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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The bulk of the money supply is thus 'created out of nothing' by banks, and all banks are, directly and indirectly interlinked, with the international banking system, which is 'privately' controlled by International Bankers

"This control of the source of over 90% of 'money' represents enormous power, and it would be naive to suppose that such power is exercised in the absence of any coherent policy. The first principle in the exercise of power is to preserve that power, and in the case of finance, the prime objective is to secure the supremacy of finance over politics. This is achieved by economic 'laws' which keep political governments in debt - not to individuals, but to organisations controlled by individuals, from the national to the international level....."

B.W. Monahan, in ZIMUNISM (1977)

NEW ZEALAND MOVES TOWARDS ADOPTING C.I.R.: (Eric D. Butler reports from Auckland, N.Z., after participating in the Annual New Zealand League of Rights Seminar)

"As it is almost certain that the National Party will win the coming New Zealand elections, possibly in a landslide, it is significant that rank and file pressure inside the National Party has forced Leader, Jim Bolger, to retreat from his previous position which required a high percentage of electors to be necessary in order to successfully petition for referendums. Clearly Mr. Bolger is attempting to create the impression that he is moving towards adopting the Citizens' Initiated Referendum without, in fact, intending to make it a practicality.

"But while it becomes clear that a Bolger Government would have no uncompromising opposition to the Citizens' Initiated Referendum and Recall concept, Mr. Bolger now asserts that there must be provision for governments to consult more with the people. He now supports the concept of referendum, but without the result being binding on the government. This is called 'indicative referendum'.

"When it becomes obvious that the C.I.R. is necessary to tackle the

Nation's basic problems the pressure for the adoption of the C.I.R. will become explosive. At this stage Mr. Bolger will have to make further moves or be swept away.

"There is no doubt that the C.I.R. issue is starting to dominate New Zealand politics."

THE MYTHS OF "EDUCATION": "How can we improve our education system and our schools? Everyone seems to have their own theories as to how this can be done, but very few rely on any real evidence."

- Padraic P. McGuinness, in The Weekend Australian, October 13th-14th

We do not always find ourselves in strong agreement with Mr. McGuinness; however, this time there is no doubt in our minds that he has "struck" gold.

He refers, specifically, to a recent publication put out by the Brookings Institution, a U.S. "think-tank" (surely, there must be a better term...O.T.). No, the name of the publication is not mentioned. You can be as sure as it is possible to be that our Socialist Left pollies in Victoria, and all the humanists and loyal Marxists who infest Victoria's Halls of Education, would not want to know about it. They have their Humanist, Marxist ideologies, and they will go to their graves hugging their fallacies.

A few facts: a) the spending of more and more money on "education" doesn't guarantee anything; b) matters for which teachers strike, e.g. poor libraries, teacher-pupil ratios, various facilities - don't mean much.

What is important is discipline, an acceptance of the importance of learning, well-planned classroom work, regular homework. The elderly in Australian society recall these requirements.

The number of qualifications, degrees, do NOT necessarily make a good teacher. Much post-graduate attainment is a waste of time and money. It may swell the pay packets of these degree-seekers, under the system, but the kids will not be taught more proficiently, overall.

Many theories which are popular with teacher unions are dismissed as rubbish. School "tone" (a necessity) is higher in schools that are truly independent, with no great education department bureaucracy flattening them down from on high. The greater the choices of parents, and the greater the freedom from external constraints, generally, the better educational outcome for the students.

Parents should have the right and the freedom to choose the school for their children.

A reduction of teacher numbers by as much as 25% would be a good thing.

Schools must have the power to select and dismiss staff; get rid of the dead wood. A reliable guideline is, "fewer but better teachers".

MANY A SLIP.. (This item from Jeremy Lee): A small, fanatical sect of Jewish fundamentalists may have upset a loaded applecart in the Middle

East. Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein, has been attempting to swing Arab support behind his cause by linking Israel's occupation of Gaza and the West Bank with his own occupation of Kuwait, insisting that both should be linked in any future negotiations.

It is obviously an argument which Israel's Zionist leaders would like to see dismissed before it becomes the subject of debate. To date President Bush and his advisers have refused to consider any connection between the two issues. Hussein's propaganda, aimed at fellow Arab States, did not seem to be getting anywhere.

Recent events in Jerusalem have changed all that. Gershon Solomon, leader of a sect known as the Temple Mount Faithful, stated his movement aimed to lay the foundation stone for the rebuilding of the Temple. The site for the rebuilding happened to be a revered Muslim shrine - the Al Aqsa Mosque. Palestinians, moving to defend this site against the anticipated desecration, ran into the gunfire of Israeli security. The 21 dead and 140 wounded Arabs have forced the West - including the United States for the first time - into a position which many leaders would rather have avoided - a strong and united condemnation of Israeli atrocities.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir attempted to minimise the incident by claiming it had been organised by Baghdad, but, in the words of The Bulletin (October 23rd) "quickly backed off under fire from the Israeli press".

It is clear that Israel is desperate to see a quick military finish to Saddam Hussein. Whatever his blackest attributes - and they are many - he has the potential to rally the Muslim world, if not behind a figure, at least behind a cause. The self-indulgent sheiks and monarchs in a number of gulf kingdoms who have used vast oil earnings for their own investments are now shivering with apprehension at an Arab leader with the potential to fire their erstwhile servile populations.

In early September, Israel stated that if the West did not take a military offensive they might have to do it themselves. President Bush faces a dilemma. The boycott does not appear to be succeeding. A report in The Financial Review (October 18th) expressed amazement at the volume and variety of foodstuffs in Iraq. There has been a bumper grain harvest, and fresh dairy products, fruit and vegetables are freely available. Saddam Hussein can hardly fail to have noticed the escalating financial crisis in the West, fuelled by escalating oil prices by the West's own embargo. If President Bush succumbs to Zionist goading to "strike first", the end results may be very different to what the instigators expect. (End of Jeremy Lee item)

STIFF "RACE" LEGISLATION IS SNEAKED IN (this item from David Thompson):
The Commonwealth proposes to dramatically strengthen its racial discrimination legislation by sneaking amendments to the Racial Discrimination Act through the Parliament by tacking them onto the tail end of legislation to change the Bankruptcy Act.

The new changes, which are designed to increase the Government's chances of bringing successful prosecutions against "racists" have been introduced by the Attorney-General, Mr. Duffy.

According to "The Australian's" legal editor, David Solomon, the two proposed changes are extremely complex, and are designed to outlaw "indirect racial discrimination". The changes to Section 9(1) would make it illegal to impose a "term, condition, or requirement which is not reasonable" and which impairs the enjoyment of any human right or fundamental freedom by people of that person's race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin. While this could have far-reaching consequences no examples of the application of the changes are given.

The second change is equally significant. According to Solomon: "Previously it (Section 18) made it clear that a case of racial discrimination was illegal only when the dominant reason was the race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin of a person." Now, however, it will only be necessary to show that the race, colour, etc., was only one of the reasons. "And," said Solomon, "not only is it no longer the case that the racial reason has to be 'dominant' - in future it will not even be necessary to show that it was a "substantial reason", "to achieve a conviction".

WHY THE CHANGES? If all that seems difficult to follow, it simply means that the "race discrimination" legislation will cast a much wider net. With whom is it designed to deal? Schoolchildren teasing their peers? Not likely. If a nudge is as good as a wink, it is designed to deal with the League, and other grassroots movements which reflect the burgeoning frustration of traditional Australians with the imposed policy of artificial multiculturalism. Together with new State anti-vilification legislation now being presented, it proposes to make it illegal for Australians to protest about what Professor Geoffrey Blainey has warned will divide Australia into a gaggle of tribes. That is, you are to become a criminal if you oppose multiculturalism and the radicalisation of Australia's immigration policy to provide a pro-Asian, anti-European bias. The portents for the future are ominous. Step up the distribution of the October "Intelligence Survey".

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