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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The scientific concept of dictatorship means nothing other than unlimited government, unrestrained by any laws or any absolute rules and supporting itself by force."

- V.I. Lenin

PRIME MINISTER HAWKE SPELLS OUT BETRAYAL PROGRAMME by Eric D. Butler:

Last week in the Federal Parliament Prime Minister Bob Hawke left no doubt that he and his colleagues are firmly committed to the destruction of large sectors of the Australian economy as part of a programme directed towards creating a New International Economic Order. The "internalising" of the Australian economy means that the foundations of Australia's sovereignty, economic independence, are to be further eroded. "We do recognise," said Mr. Hawke, "that the new round of tariff cuts will continue to expose Australian business to international pressures." Mr. Hawke, the internationalist, the man who has frankly admitted that he is imposing the Fabian strategy of gradualness in Australia, who is a prominent member of the Socialist International, has for eight years consistently pursued the objective of surrendering Australia's independence to internationalism.

The first major act of surrender took place when the Australian Government headed by Fabian Socialist Gough Whitlam indicated at an international conference held in Lima, Peru, that it was prepared to start dismantling the protection of Australian industries. This agreement was subsequently ratified by the Government headed by Mr. Malcolm Fraser, a Prime Minister who spent much of his time attempting to persuade Australians they had to start making surrenders. But Malcolm Fraser did not put it as bluntly as that: he spoke about something called the North-South dialogue, which simply camouflaged the basic concept of the New International Economic Order: that vast resources had to be transferred from the developed nations to the underdeveloped nations.

One of the most significant comments made about the Hawke statement

last week came from well known columnist, Mr. Paul Kelly. Kelly said that all the arguments of the past concerning free trade and protection were now at an end; there was now general agreement that protection was at an end. Kelly is seen to be correct when the views of the "Opposition" are studied. Dr. Hewson and his colleagues have left no doubt that they accept the general thrust of the internationalist policies of the Hawke Government. Their only argument is that, to use the current economic jargon, not enough attention is being paid to "micro-economic reforms", in order that those Australian industries which might survive can become more "efficient". The term efficient is never defined, but if the purpose of Australian industries is to compete with, say, the Chinese, then obviously Australian workers will be expected to compete with Chinese workers. The overall thrust of what is being attempted is to drive down still further the present falling standard of living of the Australian people.

All the major political parties have been captured by the internationalists. The old-time Labor movement of Australian nationalists has been taken over by the trendy Fabians, while the character of the Liberal Party has been completely changed from that of the Liberal Party created by Sir Robert Menzies and his colleagues. There has been a growing unholy alliance of Big Business, Big Unions and Big Government. Just as farmers and small business have been betrayed by the very people they have thought were working for their protection, so have the rank and file of the trade unionists been betrayed. Mr. Martin Ferguson, President of the A.C.T.U., came out strongly last week in support of the Hawke strategy, saying that the Trade Union movement will have to sacrifice more jobs as the Hawke Government moves towards "economic reform". Ferguson said there would be "sacrifices and victims". Mr. Ferguson was being interviewed by The Sunday Herald.

The essence of the struggle in the world today is between nationalism and internationalism. If the internationalists have their way, the Union Jack, representing over a thousand years of history rooted in the concept of national sovereignty, will be replaced in 1992 as Britain makes a final surrender to the internationalists creating the European Economic Community. Mr. Hawke says that Australians must be preparing to move into a Pacific Common Market, while the Canadians are being moved towards sinking their sovereignty in a North American Common Market. But while all this is taking place, the internationalists' star in the Soviet Union, Gorbachev, is having the greatest difficulty in preventing the Soviet Empire from completely disintegrating under the upsurge of nationalism.

Unless Australians have completely lost all commonsense, they should

be able to grasp that if the rest of the world sank beneath the sea tomorrow, 17 million people, who have inherited the finest constitutional and political system yet devised by man, and who have at their disposal vast natural resources and adequate knowhow to produce an abundance of everything required for civilised living, would be freed from the myth of trying to solve problems by international programmes.

The truth is that Australia's industries, primary and secondary, have been misdirected by a financial system which generates increasing debt, this in turn the basic cause of crushing taxation and inflation. A problem is not made easier of solution by making it bigger. Internationalising the Australian economy makes it that much more difficult to implement the type of reforms essential to save Australia from further disasters and human suffering. When Australia has put its own house in order, it will then be in the position to trade sensibly with other nations.

BRIEF COMMENTS: President George Bush's Secretary of State, Mr. James Baker, says that no "double standard" would be applied by the U.S.A. in the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Baker says, "As a strong ally of Israel", the U.S.A. should have the ability to insist that Israel comply with the U.N. Security Council resolutions, 242 and 338, which require Israel to hand back territory annexed during the 1967 war. It will be instructive to note whether President George Bush, the New World Order advocate, will recommend that Israel be subjected to the same treatment as Iraq if it declines to obey the U.N. resolutions. To date it has flatly refused to obey the two U.N. resolutions. Former terrorist leader Shamir has already indicated that he is moved by what George Bush and his colleagues have to say.

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The Age, Melbourne, of March 14th, published an editorial entitled, TIME TO RESTORE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT. The editorial started, "In constitutional theory, the government is responsible to Parliament and Parliament is accountable to the people. In practice, the legislature has become subordinated to and financially dependent on an overweening executive. Party politics is largely to blame..." The editorial was commenting on a recent report by Dr. Coghill, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Labor, and Mr. Hunt, Liberal, President of the Legislative Council, calling for the restorations of Parliament's proper role. The report does not go nearly far enough, but it is a start. What is required is a mechanism like the Electors' Veto which would enable electors to have an effective check on the actions of their elected representatives. And the grip of the modern party system must be broken. Electors have the solution in their own hands: elect at least some Independents.

REMOVING PROTECTION: One (Sydney) Sunday columnist passes a comment on Prime Minister Hawke's internationalisation process which, although tongue-in-cheek, makes his point:

"If Prime Minister Bob Hawke's economic statement is implemented, the Australian economy will look like the road to Basra in 12 months.

"The underlying fallacy of his prescription is that Australia is a developed nation like the U.S., Britain, France, Germany, and Japan. It isn't.

"Australia is a developing nation (in recession) which is just one peg above underdeveloped nations of the Third World.

"Because of this, it is economic insanity to tear down all protection and allow our feeble manufacturing base to be subjected to the full blast of international competition resulting in mass unemployment."

(Alex Mitchell, Sun-Herald (Sydney), 17/3/91)

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According to a Japanese journalist, Yayoi Nogichi (Tokyo, March 18th), Australia and Canada are the two most popular destinations for Japanese emigrants who are fed up with their affluent but suffocating lifestyle and turning to alternative countries to spend the rest of their lives. (The Australian, March 18th.) The Japanese journalist tells a typical tale of the son of middle class people having to give up Sunday sport to attend "cram" classes to prepare for a high school entrance examination. Japanese are emigrating to escape from the tight social framework.

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To the Bootmaker there's Nothing Like Leather: This is an old English maxim. It means that human beings are mainly concerned with their everyday means and methods of maintaining a suitable lifestyle. The Banker has his Credit/the barrister his law/engineer his steel, etc. The Old Guard in former Communist countries see in the erosion of Communism, also the erosion of their positions of power, which they cherish. No reform for them.

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