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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Human society is not, perhaps, or at least should not be, like a well regulated machine in which every component part works in close cohesion...Many sound, even sincere ones are under the impression that tradition is but the memory and pale effigy of a past that can no longer return.

"Tradition, however, is much more than a simple link with the past. Tradition means progress. Youth guided by the experience of their elders treads its way with a firmer and surer step. Progress without tradition would be stepping blindly into the dark."

- Pope Pius XII, January 19th, 1944

DROWNING IN A SEA OF RISING DEBT by Eric D. Butler:

Australia's most distinguished Roman Catholic commentator, Mr. B.A. Santamaria, has in recent times drawn attention to the mounting financial debt problem everywhere. In his column in The Weekend Australian of January 16th-17th, Mr. Santamaria draws attention to the American debt burden inherited by new President Bill Clinton. Clinton has already made it clear that he is going to pursue "interventionist" policies and not rely upon the much publicised "market forces" advocated by the different schools of "monetarists". The Clinton appointment of economist Laura D'Andrea Tyson to head the Council of Economic Advisers provides clear evidence that subsidies and trade protection policies are going to be actively pursued. Australian primary producers have been misled for years by the Farmers' Federation concerning the American situation. The American debt policies are forcing the American policy makers to intensify the growing international trade war.

As Santamaria points out, if President Clinton does nothing, the growth rate of the American deficit will accelerate: the current deficit of \$400 billion will reach \$950 billion by the end of Clinton's first term in 1996. But Clinton's "interventionist" policies indicate that he will rapidly increase the present rate of debt expansion. Interest

charges will absorb an increasing amount of taxation. The end result must be disaster. Not only the USA, but the whole world is now engulfed in a rising tide of debt. Irrespective of which set of politicians Australia elects at the coming Federal Elections, the debt burden will increase under the overall policy of creating the nation's money supply in the form of debt. Growing disasters are mathematically certain under debt-finance.

While it is true that the de-regulation of the banking system has made it possible for the banks to engage in unethical activities, it is not very helpful to suggest, as some well-meaning monetary reformers advocate, that the banks are creating "illegal" or "fraudulent" money in the form of bank credit. The banks have a licence to create financial credit which is, in reality, money which everyone accepts. What is wanted, for a start, is the writing off of much of the debt burden, starting with the primary producers. Any Australian Government has the constitutional power to direct the Reserve Bank to make some debt-free credits available. But this is a political question and will only be resolved when the Australian people, through their elected representatives, demand that it be done.

Events, more so than reasonable argument, are going to create a growing revolutionary situation which will force a change in the policy of debt financing. If such a change does not take place, it is as certain as the sunrise that mankind is going to be threatened with social disintegration and ultimately, anarchy. The late C.H. Douglas, author of Social Credit, predicted over 70 years ago that unless the debt financial system was changed, mankind was threatened with a new dark age. But he also said that a small body only of informed people who knew what to do and how to do it could prove the decisive factor in preventing complete collapse. The League of Rights has built up the only body of expertise available to provide an answer when the inevitable crisis becomes sufficiently acute. Maintaining and expanding the League is of the greatest importance at the present time.

RE-EDUCATING AUSTRALIANS from David Thompson:

Rather than reflecting the ancient principle that our beliefs, rights, liberties and laws derive from the people and their philosophical position, the art of government increasingly reflects the proposition that it is governments that should teach the people what to think, and take the lead in prompting the direction of social change. To add insult to this injurious proposition, it is always assumed that the taxpayer should pay (and be grateful) for the dubious privilege of being told what and how to think.

Justice Elizabeth Evatt proposes the re-education of Australia's

judiciary following the South Australian case in which Justice Derek Bollen apparently included the remark that he thought it acceptable for a husband to use "rougher than usual handling" of wives reluctant to have sex, when instructing the jury. In the outcry that followed, no attempt was made to investigate the context in which this remark was made, but Justice Evatt, who recently took up an appointment with the United Nations Human Rights Commission, assured us that "moves were under way to educate the whole judicial system in gender and racial issues". She noted approvingly that the Western Australian Supreme Court had already adopted such a training scheme. It is unlikely that those "training" or re-educating the judges will be theologically sound clergy - more likely to be radical feminists, or those who are campaigning for some other aggrieved minority group.

AIDS ATTITUDES POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE:

The campaign launched early in January to counteract discrimination against those with HIV-AIDS, financed by the Federal Government to the tune of \$2 million, is also a blatant exercise in re-education. It appears to be aimed primarily at health-care professionals, who are understandably cautious about handling AIDS patients, with the contagious and fatal nature of the disorder. The objective seems to be to bully all Australians into almost ignoring the consequences of the spread of AIDS in the attempt to justify and condone the lifestyle of those who mainly suffer from HIV-AIDS.

In the language of times now disappearing, "discrimination" used to imply impeccable judgement. Thus, to "discriminate" in the handling of contagious and (presently) quite fatal disorders like AIDS is not an unhealthy community attitude, but an important responsibility. We are encouraged to believe that AIDS can only be transmitted in certain ways, and that uncomfortable realities could be ignored. When a young prison officer was stabbed with a syringe contaminated with the blood of an AIDS prisoner in a NSW Prison, he was reassured that he had only a 1-in-400 chance of contracting HIV. The prison guard now has HIV, and was paid a large sum of money in "compensation" on the condition that he never spoke to the press.

The treatment of contagious diseases is a medical, not a political problem. In times past, tuberculosis sufferers were isolated, sometimes for years. In Cuba, HIV-AIDS Patients are isolated in their own village, and well-cared for until a 'cure' is recognised. Rather than brow-beating the Australian public (with their own money) to accept that we should ignore the realities of AIDS so as to not hurt the feelings of AIDS sufferers and their families, Australians should be facing up to the implications of a medical epidemic, and treating it accordingly.

It is only a totalitarian system that must direct the thought processes

of its people. The free society fosters the difference of opinion, and freedom of expression. The thought-police in Australia are presently in the ascendency. (End of David Thompson comment)

BRIEF COMMENTS: David Irving is an Englishman with no criminal record. But he was convicted in Germany for making a statement that he did not believe any gas chambers existed in Auschwitz. Irving was fined for allegedly defaming the dead. This fine was cited as a reason for denying Irving access to Canada, where he was arrested at a public meeting, held in custody and, after a short hearing before an immigration official, was deported in handcuffs. But shortly afterwards another Englishman, Salmon Rushdie, who was convicted in Iran before an Islamic Court for making statements about Mohammed the Prophet, sacred to the memory of 500 million Muslims, arrived in Canada and was met by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and escorted to Parliament House to meet prominent politicians. Prime Minister Mulroney stated in the House of Commons that Canada challenged the death sentence as a direct challenge to freedom of expression. This raises some interesting questions: Is the alleged Holocaust a more sacred religion than Islam? Is it permitted to blaspheme Mohammed the Prophet, while defaming the memory of dead Jews is illegal in Canada? Does the Prime Minister's statement mean that the German conviction of Irving is not an attack on freedom of speech? And is the Holocaust now a Canadian State religion which no visitor can question without fear of being deported?

The Zionist campaign to deny Irving entry to Australia suggests that the Zionists want the Holocaust to be elevated to the status of a type of State religion immune from all criticism. But presumably there would be no objection to a British historian arriving, who had been critical of Australian troops' performance in the defence of Singapore.

BASIC FUND AT CRITICAL STAGE: The next stage of the League of Rights' Basic Fund appeal is critical. The appeal must finish by the end of April at the very latest. We continue to be inspired by the dedicated support under the most trying circumstances. A young member of a small family business, struggling like all such businesses, has sent a cheque for \$1,000. Pensioners and others on small incomes are loyally backing the Fund. Every dollar counts. League planning in depth is going ahead on the assumption that the target of \$60,000 will be reached. Some tremendous new initiatives are being put in place. The total now stands at \$38,062, which means that two-thirds of the objective has been reached. What we need is a "big push" over the next few weeks. All contributions to Box 1052J, GPO, Melbourne, 3001.

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