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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "Depression has been caused in the past by deliberate action in the monetary sphere. In the years 1920-22 and 1929-32 measures were taken in England and America for the explicit purpose of diminishing the flow of money and counteracting inflationary tendencies by inflicting depression on the world."

- R.G. Hawtrey, Under-Secretary of the British Treasury in a pre-Second World War work, Economic Destiny.

**TURNING THE TAXATION SCREW:** Governor-General Bill Hayden's recent statement that economists were "shamans or witchdoctors", and that "The more they are wrong the more people worship at the teachers' feet..." was of some significance, coming as it did not long before another Federal Budget. Mr. Hayden was opening a week of celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of Canberra's National Library. He confessed that he dropped law to take a degree in economics, believing that "the destiny of the country rested in the hands of the economists". Mr. Hayden says, "I still think I was right, but unfortunately I also think that the economists have got the wrong destiny." As Mr. Hayden was a Senior Minister in the Whitlam Cabinet and last Treasurer in the Whitlam Government, he appears to be saying that while the economic "experts" are "witchdoctors", governments have very little influence over them. There is no evidence that he ever challenged them when a Cabinet Minister.

Which brings us to the Federal Budget presented on Tuesday of this week by Treasurer Dawkins. Clearly Mr. Dawkins is acting as a public relations figure for a group of "witchdoctors" whose prevailing view is that "deficits" are of the very devil and that unless severely curtailed could lead to a new outbreak of inflation. In order to achieve this reduction, taxation must be increased. And so, with the aid of his economic witchdoctors, Treasurer Dawkins has come up with some new taxation increases. We are told that unless a major attempt is made to bring the deficit down, the international "financial

markets" may be highly displeased with Australia - and presumably will not lend Australia any more money. And, according to the witchdoctors, this could prove disastrous for Australia. The overall effect of the Federal Budget presented by Treasurer Dawkins must be an extension of the depression which Prime Minister Paul Keating said, when Federal Treasurer, "we had to have". Presumably he was merely echoing the orders of his witchdoctor advisors?

In a recent daily press article, one well-known economic guru commented that the current depression was not all bad; that people tended to overlook how the inflation rate had been reduced to the lowest level for over 30 years. Lower inflation rates are of little or no benefit for the million-plus Australians who have no incomes, for struggling small businessmen and desperate farmers. All Western nations and Japan have, on the advice of the international witchdoctors of the International Monetary Fund, used monetary policies to force the inflation rate down, but the result has been the same as that of the thirties - mass unemployment and social disintegration. More liberal welfare systems than those of the thirties have merely increased social problems.

Anyone who believes that a Hewson Government, elected after a possible double dissolution of the Federal Parliament, will then not pass the Dawkins tax increases so as to, ostensibly, improve the overall situation is engaging in the most futile of wishful thinking. Under the prevailing financial debt system, all that the politicians can do is to take their pick of the various nostrums offered by the witchdoctors. Victorian Treasurer Stockdale loudly complains that the increased tax burden imposed by Federal Treasurer Dawkins will seriously undermine Victoria, which he says will be the most prosperous State in Victoria in two years. And the same Alan Stockdale has attacked the deficit evil in the same way that Dawkins has - by increasing taxes and charges. He is advised by the same type of witchdoctors advising the Federal Government. And while he may be able to show that the State deficit has been reduced, at the same time he has increased the total indebtedness of the State.

It is not the business of electors or their representatives to be experts on financial technique. But it is their business, and responsibility, to point out that the physical realities in Australia are such that there is no reason for the continuing depression and that they insist on changes in financial policy to end the depression. If the present economic witchdoctors are not able to provide an answer, they should be promptly dismissed.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FOSTERS RACIAL TENSIONS:** Writing in The Bulletin of August 17th, veteran journalist David McNicoll points out that the intensity of the pro-Aboriginal propoganda machine has reached the stage "that rational discussion of Aboriginal problems has become impossible - unless you are prepared to put up with abuse, an offensive tag and be accused of inflammatory language". McNicoll asks, "Has freedom of speech been wiped out as far as discussion of Aboriginal problems is concerned," and goes on to ask have Tim Fischer, Hugh Moran, or Henry Bosch said anything that was untrue in their recent statements which have resulted in such strident yells of protest. Were any lies told? Was not the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory stating the truth when he recently referred to the appalling state of Aboriginal hygiene in the Territory, in spite of the massive Federal funding?

David McNicoll is right when he says that unless Aboriginal topics can be discussed like all other social questions, and if there is intimidation of those who express their views on Aboriginal topics, there will be an inevitable backlash against all Australians of Aboriginal background. The Mabo issue has already generated tensions, which will get worse unless the great majority of Australians make it clear through their elected representatives that they are not prepared to have traditional Australia torn apart as the result of what a former Queensland Supreme Court judge, Mr. Peter Connolly, Q.C., termed the "weird theories" of the present High Court.

Adding fuel to the growing fire of tensions concerning Aboriginal affairs, is the massive, record damages of \$20,000 awarded by Mr. Ron Castan, Q.C., Chairman of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, to a couple of part-Aboriginal background who claimed that they had been discriminated against by a Sale, Victoria, caravan rental firm, who had refused to rent them a caravan. Commissioner Castan also ordered that the man and wife caravan renters insert a public apology in the local paper. It is common knowledge that caravan park operators in the Sale area are loathe to rent caravans to people of Aboriginal background because of the conditions in which the caravans are often left.

Quite apart from the basic question of whether people have the right to decide to whom they are prepared to rent their houses or their caravans, if Mr. Ron Castan and his Human Rights colleagues believe that they are going to prevent discrimination by imposing what is generally perceived to be an excessive, savage, fine, plus costs, they are completely divorced from reality. Ms. Irene Moss of the Human Rights Commission is reported in The Age of August 11th as saying that she was "disappointed by the public outcry that greeted"

the record payout ordered against the Sale caravan couple. Talkback programmes have been flooded with callers criticising the decision as being excessive. The Human Rights Commission has added to the problem mentioned by David McNicoll. And what will be the position when the proposed Federal anti-vilification legislation is passed? Eventually there will be an unfortunate massive backlash. Mr. Ron Castan and his fellow Zionist promoters of this type of legislation will then no doubt try to wash their hands of their contribution to the backlash and blame those nasty "racist" Australians who reject what is being imposed upon them.

It should be recorded that Mr. Ron Castan has been prominent in the anti-David Irving campaign, making a number of outrageous statements.

**FORMER GOVERNOR CHALLENGES KEATING:** We note that the former Governor of Queensland, Sir Walter Campbell, has written to the British press, as we have been suggesting, and willingly taken the Prime Minister, Mr. Keating, to task on the question of the republic. Sir Walter obviously feels extremely strongly about the issue, as it is most unusual for even retired vice-regal appointees to speak up in this manner. His letter was published in the quite strongly conservative Daily Telegraph, and we reproduce extracts:

"Mr. Keating has suggested that the British monarchy is becoming obsolete and that the Queen of Australia cannot symbolise our Australianness. You should be in no doubt that he speaks for only a small minority of his countrymen."

Sir Walter wrote that "in his attempt to hasten the advent of a republic", the Prime Minister has "chosen to ignore the benefit of a centuries-old monarchy which epitomises a standard that must be kept separate and above politics. The Prime Minister and other anti-British persons contend that our nation-hood and independence are affected while we retain our present system.

"But the concept of the Crown pervades our Constitution, and the unique nature of our constitutional monarchy expresses and enhances, rather than denies, our Australianness ... Those Australians who reluctantly returned (Mr. Keating) to power certainly did not want him to proceed along his present path." (The Weekend Australian, 14/8/93)

We suggest that others follow Sir Walter's lead, writing not only to the British papers, but also to the Queen herself.