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*The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -*

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "... the Keating Republicans are in the main new class internationalists. These internationalists dictate policy from above against the wishes of the great bulk of the people. They have become so powerful, with their media influence, that they have been able to define what constitutes acceptable political discourse. These unrepresentative pressure groups taken together are even arrogant enough to call themselves the 'community'."

— Graeme Campbell, M.H.R.

**ANTI LEAGUE OF RIGHTS SMEARING INTENSIFIED** by Eric D. Butler:

There is an old saying to the effect that any organisation which is smeared, is one which is feared. On my recent visit to South Australia, primarily to meet with key League supporters on the West Coast whom I had not seen for some time, I addressed a relatively small meeting in Port Lincoln, the biggest centre on Eyre's Peninsula. My address was primarily concerned with the threat of forced Council Amalgamations. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Port Lincoln, Mr. Peter Davis, who has emerged as one of the most prominent of Mayors in South Australia opposing the totalitarian policy of compulsory Council Amalgamations. A representative of the local paper, *The Port Lincoln Times*, attended the Port Lincoln Meeting, interviewed me and took a photo of myself and Mayor Davis. A subsequent report in the paper, along with the photo, was reasonably accurate. That was some weeks ago.

But on September 1st *The Advertiser*, Adelaide's only major daily newspaper, carried the headline, **OUTSPOKEN MAYOR AT CENTRE OF RACISM ROW**. The story was accompanied with a photograph of Mayor Davis. The story was a classic example of the type of sick journalism generally used when there is any reference to the League of Rights, which is a "right wing extremist" organisation. Spokesmen for various ethnic groups are quoted as saying that Mayor Davis must be forced from office.

Conveniently overlooked was the fact that at the Port Lincoln Mayoral Election held early this year, Peter Davis was elected by an overwhelming majority of the electors. The central issue was

a grandiose local complex project which had caused deep concern in the community. Peter Davis felt that the majority view should be represented and offered himself as a genuine representative of the electors. While his opponents spent large sums of money in their campaigns, Peter Davis spent only \$10! As a former member of the Local Council, Peter Davis had demonstrated time and time again that he was a man of principle. A prominent businessman, Peter Davis has never made any secret of the fact that he has been a long-time supporter of the Australian League of Rights. When the recent storm burst Mayor Davis demonstrated his calibre by refusing to back away from his support for the League. In a series of radio and television interviews he hit back against his critics. He said he was not going to "buckle" and told *The Advertiser* that "The one thing you will find about League of Rights people is they know how to handle pressure".

*The Advertiser* story carried all the usual smears about the League. But in the radio open line programmes League actionists showed their fighting mettle. One young supporter managed to have the League objectives read out. *The Advertiser* story of September 1st was followed by another story on September 2nd, when a headline read that the Federal Minister for Immigration Affairs, Senator Bolkus, entered the campaign against Mayor Davis, claiming that Mayor Davis might be stripped of his right to preside over citizenship ceremonies. He charged Mayor Davis with being a "redneck". There were various calls for Mayor Davis to resign, which he has refused to heed, suggesting that Senator Bolkus should visit Port Lincoln to ascertain what the local people felt.

There is little doubt that the Mayor Davis affair is part of a growing campaign to discredit the League of Rights and to drive from public office anyone who supports the League. These tactics of intimidation worked in the case of the pathetic former Liberal leader Alexander Downer.

Liberal and National Party leaders Howard and Fischer are desperately making every effort to escape Downer's fate, issuing absurd statements about how they not only have nothing to do with the dreadful League of Rights, but adding their voices to the smear campaign. Behind the anti-League programme there is a long term strategy which, in the famous claim by Zionist leader Isi Leibler, aims to drive the League out of mainstream Australian politics. Isi Leibler has at least been frank about his intentions. What remains to be seen is whether he will be successful. The very future of Australia as a free nation depends upon how this matter is resolved. If enough leaders of the calibre of Port Lincoln's Mayor Peter Davis can be found, there is every reason to be optimistic about the future.

#### A WARNING ON THE CITIZENS' ELECTORAL COUNCIL by David Thompson:

A number of our supporters have requested advice concerning requests for substantial financial support from the C.E.C. group – the Citizens' Electoral Council. We are aware that many of those with an interest in grassroots politics of a conservative nature have received telephone calls, in which a strong appeal is made for urgent financial assistance for matters of what are described as

## A VICTORIAN PROVINCIAL PAPER GIVES AN INSPIRING LEAD

The following editorial from a Victorian Provincial Paper, which we reproduce, is inspirational. We would like to see it reproduced right around Australia.

### *The Wimmera Mail Times*

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#### **EDITORIAL**

### **The party line still holds firm**

Celebrated English writer, satirist, poet and historian, Joseph Hilaire Belloc, 1870-1953, produced a beautifully descriptive and accurate word package on party politics. Appropriately framed and illuminated, it should grace the portals of parliaments across the western world as an example to members who aspire to truly represent their people.

Belloc wrote, on quitting parliament when he discovered the sham of party politics: "I repeat my own intentions as a declaration of faith, that I shall not be at pains to play the party game.

"I shall not go to my constituency and talk about the wicked leader of the opposition and the good prime minister, angels here and

demons there. I do not act like that and I do not believe my constituents think like that.

"If the machine will not let me stand as an independent to represent my constituency and to do what my constituents want done in this House, then I think everyone will agree with me that even the most modest pen in the humblest newspaper is as good as a vote in what has ceased to be a free and deliberative assembly."

Little has changed since 1906. The party still whips the people's parliamentarians into line, unless they happen to have the moral fibre of Graeme Campbell, MHR, genuine representative for Kalgoorlie currently pilloried for his tongue-in-cheek statement on a state funeral for the Prime Minister, Mr. Keating.

The same Mr. Campbell not only won Kalgoorlie for the Australian Labor Party, he increased his majority at subsequent elections, a remarkable achievement in the largest Aboriginal electorate in Australia.

Federal Parliament needs such protagonists as the unbending Mr. Campbell to disturb the appalling mediocrity still smothering the incentive and individualism of the people's representatives.

of vital importance to the future of Australia as a free society. Such appeals are usually couched in such terms that decent and patriotic Australians are often embarrassed to refuse. As we have a responsibility to our supporters, we feel obliged to publish our advice.

Since the C.E.C. has formed a relationship with a North American group, heavily influenced by Mr. Lyndon LaRouche, its original character has changed dramatically. Some Australians have been encouraged to travel to the United States to study, among other things, high-pressure fundraising techniques, which involve telephone work. When established, the C.E.C. proposed to concentrate on campaigning for the right for voters to initiate referenda that would bind governments. This has now all but disappeared from their programme.

In our view, the C.E.C. movement in Australia has now ceased to exist, except on paper, and

remains merely the Australian arm of Mr. LaRouche's operation. As the C.E.C. group have themselves pointed out, they are now philosophically completely at odds with the League. The C.E.C. is now strongly pro-republican, and Mr. LaRouche advised in 1992 that the Union Jack should be removed from the flag. His economic proposals depend upon the "growth" economy, and it is suggested that Australia needs further mass immigration to create a viable 'market' here. Eric Butler has been variously accused of being a long-term undercover agent for Britain's MI6, and a freemason, and scathing references to the League have appeared in *The New Citizen*, the C.E.C. newspaper.

**Our advice** to supporters is not to respond to high-pressure telephone appeals for finance. The C.E.C. group does not have a constructive action programme to challenge the centralisation of power. Its programme and methods of operation are very different from that of the League, and its philosophy now quite opposed to that of the League. In short, we regard the C.E.C. movement as a menace to the free society. It is part of the problem with which we are faced, not a part of the answer.

**MISREPRESENTING SIR WILLIAM DEANE:** As we have made clear last week, we have some reservations about the appointment of Sir William Deane as Australia's next Governor-General. But we have even greater reservations about the way the pro-republican press, and the republican movement itself, has attempted to co-opt Sir William to the republican cause without his consent. Several of his statements have been mis-represented, and do not reflect his specific words at all. For example, in a radio interview on the ABC'S *PM* programme, the interviewer mis-represented Sir William's statement that he thought that a substantial number of Australians believed that a republic was desirable, as being that *he thought* a republic was desirable.

As a result of Sir William Deane appearing at a press conference, *The Australian* (23/8/95) produced a headline claiming *Deane Rules Out a Repeat of Kerr's Dismissal*. But a close reading of the article itself, and knowledge of what was said at the press conference, indicates that this is false. A reader of the newspaper, who studied the transcript afterwards, points out that Sir William **said no such thing**.

In a letter to the Editor of the paper, he wrote: "*Sir William merely recited some instances in which the reserve powers of the governor-general could come into play. He made no comment on the situation in 1975 at all. In fact the words which Sir William used were very carefully framed and do not disclose any difference of approach between his statement and the exercise of the reserve powers by Sir John Kerr in 1975.*"

"*Additionally, your article went on to give the impression that Sir William disagreed with Sir John Kerr's action in seeking the opinion of the Chief Justice in relation to the steps he was taking in 1975. Once again, Sir William did not do this and specifically stated that he was not expressing any opinion on what Sir John did in that regard...*"

It is clear that a pro-republican press is now engaged in blatant censorship of the news, and slanting it in such a fashion that the overwhelming impression remains that a republic has vast popular support, and is quite inevitable by the turn of the century. Sir William may not be a very good choice for the office leading up to the year 2000, but he is being made to appear even worse than he probably is by an ideologically-motivated press.