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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "As humanism rose in the West, the impulse to elevate man inevitably compelled a depreciation of God. Man became all, God nothing, and the human will 'triumphed' as the master of all. So man was left with his reason and will, but his only end was death, his only legacy, meaningless. Perceiving this, humanism turned nasty and rancorous, birthing art such as Munch's parody **Madonna** and Duchamp's **Urinal**, and Karl Marx's politics. It has destroyed all, including itself."

– Charles Pinwill in *Humanism and The Future*.

## **WHAT DOES "RECOVERY" REALLY MEAN?** by Eric D. Butler:

Prime Minister Paul Keating believes that the much-publicised economic recovery, with headlines proclaiming that Big Business plans to increase investments, together with his belated discovery that the British played a decisive role in winning the Second World War, will ensure his re-election when he decides to hold the next Federal election. He can also note with satisfaction that as yet the new-look Liberal leadership has yet to outline any constructive policies for dealing with foreign debt or unemployment. The reality is that under present finance-economic policies, what is described as "unemployment" must stay permanently high. While in the United Kingdom recently, the writer was given access to a confidential report now before the E.E.C. policy makers. The essence of the report is that there are no prospects whatever of the present high level of unemployment throughout the Common Market countries being reduced. High unemployment is placing great strains on social stability, one feature of which is misleadingly described as an upsurge of neo-Nazism. The young unemployed in Germany are protesting against what they see as a wave of non-German refugees taking their jobs.

Man is faced with a new situation, predicted by the Social Credit movement, which has constantly pointed out that if the true purpose of production is consumption, and that is the production system is to serve the genuine requirements of the consumer, every advance in technology should be welcomed as a means of reducing the amount of human labour required in the production system. Increased investment in capital production which, under orthodox finance means an increase in debt, only makes sense if it is required to produce more consumer goods. If a man has invented a wheelbarrow as a result of discovering certain truths concerning the wheel, which enables him to reduce the time it has taken him to produce, he can either use the time he has saved for other

pursuits, or he can allow himself to be brainwashed by economic "experts" into believing that he must concentrate upon producing more wheelbarrows. Acceptance of the view of the "experts" means economic slavery, particularly if he is persuaded that more wheelbarrows are required to produce more to send out of his country in an attempt to achieve a "favourable balance of trade".

Much is made of the fact that the current "recovery" can continue without a return to higher inflation. Only a few years back it was generally agreed that an inflation rate of even two percent was disastrous. Now people are being conditioned to believe that the present inflation rate is some type of an outstanding achievement. Even with many producers being forced to subsidise the present inflation rate by accepting lower profits which progressively drive many to bankruptcy, under present financial rules the overall inflation rate must move ever higher. The reality is masked by quoting an inflation rate without quoting what is the base of the rate being quoted. Every producer knows that his total costs continue to move upwards. Compared with, say, three years ago, total price levels have increased substantially. Where there is a massive expansion of capital development, as in China and other Asian nations, the inflation rate escalates. It is reported that soaring inflation is one of the major problems now confronting the managers of the "booming" Chinese economy.

It can be predicted with certainty that, in the absence of a change in financial policy, the current economic "recovery" in Australia must result in continuing inflation, with all its social consequences. Present high unemployment must continue, even though it is clear that there is an enormous amount of hidden unemployment.

There is, of course, plenty of important developmental work which can and should be undertaken in Australia – such as the upgrading and modernisation of the railway system. But the financing of this should be done on a completely different basis from one which merely expands debt.

### HOSTILITIES COMMENCE ON RACIAL VILIFICATION by David Thompson:

Mr. Keating's undertaking to the Zionist Federation of Australia on the last weekend of May, to introduce racial vilification legislation has not been well received by the press. Almost every paper that comments on the issue, warns of the dangers to freedom of speech. This is an indication that, whatever the Prime Minister promised the Zionists, the passage of the legislation will be contested. The same civil libertarian groups that objected to the banning of David Irving are already sensitive about restrictions on free speech.

The Minister for Immigration, Mr. Bolkus, who was responsible for the Irving ban, is reported to be pressing for **prison sentences for "racial vilification"**. This has generated alarm, but as yet no announcements have appeared concerning the Zionists' objective of including "holocaust denial" as a form of "racial vilification".

Some editorials contend that unacceptable examples of racial vilification – whatever this eventually

means – can already be dealt with by applying the existing **State-based** laws. *The Courier-Mail* (31/5/94) makes the following editorial comment:

"It is becoming impossible to make a contrary point in this country (on all sorts of things from smoking – a legal pastime, however ill-advised – to social discrimination) because the meddlers, and their bureaucratic enforcers, aided and abetted by politicians who really should find more useful things to do, **have usurped individual freedom**..... In relation to the Racial Vilification Bill, the people must be shown why yet another legislative barrier to freedom of expression – and thence, dangerously, to freedom of thought – is deemed necessary..... A far greater risk than outbreaks of racial vilification from a morally bankrupt and mentally defective minority is the increasing imposition of unnecessary laws....."

**THE FOREIGN TREATY TYRANNY:** *The Courier-Mail* points out that such legislation is a product of the raft of international treaties signed by the Commonwealth; more than 2,000, without counting the International Labour Organisation agreements! Hardly any of these agreements have been presented to the Australian people, or even the Parliaments, for approval.

The journalist Padraic McGuinness, who also serves on the Constitutional Centenary Foundation, warns that all new treaties **effectively change the law** with no reference to Parliament. Further, he claims it also **changes the Constitution**, since the courts' broad interpretation of the external affairs power allows the Government to do as it likes under the terms of some treaty.

This message is now beginning to penetrate to the public's consciousness, and even politicians are now warning of the constitutional dangers. Mr. John Howard has warned about appealing to the International Labour Organisation concerning industrial matters. Last week the Deputy Leader of the National Party, Mr. John Anderson, had letters published in many papers calling for a halt to the signing of treaties. Anderson is warning of the dangers of the proposed Convention on Desertification, of which little has yet been revealed.

However, **what will the Opposition do** to reverse the situation? Do they propose to withdraw from the treaties, and close the "external affairs" loophole that the Commonwealth has abused? Or will they, like Malcolm Fraser's administration, simply continue the process if the Coalition is elected? Every effort should be made to solicit answers to such questions.

**AMALGAMATION WARNING FROM QUEENSLAND:** Following compulsory local council amalgamations in Southern Queensland around Warwick, and around Gympie north of Brisbane, other councils in the State are preparing to oppose regionalisation. It has been suggested that the Shire of Moreton should amalgamate with the City of Ipswich, and the Mayor of Moreton Shire is already campaigning against this.

Mayor Nugent has distributed a letter to all residents of Moreton Shire, warning them that the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Mackenroth, has asked the Boundaries Commissioner, Mr. Hoffman, to make recommendations on the issue, **which he proposes to automatically accept.** Hoffman, the State Government bureaucrat, has publicly stated that "even if eighty percent of the electors of Moreton Shire and Ipswich City demonstrate to him that they are against his final recommendations, it won't make any different".

Mayor Nugent confirms that the Goss Government has refused ratepayers the right to a poll or referendum on the issue.

**THE THINGS ONE READS!!** Casually glancing through the "Travel" pages of *The Age* (Melbourne), June 4th, we read an article "Million Dollar Graveyard", which informs of the wreck of the *U.S.S. President Coolidge*, which went down when it entered a "friendly" American minefield near the Island of Santo, Vanuatu.

The *U.S.S. President Coolidge* was a troop carrier, its fate sealed by the minefield in October, 1942.

The author tells of a spiky mass of machinery, there, covering a hectare. We well remember the newsreels, just after World War II was over, displaying the jettisoning from aircraft-carriers, of aeroplanes, jeeps, tanks, trucks; you name it. The cost of military equipment dumped into the sea from American vessels would have been astronomical: billions of dollars (1945 dollars!).

The article asserts that by an **Act of Congress**, none of the machinery shipped from America for the war effort was to be re-imported because that would wreck post-war industrial reconstruction. Santo, as a big operations base, held a huge stockpile.

"At the end of hostilities, the Americans offered to sell their hardware to the local government for 10 cents in the dollar. The Government stalled because it expected to get it for nothing."

The Americans bulldozed the lot into the ocean, and flew away. The citizens back in the U.S.A. were forced to purchase new machinery (cars, truck, planes, jeeps, etc., etc.): much of the jettisoned machinery would have served great numbers of citizens well for many years. How many **billions of dollars** (1945 dollars) were written off will never be known. The ordinary citizens of the U.S.A. of the day would have been pursued for the last dollar, by the Internal Revenue Department (taxation). Crazy? Sure. But that's **sound finance!**