

LORD HAILSHAM'S THOUGHTS

Thought 1

We cannot rejoice at the appalling shambles which occurred at Blackpool last week. It is never wise to rejoice at the misfortunes of others, and a free society cannot endure for ever with only one party responsible and in good health.

Nevertheless the country does need to be aware of the appalling consequences which would follow the election of a Labour Government if their party sticks to the resolutions they passed last week -

the wreck of the Western Alliance;

the destruction of our independent means of
defence;

the betrayal of Europe, the unemployment and
industrial blight which would ensue upon
our withdrawal from the Common Market.

It needs to be told ~~to~~ the consequence to our age long institutions. It is not merely that the House of Lords would be destroyed without any second Chamber to replace it, and the Crown embroiled by the unconstitutional proposal to make a thousand new peers. It is that by withdrawing security and independence from their own Members of Parliament, the House of Commons itself would cease to be an independent body and become the cats paw of an infiltrated and unelected party

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carcus, itself dominated by the unrepresentative card vote. Down this road we should undoubtedly be going, perhaps irreversibly, towards a goal which leads irresistably to an East European type republic unable to defend itself from Moscow. It means nothing less than that Christian civilisation itself, the glory of humanity, would be imperilled by the absence of an independent Britain as never before since the Dark Age.

Thought 2

So the disarray and extremist lunacies which appear to be allficting the parties of the left can afford us no satisfaction in this world of darkening horizons and deepening depression. They simply impose on the Conservative Government and the Conservative Party an added responsibility to ensure that this country, with its long tradition and stable and well-tried institutions, remains what it has always been, a sane and civilised oasis of freedom, order and humanity in the Europe of which we are part, a stabilising and moderating influence in the wider company of nations to which we have so long provided an example and afforded experienced and constructive leadership, and which we have so often defended from anarchy and tyranny by our own exertions and the expenditure of our lives and treasure.