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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "A Trades Union is simply a labour monopoly, and is subject to the same over-riding criticism as any other monopoly, the object of which is to obtain absolute power over the thing monopolised. 'All power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.' It is arguable....that the early craft-unions were beneficial....The whole of the activities of the Trades Unions are now a dead loss to the community....."

- C.H. Douglas in The Development of World Opinion

A LONGER VIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST DRAMA by Eric D. Butler:

There was a time when British prestige in the Middle East, as in many other parts of the world, was measured by the statement, "On the word of an Englishman". That type of credit has been progressively undermined by the sordid exploitation of the British by alien groups. The initial undermining of British prestige in the Middle East began with the betrayal of the promise of freedom to the Arab world, including the Palestinian, if they would help to defeat Imperial Germany in the First World War by rising against their Turkish masters. With the collapse of Czarist Russia, undermined by the same forces which prepared the way for the establishment of Bolshevism, Imperial Germany was free to concentrate its total forces on the Western front, resulting in a desperate military situation which, in the absence of American intervention in the conflict, must have led to some type of peace agreement.

The situation was exploited by International Zionism with its strong backing by the Rothschilds and other German-Jewish international bankers. The infamous Balfour Declaration was a promise to International Zionism that America could be manipulated into the conflict if a promise was made to establish a "National Home" - note, not a nation - for the Jews. Lord Balfour, who signed the declaration on behalf of the British Government, was one of those many Christians seduced by the myth, later developed in more concrete form, that the

mass immigration of Zionist Jews into Palestine was some type of fulfilment of Biblical prophecy. The legendary "Lawrence of Arabia", who had played a major role in bringing the Arabs to the Western Allies' cause, was so upset by the Balfour Declaration, which he saw as a blatant betrayal of a firm promise, that he declined to accept any honours from His Majesty, King George V. As little real history is taught today, relatively few people in the West have ever heard about the declaration which set in motion the revolutionary forces which have led to the present. But the Arab world has never forgotten.

Anyone who fails to address himself to how the Zionist State of Israel was eventually established, and how the British were driven by a design of coldblooded terror to prematurely hand over their League of Nations mandate over Palestine, and what has taken place since, has no realistic contribution to make to the Middle East drama. Soviet leader Gorbachev's attempt to play a decisive role in the current crisis, is in keeping with the Soviet's long-term strategy in the Middle East, starting with the Soviet being the first to recognise the new State of Israel and ensuring it had sufficient military equipment.

A personal experience highlights the nature of the problem of promoting any realistic assessment of what is taking place in the Middle East: Up until a visit to South Africa in 1967, I had been regularly used by the South African Broadcasting Commission as a commentator on international affairs, with particular reference to Soviet strategy. It was shortly after the 1967 Israeli-Arab conflict, the six day war, that I was met by a friend from the South African Broadcasting Commission when I arrived in Johannesburg from London. My friends opening words were, "Well, what a tremendous defeat the Soviet has experienced. You must feel relieved?" When I explained that I did not subscribe to this popular view, that in fact I believed that the Soviet had scored a major strategic victory, it had to be made clear to me that in the present climate in South Africa it would not be appropriate to interview me.

My views were based primarily on the assessment of a real authority on the Middle East, Sir John Glubb ("Glubb Pasha"), the famous British military leader who had trained Arab troops. Glubb had pointed out that so far from the quick Israeli victory being a miracle, the Soviet had led the Arabs into a trap, knowing, as Glubb knew, that the Arabs would be badly defeated. Glubb said he was surprised the conflict lasted six days. Soviet propaganda then exploited the situation, adopting a pro-Arab stance, while leaving the West, in the eyes of the Arabs, the backers of an aggressive Zionist Israel. Beset with explosive problems inside the Soviet Union, including a large and restive Islamic population, Gorbachev's initiative in the Gulf conflict is

designed to further long-term Soviet strategy in the Middle East. The Soviet leader hopes to project himself as sympathetic to the Arab world, leaving the West to become the long term target of Islamic hatred.

In the meantime former terrorist leader Shamir is playing a brilliant game, completely fooling the West with his policy of alleged "restraint". Why should Shamir enter a military conflict to which he can make no real contribution? He can stand back, allow the Americans and the British to do the fighting, while constantly blackmailing the West for still more military and economic aid. Zionist Israel is positioning itself to play a major role in the post-war situation. If at least a few of the commentators would take the trouble to read the warnings of prominent anti-Zionist Jewish leaders like Dr. Alfred Lilienthal, they would be in the position to make some realistic assessments about long-term implications, not only in the Middle East, but throughout the whole Islamic world, which is not going to disappear even if Sadam Hussein disappears.

(A small supply of Sir John Glubb's historic and most prophetic little book, The Middle East Crisis, long out of print, has been located and will be available shortly. \$6 posted from all League Bookshops.)

BRIEF COMMENTS: It's an ill wind that blows no good. British involvement in the Gulf War has boosted the electoral stocks of John Major and the British Conservative Government to the point where it appears that the Major Government could be elected, even with a reduced majority, at an early election. From the long-term point of view, it would be preferable for the Major Government to be elected rather than a Labor Party totally committed to sinking the British in the emerging "New Europe". Having accepted the Presidency of the Bruges anti-Common Market group, Margaret Thatcher has made her intentions clear: she is going to continue working against any further surrender of British sovereignty. As events unfold, mounting problems and growing friction inside the European Economic Community are going to confirm the stand Margaret Thatcher attempted to take. Enoch Powell is reported as saying that the Poll Tax - now hardly receiving a mention - was not the factor in Margaret Thatcher's downfall. It was the inspired media campaign reflecting the internationalists determined to trap the British into the first major step towards the creation of "The New World Order".

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The Gulf War is tending to direct attention away from another war, an economic conflict which, in the absence of constructive alternative policies, could see large numbers of Australian primary producers

economically destroyed. A fierce trade war between the U.S.A and the European Economic Community, with both sides using massive subsidies, is having a devastating effect on the price of wheat and other Australian agricultural exports. The situation highlights the urgent necessity for Australia to adopt a programme of National Survival, this requiring a basic change in financial policy. One of the first steps must be the re-regulation of the banking system, bringing it firmly under the control of the elected representatives of the Australian people.

THE APOSTACY OF THE W.C.C.:

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the father except through me'....." John 14:6.

The current deliberations of the World Council of Churches took ecumenism to new heights last week, demonstrating that the charges levelled at it by Christians that it is drastically weakening the faith have much validity. Meeting in Canberra since February 7th, the 4,000 delegates and bureaucratic staff of the modern-day Tower of Babel were asked to elevate other religions to the same spiritual status as Christianity. The Council's Director of Interfaith Dialogue, Dr. Wesley Ariarajah, of Sri Lanka, suggested that Muslims, Hindus and others achieve salvation in the same way as do Christians and warned the Christians against 'narrow thinking' on the issue. "If you are a Christian you must be open and broad, not narrow and exclusive," he is reported to have said, ignoring the basic tenets of Christianity, which from the lips of Christ, appear exclusive.

The W.C.C., which has invited Hindu, Islamic and Buddhist observers to the conference, has become so "open and broad" that its own constituent bodies seem to embrace anything from near-paganism to High Church. It has an agenda so dominated by revolutionary politics (opening the conference with a ceremony asking Aborigines permission to step onto their land) that the fundamentals of the Christian faith are fast-disappearing. What respect would other religions accord a version of Christianity that has conveniently circumvented Christ?

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