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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "The genuine Collectivist hates superiority and fears beauty, and would rather make the rich poor than the poor rich because some rich foster beauty. The dogma that the only differences in culture are economic in origin is so patently absurd in the light of the evidence which can be gleaned by anyone who will visit the haunts of the present-day rich, that it ought not to be, but it is a matter of importance to place on record the memories of a better day."

- C.H. Douglas in 1950

**THE HEWSON FACTOR:** If the Liberals and National Party manage the incredible feat of losing the next Federal elections, Dr. John Hewson is the one who should accept the most responsibility. Ever since he acted as an economic adviser to Treasurer John Howard, of the Fraser Government, John Hewson has attempted to present himself as some type of economic know-all. He has followed the International Monetary Fund line religiously concerning the necessity for a consumption tax along the lines adopted in New Zealand by a Labor Government. The most astonishing aspect of the debates on the consumption tax concept, with the National Party now (admittedly with some reservations) falling into line, is that no one has apparently thought to ask Dr. Hewson can he name any country which, having adopted this type of tax, is any better off than other countries. Where is the model at which Australians can look? Rather than admit that this type of tax has been a major disaster in New Zealand, Dr. Hewson has the effrontery to go to New Zealand and advise the embattled Bolger Government, which would be swept out of office if another election were held now, that they should not heed the mounting protests, but show firm leadership.

This was the attitude of Treasurer Paul Keating, as he imposed depression conditions on the Australian people, ushering high interest rates as one of the tools of destruction. His theme was that the pain was doing good, that after the pain would come the gain. Now during the time that Paul Keating was administering the pain, we closely studied Dr. Hewson's statements to try to ascertain what constructive alter-

native policies he would adopt to overcome the depression conditions. It is easy for Dr. Hewson and his National Party colleagues to draw attention to, for example, the frightening increase in unemployment, with all its attendant human and social costs. But can anyone point to one alternative policy put forward by Dr. Hewson to end what is a national disgrace? All he has talked about is "micro-economic reform" and long term "restructuring". We are well aware that many young Australians, having completely lost hope in the future, have exploited the Welfare system. But the overwhelming majority of the unemployed desperately want to be employed in some meaningful manner. The Coalition suggestion that unemployment benefits should be withdrawn from anyone unemployed for nine months is not only inhuman, but provides a desperate Hawke Government with a weapon with which to beat the Opposition Parties.

As high interest rates were a major factor in creating the depression, it is elementary that any alleviation of depression conditions requires a reduction in interest rates. The latest reduction was the result of the Government's realisation that the economy was in a much worse state than realised. Those gaining the small relief resulting from the Reserve Bank's decision are not likely to be impressed with the performance of John Hewson on this question. Our own view is that even the further drop in interest rates will not of itself prevent depression conditions from worsening.

Dr. Hewson has, until now, advocated a much tighter financial policy and no cut in interest rates in pursuance of his stated objective of lowering the inflation rate even further. This means that he is prepared to live with even higher unemployment. Prime Minister Hawke is technically right when he says there was no "political interference" as alleged by Dr. Hewson in the reduction in interest rates, that the decision was made on the recommendation of the Bank Board. But is not one of Mr. Hawke's closest friends, Sir Peter Abeles, still a member of the Bank Board? Dr. Hewson's view is that the Reserve Bank should be completely independent, thus indicating that he is a bankers' man. Monetary policy for the Australian people should be determined by the elected representatives of the Australian people, who should direct the Reserve Bank on the results they want, removing those who cannot or will not produce those results.

Dr. Hewson's reaction to the latest interest cut is that of a man trying to hedge his bets. His attack on the Governor of the Reserve Bank appeared to be designed to shift attention away from the important question of whether or not Dr. Hewson and the Opposition Parties supported the latest reduction in interest rates. Only when strongly pressed was it reluctantly conceded that it wanted interest rates lowered. Dr. Hewson stands condemned of engaging in what can only be termed double-talk. And in the meantime continues to say that in good time he will release the details of his consumption tax proposals. This taxation proposal is being advanced under the guise of meeting the general demand for tax reform. The truth is that people want a substantial reduction in TOTAL TAXATION. Is Dr. Hewson prepared to

give a firm guarantee that TOTAL TAXATION will be reduced by the introduction of a consumption tax? And can he point to any country which has achieved that objective after adopting a consumption tax? We suggest that as many people as possible ask these questions of not only Dr. Hewson, but all Liberal and National Party candidates. We await with breathless anticipation the answers!

**FRANK ADMISSION OF ZIONIST TERROR TACTICS:** Honouring the establishment of the terrorist Stern Gang of which he had been the leader, Zionist Israel Prime Minister Mr. Yitzhak Shamir has not only frankly admitted that the Stern Gang engaged in terrorist attack and assassinations, but claimed that the Stern Gang was morally just to do what it did. Shamir was speaking on a radio programme.

The Stern Gang was responsible for the cold blooded killing of the British Minister of State for the Middle East in 1944 and for a similar assassination in 1948, when the United Nations Peace Mediator, Count Bernadotte, of Sweden, was killed. The late Sir Raphael Cilento has related how he had originally been scheduled to be in the car in which Count Bernadotte was killed. Shamir said that he was proud of the Stern Gang's terrorist record. He had played a leading role in the 1948 massacre of 120 Palestinian civilians, including women and children, at the village of Deir Yassin. The bodies of those slaughtered were pushed down a well and this bloody deed widely publicised to force the Palestinians to flee from their homes in terror. Fear of further massacres was a major factor in causing the Palestinians to flee from the invading Zionist forces in 1948.

Shamir has revealed why it is impossible to have meaningful negotiations with Zionist leaders. He says, "We believed in what we did, discussed and wrote. Therefore it was correct." In defending the use of terror, Shamir says, "From the moral point of view there is no difference between personal terror and collective terror. Here and there blood is spilled, here and there people are killed. One must look and judge it from the point of view of the utility of that means."

Shamir has always said that he will not enter into talks with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, which he describes as a terrorist group.

When asked if the Palestinians were also justified in using terror to advance their cause, Shamir bluntly said, "Their goal is not just." That comment summarises the Zionist philosophy of the "one-way street". He has insisted that Israel will never hand back to the Palestinians the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, taken during the 1967 war. Shamir and fellow Zionists ignore all U.N. resolutions asking that they leave. There is no suggestion of Shamir being treated the

same as was Saddam Hussein, who declined to accept a U.N. resolution. The Middle East is going to continue to be a major crisis area while the Zionists refuse to consider any justice for the Palestinians, whose homes they took from them by force and terror.

**NO, WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING!**

Many of our good friends invariably leave their booking for "The New Times" Dinner until the last minute, saying, "But you knew we would be coming". We are holding a number of seats for those we think will be coming, but this means that others may have to go on the waiting list. There are limited seats for what will be an historic Dinner, a special feature being an off-the-record address by Canadian barrister Mr. Doug Christie. Wednesday, September 25th, is the final date for those who think that we know they are coming. Seats will then be allocated to any on the waiting list. \$28 donation must accompany the booking.

**BRIEF COMMENT:**

We note, with interest, that the One-Worlder's loyal votary, Lord Carrington, is up to his eyeballs in "negotiations" at The Hague (Holland) with the purpose of "saving" Yugoslavia. Lord Carrington is the Chairman of this Conference: he is a former British Foreign Secretary, and Secretary-General of N.A.T.O. He was a key figure in the Lancaster House (1979) Conference in London which sold out Rhodesia to Comrade Mugabe. He insisted that "the kith and kin argument" (loyalty to Rhodesia's quarter of a million Anglo-Saxon-Kelts) was not to be even considered. What a charmer!

He and Lord Soames (the temporary Governor of Rhodesia, during the few months of direct rule from London, pending the sell-out) both came from a background of International Merchant Banking (Lord Soames is dead). Now Lord Carrington is a key figure in the sell-out of Yugoslavia to the New World Order. Why? What's it all about?

The very last action the New World Order crowd want is the break up of Federations into nationalities, now occurring in Russia and Yugoslavia. Gorbachev, the New World Order's "man" in Russia, is slaving away to hold the N.W.O. "line".

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