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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —*

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Thought for the Week: "The retreat of the world from Christian Civilisation is going back to an incident in the life of Christ. Metaphysical values must have personal exponents to be effective in the world: the conflict of values finds its expression in the conflict of men. Christ found it necessary to drive the money-changers from the Temple, and that is precisely the contemporary necessity..."

- Dr. Bryan Monahan in "An Introduction to Social Credit."

THE MEANING OF THE VICTORIAN ELECTIONS: Victoria is the heartland of Fabianism in Australia. It was in Melbourne that Prime Minister Bob Hawke gave his famous address to the Centenary Dinner of the Fabian Society (1984). The Victorian Cain Government is a carbon copy of the Hawke Federal Government: increasing central planning goes hand in hand with the encouragement of Big Business. During the election campaign, Premier John Cain stressed the flurry of economic activity, the Melbourne sky-line dotted with cranes. This activity is the result of a massive increase in debt. Victoria is now the most debt-ridden State in Australia. And the manner in which this debt has been injected into the Victorian economy has favoured Big Business.

As we go to press, the final result of the Victorian elections is in doubt. But should the Cain government survive, it will be by the smallest of majorities. However, a Cain government's power will be severely restricted by the increased anti-Labor Opposition in the Upper House. In spite of all the brave words, the Fabians have suffered a set-back.

What has been demonstrated once again is that the Fabian-type Labor parties, both Federal and State, have developed a new electoral base. They are regarded favourably by many of the representatives of Big Business, while a new middle class has emerged, consisting of many groups who are directly or indirectly employed by government. There

are all the new social welfare workers and similar people. Traditional Labor supporters have been alienated, but find that they have no where to go because of the failure of the Liberal-National party Opposition to present policies with which they can relate.

It is no secret that the Labor strategists in Victoria regarded Liberal leader Jeff Kennett as their greatest electoral asset, some expressing the view that Kennett has been worth five seats for the Labor party. While Jeff Kennett's managers managed to programme the Liberal leader to avoid the type of gaffes for which he is famous, Kennett's record reveals him to be a man without a coherent philosophy. He was at one time in favour of Council Amalgamations, he was weak on the gun control issue, and attempted to distance himself from John Howard when the Federal Liberal leader stumbled into the immigration issue. Kennett also expresses support for multiculturalism. Should Kennett find himself Premier with a Coalition government and a very small majority, we have the gravest doubts about his capacity to shift Victoria off the course on which is held by the Fabian-dominated bureaucracy.

In summary, the best possible result could be the continuation of the Cain government with a reduced majority, confronted by an Opposition-dominated Legislative Council. This result should end with the Liberal party removing Jeff Kennett in favour of a new leader who can get the Liberal party back to the fundamental principles upon which it was first established.

DRAMATIC NATIONAL LEAGUE WEEKEND: The League's 1988 National Weekend started with the background echo of a new attack on the League in the Federal parliament. One media headline referred to a call for a Royal Commission into the League. We understand there will be further parliamentary attacks this week. Every event, starting with the National Secretariat meeting of the League last Friday, was an outstanding success.

In a statement issued to the National Action Conference on Sunday, October 2nd., National Director Eric Butler said that the League was planning ahead in depth, and having played a major role in the defeat of the Hawke Government's referendums, was now planning to launch a national campaign on the immigration issue. Eric Butler referred to the statement by C.H. Douglas, that as long as a nation remained basically homogeneous, it could, over time, solve financial, economic and other problems. Douglas had also referred to the nature of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples being such that they were the greatest barrier to the establishment of the Monopoly State. The League's national campaign on immigration would be launched early next year and be continued right through to the next Federal Elections.

The New Times Dinner was an inspirational feast. The National Seminar was well attended with high quality Papers starting with that of the

Rev. Dr. David Mitchell, followed by Mr. Jeremy Lee and Canadian Patrick Walsh. The Seminar was taped, both audio and video, and these tapes are available. Large numbers were sold at the Seminar. The Action Seminar lifted the intensity of League Work to a new intensity. Book sales for the weekend were massive. Representatives from all States returned back to their States to further expand the activities of the League.

THE BASIC FUND: The expanding League programme, urgently necessary to counter the mounting attacks on the League, and to carry the battle for an independent Australia forward, MUST be financed. The 1988 Basic Fund has got away to a great start and the contributions are flowing in. We will provide the first figures next week. All contributions to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001.

IMMIGRATION PROPOSALS MATCH ASIAN PRACTICE: "Mr Kerin, Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, delivering the Roy Milne Memorial Lecture to the Australian Institute of International Affairs in Hobart on September 21st warned that Australia's relationship with Asia could be damaged for generations by the Federal Opposition's fewer Asians immigration policy."

- Professor L.J.M.Cooray, in "Letters", The Age (Melb.) Oct. 3

The pronouncements and opinions of Professor Cooray, a Professor of Law at Macquarie University, Sydney, should always be featured. Professor Cooray was well in the van in the battle of the Australian electorate against the Bill of Rights, the I.D.Card, and now his great powers of analysis of key issues are focussed on what has become known as "the Immigration Debate".

Professor Cooray firstly asks, "How can a proposed policy which has not been implemented cause damage for generations?"

Mr. Kerin, of course, was expressing an opinion in line with official Fabian Socialist policy, and not necessarily stating a fact. He points out, as we have written in these pages on many occasions, that some Asian nations have far stricter policies on immigration than does Australia. In fact, many Asian nations, we feel, consider Australia a "soft touch" with respect to foreign immigration. It is virtually impossible for a European to become a citizen of Japan, or China. The Professor points out that, also, severe restrictions are imposed by many Asian nations on work permits for Europeans. The Asians have little or nothing to complain about as regards Australia's "immigration debate". There is no "debate" in those Asian nations: Europeans are not wanted. Finito!

Professor Cooray mentions that some Asian governments are concerned about their own brain-drain to the Western world, including Australia. Therefore, they should welcome, with this in mind, the tightening of Australia's immigration laws. The now publicised comments which Mr. Bill Hayden, former Foreign Minister, made about

certain Asian leaders can give an insight into the Australian Hawke Government's real attitudes towards same. What have been disastrous for Australia's best interests in the area of foreign affairs have been support by the Hawke Government for the Communist government in Vietnam, and hostility to the new administration in Fiji .... These observations make up the main thrust of Professor Cooray's message to The Age. These comments would not, we think, be in line with the editorial policy of The Age, so we must give credit where credit is due, and give the Letters Editor of The Age our commendation, on this occasion.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN MOSCOW? "...By getting a few supporters promoted, and by apparently curbing somewhat the power of his opponents, he has at least bought himself some time in which to strive for better results,...."

Peter Reddaway, British Soviet expert, in The Age (Melb.) October 3.

The short answer is that nobody in the West knows what is going on. For all we know the "restructuring" in the Politburo, and the consequent minor earthquakes right down through the Cosmic Bureaucracy of the Soviet Communist apparatus, might be an enormous charade. The Russians hug to their disinformation, a powerful weapon in their continuing pursuit of psycho-political warfare against the West. We'll buy the "scenario" that Mikhail Gorbachev is in trouble with the more "traditionalist" Politburo comrades; that he knows that the best defence is offence, and that he is buying time. Peter Reddaway's analysis seems pretty credible to us.

But Gorbachev faces a Herculean task in getting the Soviet economy out of the doldrums, and inspiring some initiative into that sick monster. The system, itself, won't allow it. Individual initiative cannot surface, let alone thrive, under the dead weight of bureaucracy, where, for example, there is a long chain of stifling officialdom between decision (policy) and implementation (administration). It may take years for a dam, or a factory to be constructed even after the decision has been taken by the relevant Ministry. The decision has to work through the near-endless machinery of officialdom. Approval from Moscow here, guarantees of supply and development there, security clearances from the K.G.B. somewhere else. Rivalry between departments, back-stabbing of one set of officials by another set of officials in another Ministry. The possibilities for sheer inefficiency are mind-boggling. How is Gorbachev going to sweep all this away? The mind of the hard-nosed businessman efficiency expert of the West can't begin to grasp the mess that is the Soviet's economy.

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