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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "But I said that we live as parts of a nation, and that there was no fate so wretched as to be without a country of one's own - what else was exile which so many noble men have thought worse than death, and which all have feared? I also told him that armies fighting in a just cause were the happiest places for living, and that a good battle for justice was the beginning of all great songs; and that as for property, a man on his own land was the nearest to God."

- Hilaire Belloc

THE REAL JAPANESE THREAT: The Weekend Australian of February 11th-12th, carried the following provocative headline on its front page: WHY WE NEED JAPANESE MONEY. Journalist Lim Say Boon opens by asserting that "Australia's reliance on Japanese investors has become so critical that their withdrawal from the market would have devastating effects for the domestic economy". Boon summarises the extent of Japanese investment in Australia and asserts that "Whatever the merits of the criticism against the Japanese, it is clear from even a casual study of trade, investment and industry figures that Australia faced economic chaos without Japanese money".

Lim Say Boon is brutally frank about Australia's plight: It has no alternative but to surrender to the progressive takeover of Australia by the policy makers of Japan. There is the threat of "economic chaos" without Japanese investors. If Australians are prepared to submit to this type of blackmail, and to politicians like Prime Minister Hawke who claim that traditional Australia, including its immigration policies, must be conditional upon Asian trade, their sun as an independent European nation is setting.

Acceptance of this defeatist view not only conflicts with reality, but casts a slur on what the Australian people achieved during the Pacific War. While Australia could not have survived without American assistance, the present situation demands that Australians, particularly younger Australians and those who have migrated here, recall what took

place during the crisis years when the stress was on keeping the Japanese out, not inviting them in. In spite of the hindrances of inevitable wartime bureaucracy, Australia's contribution to the Pacific War was relatively greater than that of the U.S.A. There was no suggestion that the floating of massive international credits was essential to finance the nation.

The truth is that the Curtin Government, whose leading members had more understanding of the black magic of financial orthodoxy than the Hawkes and Keatings, demonstrated that internal credit expansion made it possible for Australia to use its vast productive capacity to the maximum. During the critical 1940 Federal Elections, which paved the way for the Curtin Government to come to office, was heard from one end of Australia to the other the slogan that what was "physically possible must be made financially possible".

With approximately one million out of a total population of not much over six million, withdrawn from the production system to serve in the forces or with the Allied Works Council, Australian primary producers not only ensured that all Australians were provided with sufficient food, but also made a major contribution towards feeding American forces in the South Pacific campaign. The loss of one of Australia's most important export markets, for wool, did not result in the type of "economic chaos" mentioned by Lim Say Boon. Sheep continue to grow wool even with a war on. There was an innovative policy which saw all the wool purchased at a profitable price to the growers and stored as an asset to be used later. No "financial expert" suggested that the wool should be exported to, say, Germany, so that money could be imported. That suggestion would have been described as treachery.

Australians who served in the New Guinea campaign against the Japanese will recall how pleased they were when the Owen machine gun turned up, a gun which would work satisfactorily in the prevailing conditions. The product of the type of Australian resourcefulness which developed Australia, the Owen was manufactured from Australian steel in Australian factories. Australia went on to make a wide range of sophisticated military equipment, including aeroplanes.

The suggestion that, if Japan sank beneath the sea tomorrow, Australia would collapse into chaos, is the most dangerous nonsense. It was this type of nonsense which persuaded British Socialist Prime Minister Harold Wilson that complete sanctions against Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, would bring that little country to its knees in a few short weeks. Foreign investments into Rhodesia virtually stopped. But so far from the Rhodesian economy collapsing, the resourceful Rhodesians set about developing a whole range of new industries. Japan produces nothing that Australia cannot make itself, or do without.

The reality is that Japan needs Australia much more than Australia needs Japan. The Japanese drive for exports is to a great extent the

result of the same type of black financial magic so prevalent in Australia. If Australians are to save themselves, they must challenge this black magic, stop all further international borrowing, finance all necessary production domestically, and offer to start paying off the huge international debt by offering whatever production is required by those who have created the debts.

There is no reason why an independent Australia cannot trade with Japan on a basis genuinely beneficial to both nations. But the growing kowtow has got to be stopped - while there is still time.

(Essential reading: The Money Trick, \$6 posted from all League addresses)

THE MULTI-CULTURAL FIZZER by Chas. Pinwill:

"In the district in which I was brought up, most of my school mates were third and fourth generation Australians.

"Apart from those of European racial background, there were families of Chinese, Arab, Aboriginal and other racial derivations.

"We all played cricket, ate meat pies, and neither spoke nor understood anything but a rural Queensland drawl. I cannot bring to mind, amongst my school friends, any single vestige of multi-culturalism, yet perhaps the majority of our great-grandparents could not have said two words to each other.

"Such is the destiny of infatuations with our multi-cultural future. Sure, there will be a Pizza Parlour on the corner, but who in another two generations will recognise it as of Italian inspiration? What Australian knows, or for that matter, what Italian, that spaghetti is actually Chinese and was introduced to Italy by Marco Polo? And if they did, what would it alter?

"After three generations, given the great tidal wave of mainstream cultural wash, all that will or can remain shall be the nostalgic, symbolic, tokens, not of a multi-culturalism lost, but of the permanent enduring legacy multi-racialism.

"The argument that an Aboriginal teenager should scorn the transistor radio, modern plumbing, T.V., and football, because 'bush-tucker and the gunya were good enough for my old man (all 40,000 years of him)', shall be no less impotent than all other 'King Canutian' capers.

"No matter how many billions of dollars are expended in encouraging multi-culturalism to the country, the generation following will learn English, the ones thereafter will think English, and this will be followed by the disuse of the languages of the non-English.

"Nobody can inherit English as a mother-tongue without being heir to the Western thought-patterns incarnate in the literary tradition of Shakespeare, Chaucer, Donald Duck - and those of a thousand years between.

"Those who abhor 'racism' seem to be the foremost popular propagandists for multi-culturalism. They are leading their following into an ambush, and a warning is needed.

"Multi-culturalism is a fizzer. Multi-racialism is a certainty, since God does not permit us, like the leopard, to change those spots.

"The search for identity, part of man's inclination towards dignity, will no longer centre upon an implausible, and observably false claim to a dissimilar cultural background. Rather, the one indisputable, unchangeable act of divergent origins; the only one identifiable in the search for identity, will be race.

"The remainder will evaporate into fallacies, and disappear.

"There will be Buddhist Asians living in Australia; European Christians living in Australia, and Turkish Moslems living in Australia.

"There will be no 'Australians', once that particular term signifies nothing but a geographic location at which one breathes and votes.

"The legend of prior multi-culturalism will be maintained and nurtured only as a source of symbolic heraldry in the eternal rally of each to his own racial or racial/religious identity."

(Chas. Pinwill is League of Rights State Director for Queensland.)

BRIEF COMMENTS: We are not surprised to see that it is being suggested that the opening of Parliament each day with the Lord's Prayer undermines the concept of a multi-cultural society. This prayer has been traditionally used in institutions rooted in the Christian heritage. Those who have come to Australia as their new home, but are not prepared to respect the heritage of those who created that home, have no place in Australia. It is time there was more straight talking from Australians who have a pride in their Christian heritage.

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The National Director of the Marriage Guidance Council, Dr. Warwick Hartin, warns that the number of couples seeking guidance because of the housing crisis was putting a strain on the Council's resources. Most marriages have their problems, but these can be worked through. The housing crisis is not the result of the inability of Australians to build themselves sufficient houses. There are no physical problems, only artificial financial limitations. Crushing interest rates are the result of the type of monetary policies being imposed by Treasurer Keating and the Reserve Bank.

BASIC FUND: We are approaching the minimal target of \$60,000, but we haven't scaled that "mountain" yet. One good push will do it. Come on stragglers; how about it?