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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Since practically everything a modern community does depends on the provision of finance, it is obvious that the power to provide finance by the creation of credit (on terms) is an absolutely central power, and that whatever the appearances, those in ultimate control of the banking system are the real government of a country and, on the international scale, of the world.

"Of course, not all those in such control are 'bankers' in the sense in which one knows one's bank manager. It is in the realms of high international and national policy that the real control lies. But that power of control, exercised quietly behind the facade of 'inexorable economic laws' was threatened by ever-increasing production and the certain eventual breakdown of the 'existing' financial system. A change of such a nature as to retain power where it existed, was necessary; and although this change occurred in a crisis, it had been planned very many years before.....In 1929....."

— B.W. Monahan, in Finance and Communism (1965)

WAR CRIMES — AGAIN: "The U.S. Government has begun to build a legal case against Saddam Hussein for use in a possible Nuremberg-style war crimes trial of the Iraqi leader."

— The Sun, Melbourne, September 3rd

Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, has come into the picture also: she stated on British T.V. that Hussein could be tried for war crimes. Her words — "If anything happened to those hostages then sooner or later when any hostilities were over we could do what we did at Nuremberg and prosecute the requisite people for their totally uncivilised behaviour."

This sort of talk will provoke disgust throughout the Arab world. What about Afghanistan? No talk of having a "Nuremberg" to try Mr. Gorbachev and his associates.

What about Dresden, which many revisionists historians regard as the greatest war-crime of the Second World War, committed by ourselves? Dresden was packed with hundreds of thousands of German refugees, fleeing from advancing Russian armies. It was not a military target, but was devastated by the R.A.F. No talk of war crimes trials there!

What about the three German ships, crammed with women and children, again escaping from advancing Russian armies, and torpedoed by a Russian submarine in the Baltic Sea, in the dying days of World War 2. No talk of war crimes trials.....

War crimes trials are for the victors: we might not be the victors, next time. We are treading on very dangerous ground.

The Israelis do not like to be reminded of the massacre in Palestine, perpetrated by themselves, at Deir Yassin, on April 9th, 1948, when 254 Palestinian women, children and old men were killed and their bodies thrown down a well. The whole affair is documented in detail in "The Zionist Connection, 2", by Dr. Alfred Lilienthal, available from League bookshops (\$30.00 posted). War crimes trial? No way. So much for war crimes.

Apart from the sheer duplicity of this sort of talk from the West, there is the fact that their threats are directed against MUSLIMS, who have a different reaction to these sorts of threats: their attitude to death is different from that of Westerners. The sooner the West stops this type of dangerous talk, the better.

We could mention one more matter of relevance. According to an article by Bruce Jones in the Sun-Herald (Sydney), September 2nd, the Gulf Force was Hawke's idea: he initiated talks with the U.S. with a view to Australian involvement in the region at least two weeks before despatching our warships. We may well ask, was Robert Hawke serving purely Australia's interests in rushing us into the Gulf? If not, then whose?

THE THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT (1989): Probably most of our supporters are aware of the dangers of interference to homeopathic and naturopathic practices because of the proposed introduction of this Act of Parliament (Federal).

This is just another "try". Over the decades past, there have been several attempts to have naturopathy and homeopathy "banned". We cannot be sure where the impetus is coming from, but we do have our suspicions.

It is now conceded, even by medical authorities, that many patients being admitted to hospitals are suffering from wrong diagnosis by doctors: prescribed drug poisonings, etc. But Big Brother knows best, and is irked that some of us prefer to administer our own "natural" medication by way of vitamin supplements and herbal remedies. Yes, there could be the rare case of herbal overdosage, or a herbal incompatibility with some prevailing medical condition; and these are blown up in the print media.

The Australian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine opposes the "new" regulations under the Therapeutic Goods Act as they presently stand because they represent a severe curtailing of the freedom of the community to information and self-help in health care matters.

The Government bureaucracy, of course, is saying that lay people are

not qualified to assess the matter for themselves. One can argue about this till the cows come home!

One can just as well argue whether or not the bureaucrats, many of them medical graduates, are themselves qualified to assess these issues, as none, or very few of them, have had any training at all in homeopathy, naturopathy, or herbal/vitamin therapy.

We advise all supporters who are interested and concerned in these areas of health support to obtain a copy of the excellent 8-page newspaper, viz. Act Natural, available from health food stores, and most naturopaths, etc. There is an article, therein, by Dr. Ian Brighthope, President of the Australian College of Nutritional Medicine, which should be read by everyone.

We urge supporters to follow the action-advice of this newspaper, printed on the back page (page 8).

PARTIES SUFFER BY-ELECTION THRASHING (The following article from David Thompson, N.S.W. League Director:

"The by-election held in the N.S.W. electorate of The Hills last week-end resulted in all political parties suffering an electoral thrashing. This 'safe' Liberal seat was retained by the Liberals, but the swing against them was a massive 26.5%. This is gloomy news for the Greiner Government, but the A.L.P. also suffered. In a mortgage-belt electorate the A.L.P. could only manage 14.6% of the poll.

Independents an emerging force: The result that will shock and worry the parties was the strong polling performance of Independent candidate, Mr. Roy Potter, a Baulkham Hills Councillor, who attracted 20.7% of the vote. Altogether, the minor parties and two independents polled over one-third of the vote, threatening to make The Hills a marginal seat.

The result will be of great concern to Mr. Greiner, even though it was a by-election, in which swings are often dramatic. However, the N.S.W. Parliament already has half a dozen independents, who make a strong contribution to the political debate. Such results will certainly encourage others.

N.S.W. now has the distinction of being the highest-taxed State in the Commonwealth. Figures last year indicate that State and Local Government takes an average \$1,544 from every living person (about \$3,000 a family) which is a steep increase of 17% over the previous year. Car registrations are roughly 20% higher than any other State. Voters in The Hills obviously took the opportunity to register strong disapproval. The growing support for independent candidates - encouraged by the strong support - is an encouraging political force.

DESTROYING RURAL AUSTRALIA: With poor wool prices, and a depressed international wheat market, many Australian primary producers suffering high costs (including taxes) and immoral interest rates, will struggle to survive 1991. The Gulf crisis illustrates the folly of

the 'export-led' economy, as Iraq was Australia's second biggest wheat market, buying 15% of grain exports.

Even after Federal Government intervention to drop the floor price of wool, the market remains depressed, with the Wool Corporation buying over 60% of wool offered last week. The Soviet Union, the second biggest buyer of our wool, has not bought wool since March, because of lack of foreign currency. In fact, the Soviet already owes Australia \$153 million for wool.

"CREATIVE MARKETING": Despite the Soviet Union's bad debts, the Wool Corporation is seeking Australian Government support to extend even further credits to the Soviets, "to encourage them back into the market"! No doubt long-term credit, at low interest rates - unavailable to the struggling farmer - will tempt the Soviets.

Meanwhile, as wheatgrowers are already tightening their belts for a tough 1991, the Wheat Board is adopting a number of "creative market strategies". One such strategy was to commit \$1 million to the establishment of a joint Australian/Soviet-funded bakery! According to the (W.A.) 'Elders Weekly' (19 July, 1990) such largesse is unlikely to tempt the Soviets to buy any Australian grain at all this year. The project "echoes the success of a venture in China early last year".

THE OIL SCANDAL: Although Australia produces at least 80% of its own oil, the brutal fuel increases last week could not be averted. Why not? Because "Australian" oil producers and the Federal Government have had a cosy arrangement (since the Fraser years) of charging "world parity prices". That is, if Australians will not pay vastly inflated world prices for their own oil, the producers call it "overseas". The Federal Government is quick to support them, because of the massive taxes on oil. On the one hand, Hawke and Keating risk the lives of other people's sons defending Israel, and with the other they pick the pockets of Australians with unjustified oil prices.

FINANCIAL INSANITY: As primary producers, battered by low commodity prices (the value of the 'floating' dollar is artificially inflated) taxes and interest rates, continue to leave their properties, supermarkets are stocking more and more imported fibres and foodstuffs. Last week the Federal Government formally decided to permit up to 17,000 tonnes of subsidised Canadian pig-meat, irrespective of the possibility of the pork carrying transmissible gastroenteritis.

There is something drastically wrong with the financial policies of a country that begs its political enemies to buy produce on generous credit, while producers struggle to compete with imported produce, subsidised by our political 'friends' like the U.S. It is financial policy, not lack of resources or ability that is destroying rural Australia.

BRIEF COMMENT: The ethnic communities lobby doesn't like the emphasis that the Fabian Socialists (yes, of all people!) are putting on the teaching of English, and of course, Asian languages. We have always held that the European ethnics don't like the Fabians' Asianisation of Australia any more than do the Anglo-Celts; yes, the 75% of us (how dare we be 75% of the Australian population!).

The Federation of Ethnic Community Councils wants all foreign languages to be equally, officially, encouraged. They grudgingly accept that English is Australia's central language which everyone has the "right" to learn. Jolly decent of them.