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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Good fences make good neighbours."

- Old English Maxim

AVOIDING THE INTERNATIONALIST PERIL by Eric D. Butler:

The late Sir Raphael Cilento used to observe that making firm predictions was a dangerous business: if events proved one correct, few remembered, but if one was proved wrong few forgot. But one can predict with complete certainty that the 1993 Australian Federal elections, irrespective of who wins, will not of themselves move Australia off the disaster course on which it is moving with increasing momentum. The dominant policy makers in Australia are all dedicated internationalists who preach with almost a touch of fanaticism that Australia's future will be best assured by "restructuring" the nation's economy in order that it can be integrated with what is termed the "Global economy". Bigger is better, according to internationalists.

But where is the evidence that the philosophy of bigness is producing a more stable world? Russia is in the grip of a deepening crisis, which could end in some type of a military dictatorship. All the former Communist Eastern European nations are also in turmoil. The dream of a prosperous European Common Market is turning into a nightmare. The privatisation programme in the United Kingdom has resulted in the biggest unemployment figure on record, with growing social distintegration.

The Middle East crisis deepens, with Iran, the major base for Islamic fundamentalism, continuing to build up a massive military machine. While Saudi Arabia fears Saddam Hussein in Iraq, it is even more fearful that should Hussein be toppled, its future would be threatened by the rapid expansion of Islamic fundamentalism. The whole Islamic world is in a state of growing ferment, the only uniting factor being a hatred of Zionist Israel.

The whole of Africa south of the Sahara is sinking back into bloody

barbarism. And time is running out fast for South Africa. A blood-bath now appears inevitable.

Both India and Pakistan are gripped in growing communal violence. The tragedy of the multicultural country once known as Yugoslavia could explode into a major conflict involving neighbouring countries. The North American situation deteriorates as the Clinton Administration makes it clear that in an attempt to solve its internal problems it is going to adopt more aggressive trading policies. Japan has been warned, while at the same time Japan complains that it is being threatened by the dumping export policies of Communist China. The "economic miracles" of Asia are starting to look increasingly less miraculous. No long term stability is possible for any nation which drives its economy by debt finance.

With what is euphemistically described as the "international community" becoming increasingly unstable, with horrendous developments a certainty, the policy of linking Australia ever more closely with an explosive world, is not only sheer madness, but one of treachery. Australia's survival into the future depends upon reversing the policy of internationalism and replacing it with one of constructive nationalism. Australia is better equipped than any other nation in the world, to pursue such a policy.

Australia belongs to the stream of Western Christian civilisation and can make a major contribution to the salvation of that civilisation by concentrating upon a programme of maximum self-sufficiency. During the long night of the collapse of the great Roman Civilisation, complete darkness was averted by pockets of self-reliant small centres who kept the light of civilisation shining. Inspired by a practical Christian Faith, Australians can hold aloft the torch of hope to a world of disintegration and collapse. Without vision a nation perishes. Australia needs a new national vision, one which would re-generate Australia and hold out hope to the rest of the world.

LEAGUE OF RIGHTS AT WAR CRIMES TRIAL: South Australian State Director of the League of Rights, Mrs. Betty Luks, accompanied by Advisory National Director Eric Butler and several other League supporters, were present outside the South Australian Supreme Court on Monday, March 1st, holding placards of protest against the trial of elderly Ivan Polyukhovic. Interviewed by the media, Eric Butler said that for him, "this was a day of deep national shame. It is a black day in our history. We have turned our backs on our heritage of Christian Common Law. True justice cannot possibly be achieved through what, in essence, is a witchhunt". Eric Butler reports that he was deeply affected by the spectacle of the elderly and obviously frail Polyukhovic walking

towards the court supported by his wife. "All we could do was wish them well," he said. One of the League placards pointed out that the War Crimes Trials had already cost the Australian taxpayers over \$40 million - and that the financial costs continued to rise.

BRIEF COMMENTS: The Stockholm Research Institute has revealed that Israel could have enough nuclear material to make at least 100 nuclear bombs, that India could make as many as 60 nuclear bombs, and Pakistan up to 10 bombs. But there has been no suggestion that any of these countries should be disciplined by the United Nations. Which raises the interesting question of why such a determined effort has been made to ensure that Iraq does not develop nuclear weapons.

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For the record we suggest that readers take careful note of Dr. John Hewson's statement at the Liberal Party policy launch. After referring to the current high unemployment figures, John Hewson said, "I accept nothing less than full employment." There is nothing in the Hewson programme to suggest that a Coalition Government would achieve such an objective. We are reminded of Prime Minister Bob Hawke's famous statement that by the year 1990 no Australian child would be living in poverty.

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The Australian Council for Adult Literacy has warned that up to one million Australians will not be able to vote properly, or at all, at the Federal elections because they cannot read the ballot papers. It is estimated that 10 percent of Australians eligible to vote were unable to read newspapers or fill in a bank slip. At the last Federal elections, in 1990, 350,000 electors, or 3.3 percent, voted informally. A big informal vote in a close election could prove the deciding factor. One of the first major steps necessary for more responsible voting, is for the abolition of the present system of compulsion.

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Writing in The Australian, March 4th, Mr. Gerry Van Wyngen, described as a Director of Dresdner International Financial Markets (Australia) Ltd., praised Mr. Paul Keating, as Treasurer in the Hawke Government, for having "opened up the financial system (through de-regulation), providing competition and in turn setting the groundwork for more efficient banking". It would be interesting to have a definition of "efficient banking". The de-regulation of the Australian banking system has been accompanied by some of the most irresponsible lending policies in the nation's history. The first step towards regaining national sovereignty is for the elected representatives of the people to re-regulate banking.

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Issues such as multiculturalism and immigration - central issues which arouse deep concern at electoral levels - have been all but ignored. There is no concrete proposal from either group for bringing the debt load under control. The question of industrial protection which has direct bearing on employment has almost been ignored since both the A.L.P. and Coalition made token concessions to the sugar industry. The truth is that both the major party groups are internationalists, quite ready to commit Australia to the emerging global market.

Such is the public lack of enthusiasm for this 1993 election, that the Coalition has now reversed its previous opposition to four year parliamentary terms, arguing that it would mean fewer Federal elections. A referendum is proposed to change the Constitution to this effect, lengthening terms for Senators up to eight years. There is, however, absolutely no discussion whatever of any proposal to extend the opportunity of initiating referendum to the Australian people. But this is urgently required. The only answer to the destructive attitudes of pessimism and frustration dominating the electorate, is to return some form of self government to the Australian people. This can best be achieved by adopting a responsible form of voter's veto, or the opportunity for the electors to initiate binding referendums.

THE BASIC FUND CAN BE FILLED: Although there was a slight falling off last week of support for the Basic Fund, it has moved forward and we are confident that a last-minute surge will carry the Fund past the target of \$60,000 before the end of April.

Our confidence is based upon our analysis of those who have not yet contributed and, we feel, will certainly contribute. We trust that our faith is well-based.

The League's forward planning programme is "on track", but we would appreciate a finalising of the Basic Fund as soon as possible. Only 200 supporters contributing an average of \$50 each would push the Fund past the target.

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