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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Political language - and with variations this is true of all political movements, from conservatives to anarchists - is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable; and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

- George Orwell

RE-ARRANGING THE DECKCHAIRS: It can be taken as almost certain that there will be no double-dissolution of the Commonwealth Parliament. Prime Minister Paul Keating and his Treasurer John Dawkins have so outraged nearly every section of the Australian community that an early election would see Labor electorally decimated. It is probably true that the incredible promises made by Keating and his colleagues before the last Federal Elections were based on the assumption that they would probably lose the elections and would therefore not have to worry about promises. But much to their astonishment, they won - primarily because the electors had little confidence in Opposition leader Dr. John Hewson and were terrified of the Goods & Services Tax (G.S.T.), but now the electors find themselves threatened with the type of taxation increases they thought they were voting against. Not surprisingly, there have been cries of anguish right across the nation. Even Paul Keating's "mates" in the Trade Union movement feel that he has gone too far with a programme of indirect taxation increases which seriously disadvantage their members. No one seriously believes that it has been decided that taxation on leaded petrol should be increased in the interest of health; exploiting the alleged threat to the health of children is cynically used to raise more revenue.

Any objective analysis of the Keating-Dawkins budget shows that it bears most heavily upon the middle-income earners and the poorer members of society. The main beneficiaries are the top income earners. The budget therefore polarises society still further and increases social frictions. The Australian Democrats, under new leader Senator Cheryl Kernot from Queensland, have seized the opportunity to regain

some of their lost credibility, as reflected by a reduced vote at the Federal Elections. As a political leader Senator Kernot is a big improvement on her predecessors. It is not surprising therefore that public opinion polls show a substantial increase in support for the Democrats, compared with that at the March 13th elections. Senator Kernot is reflecting such a confident approach that Prime Minister Paul Keating has suddenly discovered that the Dawkins-Keating budget is negotiable after all! It is true, of course, that the Democrats do not hold the balance of power. With Labor's numbers in the Senate reduced to 30, the support of the Democrats is not enough to guarantee that Labor's more contentious legislation can be passed. The two "Greens" and the Independent Harridine are also major players. The division of power in the Senate has placed Paul Keating in the position where he must treat with every respect what he termed the "unrepresentative swill".

While agreeing that the electors should be thankful even for small mercies, we have seen no suggestion from Senator Kernot that the basic debt problem of the nation should be faced. She apparently has no argument about the deficit strategy of the Government, merely that there should be a re-arrangement of the taxation burden. There is no reference to the fact that the nation's foreign debt has reached \$157 billion and is still rising. The budget has been shaped in a way which, it is hoped, will meet with the approval of the international bankers, sometimes euphemistically termed the "financial markets". The debt-merchants want to be assured that the Australian taxpayers provide sufficient taxes to finance the interest charges. And here is the nub of the major problem facing the nation.

The best that the Senate opponents can do, including the Coalition Parties, to the budget is to force some modifications, rather like re-arranging the deck chairs as the ship of state continues to sink. The Democrats might well be challenged to indicate what they think should be done about the mounting debt problem. Their attention could be directed to what one of their own former colleagues, Mr. Paul McLean, had to say on the subject.

ZIONIST LEADER WANTS LEAGUE LISTED IN ACT: No one will have much sympathy for the young Queensland member of the National Socialists who foolishly daubed abusive anti-Jewish statements on a Brisbane synagogue in May of this year. The fact that those responsible for this type of activity feel that they are achieving any worthwhile results indicate a very poor mentality. The reality is that the overwhelming number of Australians who hold critical views on the excessive Zionist influence in Australia, as demonstrated by forcing Federal politicians to waste millions of dollars on the obscene war crime

trials, and to ban British historian David Irving from visiting Australia, are strongly opposed to any acts of violence. But, in spite of this fact, Zionist spokesmen have made it clear that they strongly support legislation which would make it unlawful to offer any criticism which can be listed as "racist". Zionist leader Jeremy Jones, for example, is on record as saying that any criticism of the generally presented version of "The Holocaust" should be made a criminal offence. Following the Brisbane incident, which resulted in the young vandal, in his mid-twenties, being sentenced to 300 hours of community service and ordered to pay full restitution, Zionist leader Laurie Rosenblum said that a prison sentence should have been imposed. The Australian Jewish News of August 27th reports that Mr. Rosenblum led a delegation to meet with Queensland Attorney-General Dean Wells to press for a tightening of the State's Anti-Discrimination Act, the words "racial or religious vilification" being listed as an offence. Also that "extremist groups such as the League of Rights" being listed under the Act. The report says that the Queensland Attorney-General said that he "would view the submission with great seriousness". The report also says that Attorney-General Wells was "moved by the evidence of growing anti-semitism in Queensland and across Australia".

Mr. Rosenblum might care to comment on who was responsible for threats to hotels throughout Australia which resulted in the cancellation of the proposed showing of a videotape by David Irving. And who was responsible for the threatened break-in to the League of Rights' Melbourne office following the cancellation of the Irving film at the Melbourne Sheraton Hotel.

BRIEF COMMENTS:

Victorian Treasurer Mr. Alan Stockdale is predicting that Victoria will have the highest standard of living in Australia within two years. Mr. Stockdale says that in spite of high unemployment "People are having the confidence to continue to look for work". As Mr. Stockdale and his colleagues ruthlessly impose higher taxes and cut more services, in their attempt to reduce the feared deficit, so does their unpopularity rise. Communities deprived of their local schools are not impressed. Like all devotees of financial orthodoxy, the Kennett Government is doomed to join the long list of political failures.

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Like the long-running "Soapie", "Days of our Lives", talks about a new General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, continue non-stop, with the occasional statement that some type of agreement is very close. But now it is reported that prospects for a GATT agreement are in "disarray" as a result of the growing friction inside the European

Economic Community. The French Government dares not make concessions because of the militancy of French farmers.

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South African Zulu leader Chief Buthelezi has injected a note of realism into the turbulent South African situation, taking legal action to stop the non-racial elections scheduled for April 27th of next year. Buthelezi says that his Inkatha Movement cannot agree to the date of an election until it is satisfied about the future of South Africa and a guarantee that the Zulu homeland of Kwa-Zulu will be expanded and given autonomy. The Communist-influenced African National Congress will have none of this, while some white leaders are now openly preparing for what they term another Boer War. Any suggestion that Australia should provide any troops for a U.N. peace-keeping force in South Africa should be strongly resisted. No Australians should be exposed to what could develop into large-scale violence.

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According to an article in Herald-Sun (Melbourne, August 27th), the average Australian taxpayer now pays out 50% to 59% of his income by way of direct and indirect taxation!

The Authority? The National Tax Agents Association, which claims that Mr. Keating's assertions that Australia is a low-tax country amount to a smokescreen. Yet another relevant body, the Taxation Institute of Australia, supports the above findings. There is no questioning of the claim that banks, and other relevant services, pass their taxes on to the consumers.

The Director of the above Association, Mr. Tony Jones, says that more and more taxes are being concealed: they are in - gas bills/telephone bills/mortgages/freight levies/company payroll taxes, and so on, and so on. The Taxation Institute claims that 32 cents of every dollar (32%) is spent on hidden taxes.

Further, Australian taxpayers are being bluffed when Treasury uses tax comparisons as a percentage of G.D.P. (Gross Domestic Product).

It is true that Australia did have favourable taxation rates when compared with O.E.C.D. (Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development) countries - there is a social security component which was not implemented here until recently.