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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "The early Christians were not persecuted because they held 'principles', or religious views. There were other religious groups at the time, but the pragmatic Romans were not unduly interested in what they felt were unrealities, so long as those concerned gave unqualified support to the Roman Imperial Power. But the Christians' allegiance was to a higher power. Caesar was entitled only to that which belonged to Caesar, and Caesar himself should, in the Christian view, be regarded as subservient to God. Like all exponents of the will-to-power, when the Roman Imperial Power saw Christianity as a threat to its monopoly of power, it attempted to destroy that threat." — Eric D. Butler in "Releasing Reality"

**THE SABOTAGE OF AUSTRALIA'S INDUSTRIAL BASE:** The Australian Federation came into existence early this century on a strong nationalist note. "Australia for the Australians" was the dominant theme. The concept of cheap coloured labour, strongly supported by some, was firmly rejected. Unlike what had happened in other parts of the world, including Fiji, cheap coloured labour, whether from India or the Pacific Islands, was rejected. Europeans demonstrated that they were capable of developing the tropics without importing the type of problem which developed in Natal, South Africa, Fiji, the United States and the West Indies. The Kanakas were sent back to their island homes. Associated with this policy was one of protection for developing secondary industries. The overall objective was one of economic nationalism. Early this century Australians, with only a fraction of the present population, enjoyed one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Generally speaking, the policy of economic nationalism, with adequate protection for Australia's secondary industries, vastly expanded as a result of the Second World War, was continued into the post Second World War period. The Chifly Labor Government gave its blessing to the establishment of an Australian car manufacturing industry. Compared with what is happening now, Australia was a stable and prosperous

nation until the election of the Whitlam Fabians in 1972. With all the problems, including continuous inflation, the young coming out of school had relatively little difficulty in finding a place in industry. The Menzies Government was nearly thrown out of office in 1961 when it applied a "credit squeeze" which resulted in a level of unemployment only a fraction of what has been created today. Many people have been conditioned to accept in 1992 what would have produced a national uproar 20 years ago. The present high unemployment figure in Australia is a result of a deliberate strategy to "re-structure" the Australian economy in order to fit it into the New International Economic Order.

The closing of the Nissan car factory in Victoria, with the headlines proclaiming an increase in the unemployment casualty lists by 1,800, is merely the latest manifestation of the "re-structuring" programme. The total job loss from the Nissan closing will escalate into many thousands as the effects spread to contractors and firms producing spare parts. Historically, Victoria has been the industrial heartland of Australia. But the "re-structuring" programme, along with the depression "we had to have", has devastated that heartland. A long list of industrial casualties could be listed. But the human cost has also been enormous. The Australian Chamber of Manufactures paints a dismal picture of what is happening, stating that confidence is at "rock bottom".

Mr. Bert Evans, Chief Executive of the Metal Trades Industry Association, which represents 7,000 manufacturers across Australia, points out that while M.T.I. members employed 620,000 in 1974, today they employ 400,000. "Those numbers ought to tell you something," he says. Mr. Evans makes the revealing comment, "Of course, we will still have a manufacturing industry, but it will probably be based in South-East Asia." While the Keating Government pushes ruthlessly ahead with its programme for "internationalising" the Australian economy, progressively eliminating all forms of protection, while mouthing platitudes about "level playing fields", countries like Thailand and Malaysia seek to develop industries behind high tariff barriers. Australian firms moving to re-locate themselves in South-East Asian countries not only enjoy tariff protection, but are given tax and other concessions.

Unless the programme of "re-structuring" is reversed before long, Australia will have no textile industries at all by the end of the century. Australian textile manufacturers point out that irrespective of the sophistication of the technology they use, they are unable to compete against Asian production with much cheaper labour and less government charges. The tragedy of what is happening is not going to be reversed by the election of Dr. John Hewson to replace Mr. Paul Keating. Dr. Hewson subscribes to the same philosophy of internationalisation. It is becoming clear that Dr. Hewson's proposed contribution to the "re-structuring" of Australia, not only via his Goods and Services Tax, but with his programme for Australian workers, could result in open violence. Under the Labor programme, real wages in Australia have been progressively forced down. Labor Governments

have been able to achieve what will be much more difficult for a Liberal Government.

Australia is now entering the most perilous period in its relatively short history. The nation is practically defenceless. Young Australians are being offered little or no hope in the future. Even those who in desperation are turning to the army as one means of obtaining an income and learning some skills or trades, are being turned away. Why? Because of the financial policies being imposed from Canberra.

Hopefully, a few genuine patriots can be elected to Canberra before the nation's decline becomes terminal. The noisy minority shouting for a Republic at this critical time are treacherous in more ways than one, as they completely ignore how Australia's sovereignty is being eroded by the internationalists.

**BRIEF COMMENTS:** Public outrage in Western Australia has resulted in the Lawrence State Labor Government taking action to try to cope with a wave of juvenile crime which has resulted in a number of deaths. But Premier Dr. Carmen Lawrence has run into a storm of orchestrated opposition from a number of groups, with Aboriginal activists claiming that the legislation, although aimed at only 2 percent of the State's juvenile offenders, will result in 70 percent of those sent to prison being Aborigines. But this only reflects the reality that Aboriginal youths in Western Australia are 33 times more likely to go to prison than others. Instead of facing this reality, the equalitarian theorists shout about "discrimination".

But while Dr. Lawrence has both community and parliamentary backing, she is threatened with opposition from the United Nations Human Rights Committee, which claims she is violating a U.N. Convention: The Western Australian Premier has responded with the comment that "The claims by the Human Rights Commissioner that the U.N. conventions provide balanced protection for victims and potential victims of crime are frankly unconvincing. In the light of the deficiency in the U.N. guidelines, the Government has had to apply its own judgment to balance the protection of the public against the well-being of these serious and dangerous offenders." Dr. Lawrence has made the telling point that "We've ... been cognizant of the need to respect our international obligations, but we've also noticed that those obligations don't often extend to a protection of victims."

At least one major paper, the Herald-Sun, Melbourne, of February 10th, has drawn attention to the significance of the West Australian legislation: "If Australians, as citizens of a sovereign nation, want to cry 'enough' to lawlessness, it should be no business whatsoever of the United Nations." To which we say "Amen", and urge all readers

to organise every possible support for Dr. Lawrence, who has done the whole nation a great service by demonstrating how U.N. conventions are a threat to Australia's sovereignty.

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**GOVERNMENT WARNED ON POPULATION DANGER:** An article in The Age (Melbourne), February 3rd, carried a report of the final report of the National Population Council on "Population Issues and Australia's Future". There are more important issues in population than the emotive issue of Australia's immigration level.

The National Population Council believes that "on balance" immigration benefitted the economy (it did not say the nation ... O.T.). The optimum level at any one time depended upon many factors. No numbers were advanced on appropriate population levels.

The Council urged the Government to upgrade and generally improve the infrastructures necessary to support an increased population. What are they? Really, they are too numerous to mention: roads, public transport, schools, hospitals, emergency services (ambulance, fire control services, police, teachers, and so on, and so on). All this means money; and lots of it.

What is happening to these services we have NOW? That's right; they are contracting, and deteriorating in quality!

If immigration continues at the present levels, then Sydney, for example, will most probably have a population close to 5 million, Melbourne 3.6 million, over the next 20 years.

**Note this please:** The National Population Council observes that: "Australia's immediate region is a source of for population movement" ... "for Australia major efforts will be required to preserve national sovereignty over determination of residence in the country".

To us, this clearly means that we probably won't be able to control who comes into our country, and in what numbers! It's The Camp of the Saints, all over again, in the Southern Hemisphere.

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