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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"I had always recognised the hazards of a job in which observers and Chiefs of Staff alike were likely to become expendable. Our raison d'être as peace-keepers was objectivity and impartiality. Yet these very qualities were exactly those which led to hostility. It was understandable; time and time again in the course of frank discussions with Israeli officers and officials, I heard them openly repudiate the idea of objectivity. Their flat statement 'You are either for or against us' explained why – having dared to be entirely objective – I had now been branded as 'irrevocably against'... Even nastier was an Israeli tendency to immediately brand objectivity as anti-Semitic; a convenient label which could be smeared on to any U.N. soldier whose impartial report did not weigh down in favour of the Israelis..."*

"The Arabs could be difficult, intolerant, indeed often impossible, but their code of behaviour was on an infinitely higher and more civilised level. I think we all came to this conclusion in UNTSO – which was strange, because there was hardly a man among us who had not originally arrived in the Holy Land without the most positive and sympathetic attitude towards the Israelis and their ambitions for their country..."

"What went wrong? ... I found it sad but very significant that when I asked them what their most negative experience had been ... the reply was almost invariably: 'The consistent cheating and deception of the Israelis'..."

– "Soldiering for Peace" by General Carl C. von Horn, London, 1967

DON QUIXOTE RIDES AGAIN by Jeremy Lee:

With the news that former Labor member for Kalgoorlie and leader of Australia First Graeme Campbell has joined Pauline Hanson's One Nation and may stand for the Senate, Senator Ron Boswell has come riding out of the sunset on his National Party charger to save rural Australia from a fate worse than death.

A page 2 article in *The Australian* (8/5/01) quotes Senator Boswell as claiming the move meant the League of Rights was now taking over One Nation:

"...Ron Boswell, National Party leader in the Senate, who is competing head to head with Pauline Hanson for a Senate seat in Queensland, said the membership shift was 'a reverse takeover, an amalgamation, a merger of the League of Rights and One Nation'."

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"It won't be Pauline Hanson's One Nation. It will be the League of Rights' One Nation and if people want to support this party they will have to deny the Holocaust occurred, they will have to deny the story of Anne Frank's diary and that Jesus Christ was a Jew. We are celebrating a hundred years of Federation and we now have people in three parliaments who will be directly associated with the League of Rights"

Following the abysmal showing of the National Party in the recent State elections, culminating in the humiliating result in the recent by-election for the State seat of Surfers' Paradise, where the Nationals went from incumbency to a mere 8% of the vote, most would recognise that Senator Boswell is desperate for an issue to run with. He daren't stand on the record of his own Party – look where such a normal procedure has got the Nationals in recent months. So he has got to try to create one, even where he hasn't got the ingredients to begin with.

The closest he can come is to intimate that Campbell is a member of the League of Rights, which even he must know is not true. But Campbell has spoken on League platforms, which is enough to damn him for ever in the eyes of Ron ("The grim weeper") Boswell. But then so have many other prominent Australians, including members of his own party such as Lady Flo Bjelke-Petersen and former National State leader in Victoria Peter Ross-Edwards. Some have wilted after being attacked for doing so. Current Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, after giving quite a good paper at a League seminar in Adelaide, completely went to water subsequently, even making the absurd excuse that he didn't know where he was at the time! He surrendered to the "guilt-by-association" technique which Boswell hopes desperately will succeed in getting the Nationals off the hook in the coming federal election.

Ever since 1969, when the League of Rights published the small booklet *"They Want Your Land"*, it has been a thorn in the side of the Country-cum-National Party, which could have halted and reversed the present rural tragedy had it had the courage to do so. In order to evade its responsibilities the National Party decided to attempt to "smear" the League as a way of diverting just criticism.

Time has now run out for the Nationals. They are seen as betrayers in many areas of rural Australia. Attempting to drum up a "guilt-by-association" straw man will produce no feather that they can fly with.

(The forthcoming May edition of The New Times Survey will carry a much more detailed history of the ongoing battle between the League of Rights and the remnants of a once-great party. For non-subscribers, \$3.00 posted from The Heritage Bookshop, Box 1052 J, GPO, Melbourne, 3001.)

THE DAVE DRUMMOND MEMORIAL LECTURE: It was in September 1994 that Graeme Campbell was invited to give the Fourth Annual D.H. Drummond Memorial Address at the University of New England. The invitation was unprecedented. Campbell was a sitting Federal Labor Member at the time. Dave Drummond had been Country Party member for Armidale in the NSW Legislative Assembly from 1920 to 1949 and Deputy Leader of the Country Party from 1938 to 1949. He was of an intellectual stature, and a level of integrity unknown in today's National Party.

Campbell's address, "The Struggle for True Australian Independence", went out in booklet form by the thousands, and was, perhaps, the start of the increasing national attention Campbell subsequently gained.

Speaking of the dangers of those pushing the old socialist international policies of globalism, Campbell said in his address:

" 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'. Australia is developing into a corporate state where only those groups either established or recognised by those in power are given legitimacy in the political process. This mentality infects both political parties"

You don't have to be a member or supporter of the League of Rights to recognise the truth of what Campbell was saying. He dared to express what Boswell and his ilk in the National Party dare not put into words.

The National Party voted without dissension for the GST. It voted without dissension for gun-confiscation. It voted for the National Competition Policy. It did nothing in the early nineties when interest rates went to quite murderous levels as high as 30 percent, destroying many farmers and their families, as well as rural towns and communities in the process. Its epitaph will be the massive rural exodus. Squirm and wriggle though it may, it cannot blame the League of Rights, Graeme Campbell, Pauline Hanson or anyone else for that. It now has to carry the can.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE A SAY: The Swiss people voted overwhelmingly against joining the European Union in a referendum on March 4th. Out of 26 cantons, 22 voted against, approximating about 78% of voters.

Commenting on the referendum the UK magazine *Right Now* (April-June 2001) said that the Swiss had been influenced in their decision by the situation in nearby Austria, where the free election of Jorg Haider's Freedom Party had been stigmatized by the EU bureaucrats. This had resulted in a massive shift in sentiment in Switzerland, where three years ago opinions for and against Europe were running close to 50:50. Today the figures show about 80% against. The magazine added:

" ... The Swiss are aware that under EU law anyone 'that seriously prejudices the Community's interests and damages the institution's image and reputation can have their freedom of expression limited ...'"

Which sounds like a bureaucratic way of saying that free speech can be curtailed at the whim of the Commission.

FARMING CRISIS IN BRITAIN: "What has gone wrong with British farming? The problem is that our agricultural policy is made in Brussels through the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and in the supermarket boardrooms (the big five supermarket groups control 80% of all grocery sales), so farming has become more and more industrial and imports have soared. There are now 25% fewer farms than ten years ago. Farmers receive less than half what you pay the supermarkets for milk – less even than it costs them to produce it! We import over 500,000 tonnes of pork and bacon, and over 200,000 tonnes of beef – including from parts of the world (such as Africa) where foot-and-mouth is rife. We've lost over half our apple orchards in recent years and now import over 400,000 tonnes of apples and four out of every five pears we eat. Even our lettuces come from as far afield as Mexico and Zimbabwe!" (*Right Now!*, PO Box 2085, London, W1A 5SX – April-June 2001)

QUESTIONABLE NOSTALGIA: Two days before the official parliamentary centenary celebrations, Australia's oldest political party, the ALP, held its own bash in Melbourne to celebrate 100 years existence.

Any connection against the workers association that had its genesis under the tree of knowledge in

Barcaldine and the current Labor Party is so obscure that Andrew Fisher, Joe Lyons, John Curtin, Ben Chifley and above all King O'Malley would have missed it.

The party which formed the Commonwealth Bank has now sold it, giving private finance free rein in the deregulation of the finance sector. The biggest trading bank profits in Australia's history, now being posted on the score-board and made during a year of recession in Australia, are testimony to the complete Fabian takeover of the traditional Labor Party.

All of which, apparently, caused no sign of conscience as Labor stalwarts, with a lump in their throats and a tear in their eyes, re-pledged themselves to Chifley's "light on the hill".

An article in *The Australian (IT Section)*, May 8th) told us that Parliament House now receives 500,000 e-mails a month (six million a year):

".... Every federal member and senator along with every public servant in Parliament House, has a unique e-mail address – and there are 2,500 of them. 'The addresses are used extensively, and some members and senators feel they are being overloaded with electronic documents,'"

The following letter appeared in the *Sunday Mail*, 15/4/01:

A NATION OF TAX COLLECTORS: *"Gone are the days when record Budget surpluses were achieved with the help of just 70,000 wholesale tax collectors with no disruption whatsoever to the rest of the community. These days, with the GST, we are struggling to achieve a Budget surplus with an army of some 3.2 million retail tax collectors who, in many cases, are being forced to pay their GST liability to the tax office before it has even been collected. This has created a huge cash flow problem throughout the small business community, in particular, and is the catalyst for the economic downturn and possible recession. The plight of small business is but one example of the downside of the GST which is there for all to see.*

"But where is the upside?

"This is the question Mr Howard will need to answer to the satisfaction of voters if he is to have any hope whatsoever of winning the next election."

David Davidson, Unley Park, South Aust.

DOT COM BUBBLE HAS SURELY BURST: The dot com bubble has surely burst according to the *Adelaide Advertiser*, 28/4/01. Lay-offs in the US high-tech industry totalled a record 17,540 this month. Chicago-based company *Challenger* reported, "companies that were expecting to shift their business to the Internet are now bailing out".

YOUNG BRITS SAYING 'NO' TO EUROPE: In spite of all the brain-washing and media hype young people in Britain are declaring their national identity! Three-quarters of young people see themselves as British rather than European, and are far prouder of their national identity than those in European countries.

Seventy percent want power transferred back to the UK Parliament from Brussels. The survey of 1,000 adults aged 21 to 35 was conducted by Mori for *Time* magazine. Forty percent of Italians saw themselves as more European than Italian. In Germany the figure was 36 percent, in France 33 percent. But only one in five Britons said they were European. Mori said: *'The British are the least comfortable and enthusiastic about political union.'* ***UK Mail*** – April, 2001

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