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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "So, with the flourish of a pen (by way of signing United Nations Conventions), Australia may no longer exist as a sovereign state.

"Who knows where this madness might end?"

"Strange that those most ardently pushing for Australia to cut its ties with Britain, are the same ones selling us down the drain to a faceless bunch of Third World nobodies."

- David Hampson, in *Sunday Herald-Sun*, May 1st

"WORKING NATION" AND THE SLAVE STATE by David Thompson:

The Prime Minister's White Paper on unemployment, "*Working Nation*", is an expensive, artful measure designed to lay the groundwork for another A.L.P. election victory. As it deals superficially with the **effects** of unemployment, the white paper conceals a tacit admission that **full employment is no longer possible**. In fact, as Senator Evans concedes, "full employment" now means an **official** unemployment rate of 5%, and this is Mr. Keating's target for the year 2000. It is widely accepted that the real unemployment figures are much higher than official figures.

In reality, Mr. Keating's white paper announces the dreaded "jobs tax" that has been firmly rejected by the Government. How is the white paper to be financed? By increasing debt, through an increase in the budget deficit, which must eventually be paid for by those who still have jobs! That is, a jobs tax. The details of this are expected in the Budget, not released as we go to press. The fate of the long-promised tax cuts would seem to be sealed.

An essential plank of the white paper is an extensive, and expensive, retraining programme, designed to maintain the votes of the long-term unemployed. While this may have application for the school leavers, who may begin on a training wage, the main question which remains unanswered, is "Retrain for what?" Much of our industry has been forced offshore, to foreign "level playing" fields. In fact, the

press pre-occupation with the white paper obscured the reports of a blow-out in the trade deficit for March. Financial markets again wilted, and the most damaging factor in the rise in imports was a **2% increase in consumption goods**. We don't make them here any more – we import them. We also note that the bulk of the payments deficit was made up of interest and dividends being paid on foreign borrowings and foreign investment.

In an effort to deal with unemployment figures before the next election, Keating is cynically proposing to hide the unemployed in various expensive "retraining" schemes, and in the public service in the form of increased departmental staff to run the various schemes. Thus, they are no longer "unemployed" and can be removed from the welfare rolls.

Only a few economic "analysts" are asking questions about the prospects for genuine job opportunities in the face of draconian new industrial relations legislation. Mr. John Howard draws attention to this, pointing out that employers tempted to start new employees in retraining schemes will be frustrated by industrial legislation which makes it virtually impossible to sack staff. Even if a new employee's total salary is paid by the Government, he becomes a heavy liability if he turns out to be unsatisfactory.

The regional development measures, which appear generous to the "regions" with potential for development under "progressive" leadership, obviously undermine the States. The long-term effect is more centralisation, with Canberra holding the purse-strings. Other measures have merit: we note that the new parenting allowance can relieve the financial pressure on families by making it slightly more attractive for mothers to stay at home. The feminists are quite scathing about this. The measure is balanced, however, by the fact that someone else is paying for it. As with the rest of the "*Working Nation*" paper, economic resources are **redistributed**. As C.H. Douglas wrote nearly 50 years ago, "every distributive movement which **does not distribute credit** is inevitably a movement for organised robbery, which the money power is delighted to support".

If Mr. Keating or his advisers examined the **causes** of unemployment, a completely different perspective might be reached. Apart from the deliberate relocation of Australian industries to the Third World, it is obvious that the revolution in (electrical) technology has taken giant strides towards replacing repetitive human labour. If this fact is combined with the fact that all consumption is now financed either through debt, or wages and salaries distributed by industry, a glaring necessity becomes obvious. That is that **some consumption must be financed independently from wages and salaries**. This requires a completely different approach, unless those who do have jobs are required to sacrifice some of their incomes. The answer is that some of Mr. Keating's impressive new debts needed to finance job creation schemes, need to be issued in the form of new credits for the benefit of all consumers.

As Douglas wrote in 1948, "Instead of being self-contained units, we are more and more becoming components of a function, masquerading as 'economics', but accurately described as "full employment". Five minutes consideration will convince anyone not mentally infirm that a **policy** of full employment means and can only mean, direction of labour. Combine that with egalitarianism, and you have the slave state – you cannot possibly have anything else."

DAVID IRVING AGAIN REFUSED A VISA:

The Minister for Immigration, Mr. Bolkus, has announced that he has reconsidered British historian David Irving's application for a visa, as ordered by the Federal Court in September last year. And again the visa has been denied. Mr. Bolkus is reported as saying in the Senate that Mr. Irving did not meet the "good character" criteria which the Minister is empowered to consider. It is also clear that Irving's deportation from Canada and his exclusion from Germany counted heavily against him.

The truth is that the Minister for Immigration has the power to block entry by anyone regarded as undesirable. Every country must exercise this option to protect itself. Irving is 'undesirable' because his views are politically incorrect. The Jewish lobby has made it quite clear to Mr. Bolkus (and Mr. Hand before him) that they will not tolerate David Irving casting any doubt upon such articles of faith as "the holocaust". Freedom of speech is more a victim in this decision than is Mr. Irving.

There is no doubt that Irving is the target of a sophisticated international campaign to isolate and destroy him. His deportation from Canada could not have been organised without high level manipulation. Irving was prevented from voluntarily leaving Canada, under an agreement with Canadian immigration authorities. When he attempted to meet the agreed provisions of departure, he was prevented from entering the United States by extremely damaging information 'planted' on the American computers. Upon being sent back to the Canadian authorities to "sort it out", Irving was met with the handcuffs, and subsequently deported. It may take years, and thousands of dollars, to prove such skulduggery, and clear Irving's name. In the meantime, "deportation" is used as the reason to deny him visas around the world.

PRINCE CHARLES UNDER ATTACK:

The Prince of Wales is under heavy attack by the intelligentsia of the British press for his remarks about 'political correctness'. In a thoughtful address to editors of regional papers of the Newspaper Society in London last week, the Prince urged ordinary people to stand up to the intimidation of trendy dogma being peddled by "fashionable therapists". Such intimidation is undermining the fabric of British society, said the Prince.

For his own unfashionable views, Prince Charles has often borne the brunt of criticism from the theorists. It has only improved his "image" among ordinary people, who readily identify with much of the straight commonsense. The fact that the Prince regularly returns to the "firing line" with sensible but unfashionable views is a tribute to his courage.

"The intimidation is palpable. Any questioning, in a perfectly polite way, of the current fashions, usually elicits a vitriolic response – whether it is a wish to teach people the basic principles of English grammar ... or suggesting that in certain circumstances it may be necessary and sensible to administer a smack

to your child ... There is perhaps an inherent danger from those who love to parade a kind of dogmatic arrogance without listening to the views of 'ordinary people'. All around us we see the evidence of the short-lived theories and fashions which can undermine our individuality, undermine our confidence....." the Prince is reported to have said.

DEBT: THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN CURSE:

"Free at last" is the euphoric refrain surging out of South Africa after the all-race elections which catapulted Nelson Mandela from a convicted terrorist that not even Amnesty International would champion, to President of the economic powerhouse of Africa. But majority rule does not guarantee freedom, as we have commented before. We note that Zulu Chief Buthelezi warns of "majority rule", saying that the new Government, based upon a **unitary, centrist system** is a recipe for friction. he continues to propose a federation, in which different ethnic groups could exercise limited autonomy.

The greatest new challenge to South Africa, however, will initially be economic. International sanctions have produced an environment where South Africa maximised its import substitution, and strove for self sufficiency, even converting coal to oil supplies. It has the lowest ratio of foreign debt of any developing country. Within the conventional economic rules, this is a stable economy with a much more positive balance of trade than Australia over the last decade. We will predict that the introduction of the debt economy by the I.M.F. and the international banking houses will destroy all this. Debt repayment burdens will prove to be a greater burden than apartheid ever was.

"ON TARGET" IS READ BY THE CRITICS:

Critics of the League, as we have occasionally pointed out before, take careful note of what we do or say. This is a back-handed type of compliment; they have some regard **for the impact of ideas**. Sheer weight of numbers may temporarily influence current fashions, but the discipline of reality opens the door for new ideas. Occasionally *On Target* is quoted in the press – usually in a derogatory way. The latest derogatory comment comes from Marion Groves, columnist for the *Sunday Herald-Sun* (8/5/94) who completely misrepresents the League in a venomous piece about Australians Against Further Immigration. She implies that the League supports the processing of illegal refugees to blood and bone in a disused meatworks! A suggestion we treat with the contempt it deserves.

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