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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance —

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "There is only one sound basic for co-operative society, and that is individual and personal responsibility. It is no part of my intention to rest any argument upon theological grounds except where these themselves are capable of demonstration, but it does seem to be difficult to have a plainer and flatter repudiation of collectivism in all its aspects, and of the idea that an organisation can absolve an individual of the responsibility of his actions, than the statement, 'He took upon Himself, the sins of the world' ('society')." - C.H. Douglas in The Big Idea.

A WORLD IN TURMOIL: No serious student of modern history disputes that this century has been dominated by an attempt to establish some type of a World State. The International Communist movement was driven by this objective. But as documented by the prestigious American historian, Professor Quigley, in his famous classic Tragedy and Hope, powerful international banking groups have the same objective, and have helped to sustain the Communist movement, confirming the view of the great German writer, Oswald Spengler, in his Decline of the West (1920), that "There is no proletariat movement, not even a communist one, which does not operate in the interest of Money, in the direction of Money, and for the period permitted by Money - and all this without the idealist in the ranks having the slightest suspicion of the fact." The will-to-power has been a constant feature of the human drama, but in the absence of an understanding of how the modern money-credit creation system works, one cannot fully grasp the significance of unfolding events, and how all forms of the will-to-power require the fueling of money power. There is, for example, growing concern about the massive military build up in Communist China. But this build up requires large-scale financing, much of it being provided from outside China.

From time to time there are what C.H. Douglas described as "unrehearsed

events which can for a time upset any programme for centralising power. Although outstanding British constitutional authorities like Lord Denning had warned of the far-reaching threat of the Common Market to British sovereignty, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher went ahead in 1986 to pass the Single European Act. But by 1990 she had come to realise the ultimate objective of the Common Market, a United States of Europe in which British sovereignty could be completely surrendered. But when Margaret Thatcher bluntly said that she was not prepared to make such a surrender, she quickly discovered the realities of Money Power. She was quickly swept from the leadership of the British Conservative Party, even though still enjoying the overwhelming support of rank and file Conservatives.

The massacre of Palestinians by a Zionist fanatic has badly jolted the "peace" programme for the Middle East. But long term Zionist planning will continue. The Russian move into the Balkans, openly backing their fellow Slavs (Serbs), merely confirms the breakdown of the Soviet system has not derailed the will-to-power of Communists now masquerading as "Social-Democrats".

The more power is centralised, the more far-reaching are the effects of decisions made by those striving to make centralism work. Well-known financial writer Terry McCran observes that while the decision by U.S. Federal Reserve Chief Alan Greenspan to increase the U.S. interest rate by 0.25 percent was like the flapping of the wings of a butterfly, "they packed the punches of Mahommed Ali". This small increase "has had a global impact out of all proportion to its size ... Currencies have risen and fallen, stock markets have shuddered - our own has dropped more than 7 percent in value - and long term interest rates both here and in America have jumped".

We repeat once again our constant theme, that every attempt to further centralise power globally, merely fuels a process of growing chaos everywhere. The Global Planners are attempting the impossible. They have no hope of reaching planned objectives. A nation like Australia has the best prospects for long-term survival by striving always for maximum economic independence. Australians must "keep their eyes on the ball", and not be confused by growing global chaos. They should seek to take advantage of all favourable "unrehearsed events".

THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS NIGHTMARE by David Thompson: The popular impression of the new "enterprise bargaining" legislation which comes into effect at the end of March, is that it will lead to less industrial disputes, and rob the unions of much of their power. But the truth is that plenty of long and bitter industrial disputes are inevitable under the new system, which replaces industry-wide awards with

the option for enterprise-based agreements, and an indexation-based centralised wage system with "negotiated" deals.

The truth is that industrial relations are undergoing a revolution, which effectively transfers power from the employer to the employee. Sacking an employee is virtually prevented - certainly without an obligatory written warning - and maternity and paternity leave is becoming available to all employees. The new act over-rides all enterprise bargaining agreements, including the new N.S.W. legislation which the Fahey Liberal Government fought hard to establish. Under Mr. Brereton's new laws, the biggest winners will be the lawyers - not employers, and perhaps not even employees in the end.

Although employers will have new powers to fine employees for breach of an enterprise agreement (\$5,000, and \$2,500 for each day the breach continues) few will dare use them, unless they are prepared to have their employees jailed. The traumatic waterside dispute of last month is simply a taste of what is to come in industrial relations. It is clear that the company (Australian Stevedores), realising that by March 31st they would not be able to sack employees for striking, took their last opportunity to threaten to sack all workers who were objecting to 50 redundancies. After March 31st, new "dispute resolution procedures" and free-for-all "bargaining periods" will actually increase the scope for industrial unrest. Companies will no longer rely on awards to set salaries and conditions, but upon their own legal agreements with employees, which is where the lawyers come in.

INCREASING MADNESS AND FRICTION: In a separate issue, Australia's biggest company, B.H.P., has last week settled a dispute with 743 women who claimed they had been discriminated against because they had not been hired to work in steel mills. This was sexual discrimination, which cost B.H.P. about \$9 million, and provided each woman with approximately \$100,000.00. This was the biggest, longest-running sex discrimination case, and establishes a precedent in Australian industrial legal history of the same significance as the famous Harvester basic wage case of 1907. It opens the way for an increase in "discrimination" cases, and further advances in affirmative action procedures to hire women instead of men. The settlement will solve temporary problems for B.H.P., but set the stage for increasing friction in the workplace.

Amid such insanity, no-one seems to have asked the question of the purpose of B.H.P. Is the industrial giant there to provide jobs for men and women to fight over, or does B.H.P. exist to make steel? What, if anything, do B.H.P. shareholders have to say about "sex discrimination"? Will "affirmative action" produce better steel? Or worse steel?

Until we agree upon the purpose of the production system, increasing friction is quite inevitable. The purpose of producing steel is for steel to be consumed, not to provide jobs for affronted women. The whole production system has been perverted to provide "employment"

rather than simply consumer items. The production system cannot be expected to distribute wages and salaries to all consumers as well as distribute goods and services of any useful quality. The attempt to do so can only produce more friction.

DAVID IRVING RELEASED FROM PRISON: Having served 10 days of a three-month sentence for contempt of court, David Irving has been released on the condition that he comply with a British High Court ruling that he disclose his assets to a German publisher. The publisher, Rowohlt Verlag, is suing Irving for repayment of an advance of 50,000 pounds for the Churchill biography, of which they allege the second edition has not been produced on time.

In his statement to the Court, Mr. Irving explained that because of a campaign of abuse, harassment and threats from anti-Nazi activists, he lived "in a state of siege" in his own home, fearing for his safety, and that of his family. While in prison, Irving said he had been exposed to a world "one would not normally see... I have made a lot of friends in here, of every colour, I hasten to add .. I'm tough. They would have to do much worse than this to get me down...."

Irving is referring to an international campaign of harassment that appears to be the only answer to his historical research which centres on World War II. A central tool in this campaign seems to be to misquote Irving, and misrepresent his conclusions on such highly emotional issues as 'the holocaust'. The impression is quite deliberately created that Irving claims that the holocaust "never happened", and further that Irving, an "apologist for Hitler" has written several books on the subject. Such nonsense is far from the truth, and when pressed no journalist has been able to quote Irving accurately on the holocaust, provide the titles of the books he has allegedly written on the issue, and many have clearly not read any of his books at all.

THE BASIC FUND MOVES TOWARDS TARGET: A steady stream of support for the Basic Fund takes it closer to the target of \$60,000. Over the past week a further \$1,745 has been contributed, taking the grand total to \$57,945. There is no need for the smaller contributors to apologise; every dollar counts. The fund has now advanced to the stage where a flood of small contributions from those who have not yet contributed will sweep the fund past the target. The League is always running on Faith, but Faith without works is death. We have complete faith that the target of \$60,000 will be reached and trust that we share that faith with all our supporters. One big final "push" now should see the objective reached. We are pleased to report that our planned programme for the current year has developed step by step. Unlike the political parties, the League does not run on debt. We do hope that within at least the next two weeks we can report that once again the League has reached its objective. All contributions to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001.

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