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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The subject matter of education, in Dewey's view (John Dewey was the father of 'progressive education') was not as important as the method. Character forming and moral training yielded to problem solving and learning by doing. The use of religious and historical example to instil courage, loyalty, pride and good citizenship was discouraged. The true goal of education was determined to be the search for a better social order. The study of the classics and of Latin and Greek was dropped and replaced by the social sciences. Classroom discipline was relaxed in favour of teacher-student dialogues. The instructor himself became more concerned with the how of learning than the what."

- Wilmot Robertson in The Dispossessed Majority

WILL THE NATIONAL PARTY COMMIT SUICIDE? The debate concerning the proposed amalgamation of the National and Liberal Parties is one whose outcome well may have a decisive bearing on the future of Australian politics. We have long held the view that if the National Party, originally the Country Party, was to prevent the destruction, not only of traditional rural Australia, but also of its natural allies, small businessmen and conservatively minded Australians everywhere, it could best serve that purpose by moving to the cross benches in the Federal Parliament and exert pressure on whichever party was in office. We notice with interest that Mr. B.A. Santamaria, well known columnist, is advocating a similar policy at a time when the Liberal Party is led Federally by a man who takes no firm stand on any basic issue, like Mabo, while his deputy, Dr. Michael Wooldridge, is urging the Liberal Party to become trendy like the Labor Party: Wooldridge claims that the alleged "hard line" of the Opposition Parties on Aboriginal affairs was politically bad, and that there should be a re-think on the subject of the gay community and other groups. In spite of his blind spot on finance-economics, Federal National leader Tim Fischer is showing sound political judgment by opposing a formal amalgamation between the National and Liberal Parties. The fact that the total vote for the National Party declined to only 7 percent at the last

Federal elections reflected, in part, the view among members of the rural community that the National Party had progressively turned away from its original basic policies. It will be recalled by older League of Rights supporters that the National Party was first used to spearhead a nation-wide smear campaign against the League. The League's "crime" was that it had generated a grassroots movement urging that the then Country Party return to its roots and sound policies such as low-interest long term finance, decentralisation and limited non-European immigration. As even the silliest of the League's many critics know that it is not a power movement, but one which provides a high standard of education and service, the real reason for the intense anti-League campaign is, of course, the fear of its influence, not its numbers, or lack of them.

Some of the League-watchers and critics occasionally concede this, while at the same time claiming that as a minority movement, the League represents no one but a few "aging" "right-wing exterminists" like Eric Butler. This was the line taken by David Greason, writing in the Australia-Israel Review on Labor M.P. Graeme Campbell's appearance on the League's platform at the 1993 League National Seminar. David Greason, who attended the Seminar, tells of how he took it on himself - or was he speaking for those Zionist Jews he seeks to serve? - to warn Graeme Campbell against speaking on a League platform. Greason says that he made the point that the League was "not representative of country people". The reality is that the League is representative of traditional Australia, its value systems and its institutions. That is why the League supports the basic democratic principle of the Australian people having a vote, by referendum, on basic issues like MABO, immigration, and "economic rationalism". We are not informed whether David Greason also felt it necessary to warn Graeme Campbell against appearing shortly after the League Seminar, on Mr. B.A. Santamaria's National Civic Council platform.

A new political situation is emerging in Australia. If the National Party can maintain its independence from an increasingly ineffective Liberal Party, it could play a major role in a new, genuinely conservative political movement.

"THE WORLD" CONDEMNS AUSTRALIA: As the international experiment in human madness, the world state, proceeds, Australians will become accustomed to headlines like that appearing in the weekend press: "World slams suspension of family planning aid". This refers to "growing international condemnation" of the decision to trim a modest \$35 million off the \$130 million overseas aid programme. The aid was for "family planning" (which could cover a multitude of sins) and the Government agreed to trim this aid programme as a part of a deal with

the Independent Senator Brian Harridine from Tasmania, a devout Catholic, and a critic of family planning aid programmes.

From whom is the "growing international condemnation" coming? Mainly from aid agencies and family planning groups! Also, a number of scientists at the World Scientific Academy meeting in New Delhi have condemned the move, at a conference that resembles closely a Club of Rome scare story that the world is doomed unless the human being is abolished. A number of A.L.P. backbenchers are also complaining about the decisions: Mr. Colin Hollis (A.L.P., Throsby) and Senator Margaret Reynolds (Queensland).

It may be simply coincidence that Reynolds and Hollis are named, but their commitment to globalism is more than just casual. Both Hollis and Reynolds are Australian members of "Parliamentarians for Global Action" which was previously called "Parliamentarians for World Order" until some nationalists began to wake up to the fact that this was simply a world government pressure group inside Western parliaments!

An old brochure from Parliamentarians for World Order begins: "Mankind is in trouble. An insane nuclear arms race, mass hunger, over population and pollution all darken our future. Individual nations cannot control these problems. Stronger world institutions are urgently needed..." (Emphasis added). The answer? World law. International control.

From last Monday, the great globalising experiment of European Union formally began, like the first roll of the dice in a new kind of Monopoly game. Large proportions of the new "citizens of Europe" are strongly against the experiment, which is breaking down even as the dice are rolling. GATT, the international trading agreement, has been under negotiation for nearly a decade, and there is no agreement.

The solution to national problems is invariably a national affair. Problems are not solved by "globalising" them. They only get bigger, more wildly out of control, and more expensive. It is a pity Senator Harradine couldn't have had the whole aid budget suspended, until Australian poverty was eliminated.

WHY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T WORK: The results of the recent Canadian election, in which the Conservative Government was wiped out, with the Prime Minister losing her seat, saw a large protest vote go to the French Separatist Party, and the new Reform Party in the West. The opinion polls for this weekend's New Zealand election uniformly show both strong support for the minor parties, and a large proportion of voters who are 'undecided' - or unenthusiastic. And the fate of Premier Arnold in the South Australian elections next month seems certain - until one considers the alternative.

Mr. Graeme Campbell, the A.L.P. Member for Kalgoorlie, attributes the poor results from democratic government to a flight from responsibility. Certainly the numerous Royal Commissions into corruption in several Australian States indicates that Campbell is correct. However, the Queen's Council for one of the three Royal Commissioners into W.A. Inc., Mr. Peter Brinsden, is much more specific: "One of the problems is too steadfast adherence to the party, to the detriment of one's independence as a parliamentarian. That seems to be the basic cause of the problem throughout the Westminster system."

In an article entitled "Crisis in our Democracy" Samuel Jacobs, Q.C., the former S.A. Supreme Court judge who produced the devastating report into the S.A. State Bank collapse, made similar points: "The parliamentary process has changed. To a large extent we've got executive government, parliament is a sham... I just observe the fact that the man on the bus thinks all politicians are bloody idiots. If you go back 150 years ago to the days when ministerial responsibility meant something, governments changed and they resigned to go to the people. That doesn't happen any more. We talk glibly about the Westminster system but we don't practise it. So if the ordinary politician isn't prepared to grasp this nettle, then somebody else has got to." (Weekend Australian, 30/10/93.)

There are several points to be made: 1) Australia is not "a democracy" at all - it is a constitutional monarchy. Our system of government depends not upon counting heads to make decisions, but upon representative government. Under the Westminster system, the executive (cabinet) must answer to Parliament, and the executive account to the Crown for their actions. 2) If the Member of Parliament is in the grip of a force that corrupts his independence of thought and action, like the political party which is largely controlled by the members of the executive, then the executive is out of control, and not accountable to anyone. The only possible result is corruption, incompetence and voter dissatisfaction.

The only possible answer to this problem, is for the voters to begin to accept some of the responsibility they demand from their "representatives", sack the party hacks and appoint genuine servants who will do as their constituents want, rather than any party. It is the role of the League of Rights to find, encourage and train those voters who want to take part in this regeneration. The Social Dynamics Seminar is a key tool in this training process. And perhaps more politicians should ride on buses for a change.

We cannot complain that representative government doesn't work if we are not prepared to try it. Members of Parliament must be held personally responsible for results - or lack of results.