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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance—

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Thought for the Week: "A man should, whatever happens, keep to his own caste, race, and breed. Let the White go to the White, and the Black to the Black - unless he wants a disaster."

- Beyond the Pale, Rudyard Kipling (1890)

SCRAPING THE BARREL: "Only an A.L.P. Defeat at the coming Adelaide by-election would ensure the death of Telecom's plan to time-charge local calls, Opposition Leader Mr. Howard, said yesterday."

- Sunday Press, January 24th.

We have read, and we are inclined to believe it, that many of the Canberra politicians have been stunned by the sharp public reaction against this latest governmental slug; rather intended slug. There is no doubt that it will be "on" unless the protest from the grass-roots is strong enough.

Neither are we convinced that John Howard, himself, would not attempt to support a Telecom time-charge on local calls, if he were in the Prime Minister's shoes. He, as a party politician, is attempting to gain the most mileage out of Mr. Hawke's edginess over this issue.

What John Howard is doing is to urge voters at the coming by-election for the Federal seat of Adelaide to vote against the Hawke Government candidate in order to put political pressure on it to drop the above measure. Mr. Unsworth, the Premier of N.S.W. is unhappy about the Telecom rip-off as he has to face his electors in his State in a matter of months.

As the Government is forced to scrape the money barrel more and more to fund the cost of government, the Deficit, the soaring interest payments on various national and international loans, etc., we can expect many further imposts, such as the new "entry" tax on persons arriving in Australia: there is already a "Departure Tax".

This time it is a Superannuation Tax. The Campbell Report of 1981 recommended that superannuation funds should be taxed on annual income, less administration costs. This Report was issued under the Fraser Government: John Howard was Treasurer at the time. One can

imagine that the Life Insurance industry is white with rage at the prospect of having some of its superannuation funds gold eggs snatched away from it. Tax deductions would almost certainly be hit, much to the pleasure of Brother Keating.

Not only will employer organisations be hit for six, if superannuation tax is introduced (as in New Zealand) but also large numbers of people planning retirement. This one won't go away.

GROUNDSWELL COMMITTEE: We wish to remind supporters that the Adelaide by-election on February 6th will have a new note, viz. that of the "Groundswell" movement.

It is issuing literature in support of the Swiss system of Initiative Referendum, the "Electors' Veto".

The electorate will be saturated with literature to urge voters not to support any candidate who will NOT support Senator Macklin's Bill proposing the Electors' Veto.

The "Groundswell" Committee is appealing for physical and financial support. The address is "P.O. Box 263, KINGSWOOD, S.A., 5062. Faster contact may be made by phoning: (Adelaide) - 381.5495/337.4219/276.8352.

"DISMISSAL" RIPPLES: "British intelligence was secretly involved in ousting the Whitlam Government in 1975, expatriate Australian journalist John Pilger will allege on British T.V. this week."

- The Sun (Melbourne), January 25th.

We have already seen some of John Pilger's "Work" on Australian T.V.; notably one on Aboriginal "culture" and Land Rights, and we had to pinch ourselves in disbelief that we were actually viewingsuch fantastic gibberish. No, we are not impressed with the "work" we have so far witnessed from the hand of John Pilger.

Now we are asked to believe (at least the British are) that the "Dismissal" (of Gough Whitlam's Government by the then Governor-General, Sir John Kerr) was master-minded by British and American intelligence services.

Whilst not doubting that some of these British and American intelligence people saw the Whitlam Government as a security threat to Australia and the Western alliance, (plenty of Australian citizens had the same opinion!) - the fact remains that Sir John Kerr acted constitutionally. We recall those times vividly, and we assert that the man and woman in the street were apprehensive with respect to many of the pro-Left initiatives of the Whitlam Government. Mr. and Mrs. Australia did not "maintain their rage" at all. They were outrightly relieved when the Governor-General gave them the opportunity to "have a say". They threw Whitlam and his gang out, with a vengeance! Whilst on "The Dismissal", there has been a consistent effort,

particularly by the mass media, to portray it as a "constitutional crisis". It was nothing of the sort: it was a "political crisis". It would have been a constitutional crisis IF the Australian Constitution had not provided a mechanism for resolving the impasse of the day (11th November, 1975) between the "Labor" Party, and the Coalition in Opposition. IT DID!

The power of the Governor-General was the key to it, as provided for in the Australian Constitution. He dismissed the Whitlam Government (and quite correctly!), and referred the impasse to the Australian people, the next month - December. The rest is history.

Supporters will be aware that the present "Constitutional Commission" is recommending the curtailment of the power of the Governor-General. As this Commission is appointed by Fabian Socialists, one dare not expect anything else!

The power of the Crown saved us from a very sticky situation in 1975, and the power of the Crown may well save us from attacks on our freedoms. We have no doubt that the Whitlam gang were out to socialise Australia as fast as they could, just as the Hawke gang are out to do the same, if we allow them the opportunities. At the coming Bicentennial Referendum later this year, make sure that the power of government is NOT increased. Make sure that the power of the Crown is held intact. No 4-year terms; no reduction of ~~the~~ powers of the Senate; no reduction of the powers of the Governor-General.

REPORT FROM NATIONAL DIRECTOR: As we go to press, the National Director (Mr. Eric Butler) is touring southern Queensland, northern N.S.W. He reports very large attendances at meetings by obviously concerned citizens.

The Telecom time-charge-local calls issue is causing alarm, but THE issue at present is the attack by Socialist governments to freeze the ownership of guns. Mr. Unsworth in N.S.W. is now attempting to back away from the issue as a State election, in a few months, is staring him in the face.

The donations to the Basic Fund at meetings have been inspiring, which demonstrates that there are many, many, supporters, "out there there", who just don't "get around" to sending their donations by mail. It is a problem. We can't be "physically" everywhere at the same time. We again urge supporters "elsewhere" to make that effort, and mail in their donation to the Basic Fund.

There will be a further report on the Basic Fund shortly.

Special Issue of Intelligence Survey: This Special Issue on the Electors' Veto concept will be ready by the time supporters read this, and we can take orders now.

Bulk prices are: 6 copies for \$3.00/ 12 copies for \$5.00/ 50 copies for \$15.00/ 100 copies for \$25.00/ 1000 copies for \$200.00. Yes, these prices DO include postage.

SAME OLD "AUSTRAL-ASIA" GOBBLEDOOK: "Australia must accept that it is an Asian nation or it will perish economically, a senior federal minister has warned."

- The Age (Melbourne) January 25th.

We can well recall the "Austral-Asia" line being pushed in the Communist press back in the early fifties - yes, 35 years ago. We know that both "Labor" and Coalition governments are trying to make Australia an Asian nation via heavy Asian immigration, but they still have a long way to go, and the average Australian is waking up; more so the European Australians than the native born, we do believe.

The reality of the situation is that the present finance-economic system under which we grind (as with all of today's trading nations), is fault-ridden and does not reflect economic realities. Mr. Dawkins, the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, does not know this, and does not want to know it. He is a Socialist ideologue who will cling to his fallacious ideology to the bitter end: and it will be bitter, for all of us. Mr. Dawkins wants us to "Asianise" ourselves in order to benefit from what he really does believe to be the New Era of Asian economic might, with an Asian cringe by Oz thrown in for good measure. We can understand that, on the surface, this view has some plausibility.

But we know that the world's finance-economic systems will (must) collapse as they are structured on Falsehood, and with them - today's Asian giants.

BRIEF COMMENT: The "National Viewers & Listeners Association of Western Australia has issued a screed to alarm Australians that a Government attack on current T.V. Standards is probable.

We can best advise supporters of the danger by giving a quotation from The West Australian, September 1st., 1987:

"The Federal Government has foreshadowed sweeping changes which could see the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal stripped of power to regulate programme standards.....

"Confirming the decision to review the Broadcasting Act and the Tribunal, Senator (Gareth) Evans suggested that it might be time for the Government to opt out of programme control for radio and T.V, and leave it to the consumers and the market.....

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