MINISTER? Ever since he defied most of the opinion polls, and exposed the quackery of the political commentators, to win the last Queensland State elections, Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen has been having a major influence on Australian politics. Sir Joh has demonstrated that he is a grass-roots politician with a "feel" for what the majority of people are concerned about. His open support for Victorian RSL President, Mr. Bruce Ruxton, in his highly publicised conflict with Archbishop Tutu, suggests that Sir Joh feels that there is strong electoral support for the stand Mr. Ruxton is taking on the subject of black immigration from Africa. Sir Joh's open criticism of the Opposition parties, his call for the Federal National party to leave the Coalition, together with calls for major taxation reforms, and other statements, indicate a type of political strategy aimed not merely at defeating the Hawke Government at the next Federal elections, but of ensuring the election of candidates who reflect Sir Joh's viewpoints.

Prominent Queensland Gold Coast businessman, Mr. Michael Gore, heading a group of Australian businessmen, claims that polls conducted by his group show that what some term the Joh-phenomenon can be translated into Federal politics. Mr. Gore and his group distinguished themselves as having correctly tipped the result of the Queensland State election. Mr. Gore is quoted as saying that he has outlined to the Premier a scenario in which Sir Joh could emerge as Prime Minister after the next Federal elections. As yet there is no indication that Sir Joh seriously proposes to enter Federal politics directly. It is our opinion that it would be extremely unwise for Sir Joh to attempt such a move. We believe that he can exercise more influence on the direction of Federal politics from

his present firm State base. Mr. Peter Boyle, national president of the Australian Small Business Association, has correctly said that without forming any new political party, Sir Joh was starting to influence the Federal political agenda, pointing out that within days of Sir Joh making the running on the taxation issue, Liberal Opposition leader, Mr. John Howard, was talking about his "flatter tax" plan while National leader Mr. Ian Sinclair had proposed the abolition of Uniform Taxation and the transfer of income responsibility to the States. This is one of those few sound suggestions ever made by Mr. Sinclair, who soon found himself the target of a national campaign of criticism. Demonstrating one of his philosophical flaws, the Queensland Premier was one of those who criticised the proposal to return income taxing powers to the States. One of the most ridiculous criticisms of returning income taxing powers to the States, was that there would be different levels of taxation. But Sir Joh demonstrated the benefits from competition in the taxation field when he was the first to abolish Death Duties. Other States, and the Federal Government, were forced to follow.

As we have consistently pointed out, the Hawke-Keating Government must continue on a disaster course while it adheres to orthodox financial policies. But this does not mean that it is inevitable that this government will be defeated at the next Federal elections. We are not surprised to see that the most reliable of the public opinion polls, the Morgan polls, shows that the Hawke-Keating Government has recovered in the polls, one of the reasons being, we suspect, the lack of a cohesive Opposition with convincing alternative policies. We do not rule out the prospect of an early Federal election with the possibility of the Hawke-Keating Government just surviving. But if, primarily through default, the Opposition parties come to office, and fail to deal with Australia's basic problems, then the Liberal Party as existing at present will disintegrate.

The best that can be expected from a Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen endorsed team at the coming Federal elections, is that it might obtain the balance of power, if not in the House of Representatives, at least in the Senate, and act as a restraint on the drive towards incorporating Australia into the World State.

BRIEF COMMENTS: In his address, "The Monopolistic Idea" (\$1.50 posted) given in the Melbourne Town Hall in 1934, C.H. Douglas outlined from his own experiences as an engineer, the role of finance in fostering the centralisation of economic power. The recent battle between Mr. Rupert Murdoch and Mr. Holmes a Court concerning The Herald, Melbourne, and associated chain of newspapers, was won by Murdoch because he had access to adequate financial credit. Without that financial credit, Rupert Murdoch could not even buy a meat-pie stall. But Mr. Holmes a Court has

not done so badly, making a profit of an estimated \$100 million as a result of his battle with Mr. Rupert Murdoch. It is estimated that from now on that 62 per cent of Australians over the age of 13 will now be reading Rupert Murdoch's newspapers. Douglas observed that control of credit and control of news is concentric. Fabian Socialist Bob Hawke remains complacent in the face of the Murdoch drive to centralise control of the media in Australia, no doubt hoping that he can make some kind of a "deal" with Rupert Murdoch, the man who played a major role in helping to bring Fabian Socialist Gough Whitlam to office in 1972.

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Informed American commentators are predicting that as a result of "Irangate", President Ronald Reagan could be forced into early retirement, with Trilateralist George Bush taking over. If the present U.S.A. Vice President takes over from Reagan in the near future, the U.S.A. could finish with a Bush Administration for the next ten years, a prospect which alarms American patriots concerned about the growing erosion of America's sovereignty.

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The Australian of December 18th, 1986, reports that the Soviet Union has sent Israel a document which allegedly will be key evidence in the trial of accused Nazi war criminal, John Demjanjuk, extradited from the U.S.A. to stand trial in Israel. Prominent Americans have expressed serious doubts about the Israeli charges against Demjanjuk, stressing that there is clearly a case of mistaken identity. But the Soviets, allegedly anti-Israel, have fully cooperated to provide the alleged identification papers.

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In spite of the alleged "anti-Semitism" inside the Soviet Union, Jews who have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union continue to return to the Soviet Union. Soviet propaganda has made the most of this development. But the Soviet does not want too many of its previous citizens to return, as this would place a strain on the Soviet economic and social system.

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As demonstrated by C.H. Douglas nearly 70 years ago, the modern finance-industrial system generates prices faster than it distributes incomes, the result being a progressive expansion in financial debt and a drive by all developed nations to try to solve their internal problems by exporting more than they import (obtaining a "favourable balance of trade"). This leads to trade wars, which in the past led to shooting wars. The nuclear weapon has made world wars too dangerous. The "solution" now is to try to curb production by financing monopoly of all kinds, eventually leading to the "planned global economy" under the New International Economic Order. The mounting trade war between the EEC and the USA is the preliminary to even greater convulsions than those already experienced. A completely new situation in human affairs is developing. Either there will be constructive changes in financial "ON TARGET" January 23rd, 1987

policy, or there will be disasters dwarfing anything experienced in the past.

The disillusionment with political parties in Australia continues. The Sydney Morning Herald (Jan. 17th) published the result of a poll which showed that in the N.S.W. State Electorate of Bankstown (where a by-election is imminent) both the Liberal and Labor Parties have lost much electoral support.

What is interesting, also, is that the result showed that a Labor Party, without Hawke, would be in deep trouble. Apparently the charisma of "Our Bob" (and even this is subsiding now) is still a major "plus" for the Canberra Socialists.

Mr. Peter Robinson, the Sydney Sunday Sun-Herald (Jan. 18th) sees as a danger to Australian politics - "Not so much a national extrapolation of the Queensland scene (not an admirer of Sir Joh!), but a steady disintegration of politics into a restless, endlessly changing pattern of temporary coalitions built around specific (usually self-interested) issues."

The rot in our political parties is there, in varying degrees, for all to see; and this will not be extirpated unless and until policies, realistic policies, benefitting the individual Australian are implemented. We can see no evidence of this in sight.

The very nature of organisation, any organisation, is that such will suffer disintegration if it fails to produce for its constituents the results for which it, itself, is constituted. This most certainly includes political parties.

Alright. What about Communist parties in Communist countries? They aren't disintegrating, are they?

Yes they are. They are in a continual state of disintegration because the continual struggle for power at the top, and the intrigue at all levels clearly demonstrates that these organisations can be held together only by the dread of the secret police, the K.G.B. is the Sword and Shield, the protector of the Revolution, and the destroyer of enemies of the Revolution. The explosion of human emotions which will occur in Russia one day - after the demise of Communism - will reverberate for decades.

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One "sleeper" issue identified by a national political commentator is that of social violence. Everyone knows that it is dangerous to be alone, on the streets at night. In some areas, even by day. Public transport is now a risky business; not safe at all. Women are in danger of attack by vicious louts. Our memory goes back many, many decades. We can remember men being hanged for rape; it was then a capital offence. It was rare in those days. If was safe to be on the streets at night. Public transport was safe. We agree that the issue of social violence will become a political issue; it will influence politics in Australia.

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