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EDITORIAL

In our special announcement concerning the Mission to Britain in our last issue, we reported, "Our enemies have been confounded by the unsuspected strength of the main arm of our cause, the League of Rights". But as soon as our enemies got over their initial shock, they lost no time in setting in motion one of the most vicious smear campaigns seen in Australia for a long time. The object of this campaign was to smash the Mission to Britain, to destroy Mr. Killen politically and to attempt to discredit the Australian League of Rights by smearing the League's National Director, Mr. Eric Butler.

This campaign has not only been decisively beaten; the Australian League of Rights has received thousands of pounds worth of free publicity, which, in the main, has had the opposite effect of what the smearers intended. Interest in the League and its work has increased dramatically. But much more important, the campaign against the League has brought out in to the open a most revealing combination of individuals and groups.

The first shot of criticism was fired by the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Mr. A. Calwell, who attacked Mr. D. J. Killen on the grounds that he had no right to conduct a campaign on the Common Market in Britain, and that he was embarrassing Mr. Menzies and his Party by accepting the support of the League of Rights, described by Mr. Calwell as "a cloak and dagger organisation". Mr. Calwell was probably making one of his monotonously stupid comments on public issues, and was attempting little more than to embarrass the Government. But other developments indicated some really concerted effort to wreck the Mission to Britain.

Mr. Cyril Perle, author of the smear "The Secret Life of Eric Butler", suggested in Sydney that Mr. Killen should give the Mission away and cease associating with one of the most "reactionary" organisations in Australia. Mr. Eric Baume opened up in his Sydney radio session. But the first open major shot was fired when a Melbourne "Correspondent" did a smear for *The Bulletin* under the title, "The Kiss of Death". This piece was rushed off in a hurry by the same writer who did a smear on the League of Rights after Sir Raphael Cilento presented a Paper at last year's Annual Seminar. He suggested that Mr. Killen was signing his political death warrant by permitting his trip to Britain to be sponsored by the Australian League of Rights.

Mr. Ernest Platz of the Jewish Council Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism also entered the field. In a letter to *The Sun*, Melbourne, he said that while his Council had no views on the Common Market issue (?), it was most disturbed about the League of Rights, which it termed an "anti-semitic" organisation. He suggested that the League

was not concerned about the rights of Jews, a false charge repudiated by the League's Chairman, who pointed out that the League stood for the traditional British constitutional safeguards of every individual's rights, irrespective of race or religion. The Jewish Council Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism is a well-known Communist-front organisation.

Immediately following *The Bulletin* article, pressures started to be vigorously applied through the Liberal Party to have the Killen Mission stopped. The pressure developed dramatically when the Brisbane *Sunday Truth* ran a sensational front-page story under the heading "Killen Backed By A Bitter Publicist". In this article Mr. Butler is described as "boss of the Fascist-slanted League of Rights" and "a bigoted meddler in politics, sectarianism, and international affairs". All the old abuse was levelled at Mr. Butler, only in much more violent language than any used in the past. The front-page story was continued on to page three, where Mr. I. J. Leibler, public relations officer for the Jewish Board of Deputies in Melbourne is brought in to make his contribution.

According to *Sunday Truth*, Mr. Leibler "blasted" the Killen-Butler trip. No doubt there was an implied threat in Mr. Leibler's statement that "a backbencher of the Government Party to have his name associated in any way with racial bigots such as Butler is to be deplored and will neither enhance his political status nor be of any credit to his general political activity". We would express the opinion that by his very statement Mr. Leibler provided evidence of that very arrogance which far too many Jews display and which causes resentment amongst other people. A similar display of arrogance was the recent demand by Jewish leaders in Sydney that the teaching of Christianity in State schools should be stopped. The campaign to send Mr. Killen to Britain has been financed by large numbers of Australians and New Zealanders from all walks of life, some of them supporters of the present Government and

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Mr. I. LEIBLER'S BOAST

The following extract is from a report in *The Australian Jewish News* (June 22) of a recent meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies:

Mr. Leibler claimed as a considerable victory for his committee the public condemnation of the current activities and pursuits of Messrs. Jim Killen and Eric Butler.

Recent article entitled "Kiss of Death" in *The Bulletin* and extensive coverage in the Brisbane *Truth* under the heading "Killen backed by a bitter publicist" were ample evidence of unfavourable reaction from responsible quarters to Mr. Killen's association with Butler.

A JEWISH COLUMNIST ON THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS

We publish without comment the following item by Jewish columnist Pamela Ruskin in "The Australian Jewish News" of June 22:

There has been a considerable amount of publicity and some criticism at the announcement that Mr. J. Killen, M.H.R., would go to Britain under the auspices of "The Australian League of Rights" to protest against Britain's entry into the Common Market.

There was too, a letter in answer to some point of criticism by the Rev. Norman Hill of Fitzroy, in which the "Christian nobility" of Mr. Killen's character was eulogised.

The Rev. Norman Hill is the minister who, in the past, has similarly eulogised the "Christian virtues" of Mr. Eric Butler's character and has written reams in support of this rabid anti-Semite.

Mr. Killen first sprang into prominence when some anti-semitic utterance of his drew protests from the Jewish community. He, in turn, protested that he had been misunderstood.

Given the benefit of the doubt, it is, therefore, surprising to find him shoulder to shoulder with Crusader Butler who is blessed in his hate campaign by the Rev. Norman Hill.

Just why are they jumping on the bandwagon of the Common Market is not difficult to see.

Mr. Menzies and Mr. McEwen have both made tremendous efforts to put the Commonwealth point of view to Britain faced with this incredibly difficult and complex decision.

If they have succeeded in any way, the Nationalist "League of Rights" will claim the credit; if they fail, Butler & Co. will have shown Australian electors what good patriots they are.

The fact that they have not a scrap of real influence and are merely spending the money of some gullible people, may escape many of their admirers.

Anti-communism is the greatest camouflage of all reactionaries all over the world. Much as we as Jews have to fear Communism, and should certainly fight it, don't let this blind anyone to the sort of people who are running the League of Rights.

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Democracy needs to keep a wary eye on professional anti-Semites. Anti-Semitism is merely the flavouring in the Fascist recipe. No one can afford to forget this fact for a simple moment!

THE CHRISTIAN IS NOT SUBMISSIVE

The following is from a pastoral letter of 1946, issued by Cardinal Saliege, Archbishop of Toulouse, France:

"Because Christianity places the kingdom of justice and happiness in heaven, the Christian **does not have the right to remain indifferent towards this life on earth nor towards the conditions surrounding this life which affect him and others.**

"It is in the measure that he strives to promote justice that he will merit the abode of eternal justice. It is in the measure that he is truly free and works to bring freedom to others, for liberty is a matter of daily conquest, that he will merit the abode of eternal love. No, **the Christian is not submissive before injustices** or suffering, an attitude which some are pleased to teach because they are ignorant of true doctrine. **He is a man of action, not satisfied to sit passively** by, a revolutionary who spills no blood and who draws from the Gospel the strength to rebuild." (Emphasis ours—Ed.).

"THE SECRET LIFE OF ERIC BUTLER"

As the recent smear campaign against Eric Butler is but a re-hash of the material used in the *Nation* article, "The Secret Life of Eric Butler", readers who do not possess Mr. Butler's reply to this article would be well-advised to arm themselves with a copy. It has been found a most effective answer and has resulted in many new supporters. There are still adequate supplies of Mr. Butler's reply available. The price is 5/6, post free from The Heritage Bookshop.

THE CANADIAN ELECTIONS

The election to the Canadian Federal Parliament of 30 new representatives, who call themselves Social Crediters, has caused widespread comment. We are not at the moment in the position to report on the calibre of these new representatives, most of them from French-Canada, but before any misguided monetary reformers elsewhere get the idea that they can emulate what has been done in French-Canada, may we observe the recent election results in Quebec were the outcome of over a quarter of a century of the most intense Social Credit activity in any part of the world. There are also other aspects of the French-Canadian situation, which must be considered. Mr. Butler will make a first-hand investigation while in Canada on his way back to Australia.

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BIG EXPANSION IN LEAGUE ACTIVITIES DURING SECOND YEAR

Those present at the second annual meeting of the Australian League of Rights, held on Friday, June 15, were inspired by the various reports of the League's expanded activities during its second year as a national organisation. Highlights of the meeting were the announcement that the Mission to Britain Fund had been more than fully supplied; that the League had increased its income by at least 50 percent, over the past twelve months; and that an expanded National Executive of 20 was now urgently necessary to meet the growing demands for the League's services.

Following the presentation of the League's annual financial statement, it was pointed out that although this revealed an encouraging picture of increasing activities, it did not tell the whole story. Much of the valuable assistance given by supporters would have cost the League a large sum of money if it had had to be paid for. Some supporters had taken time off from work, driven their cars over long distances, and paid for petrol and oil. Others had contributed in other ways.

Mr. Ron Dyason, Organising Secretary, reported on the League's activities in the field of house meetings, letter-writing, distribution of literature and addresses to other organisations. The use of tape recordings continued to bring encouraging results.

In his annual report, the National Director Mr. Eric Butler, said that there had been increasing pressure on his time during the year. He had addressed a record number of meetings for one year; 112. Once again he had visited all States, with the exception of Tasmania, and the League was growing steadily everywhere. It was most encouraging to see the increasing number of young people taking an interest in the League's work.

The last League Annual Seminar, held in September 1962, had been the most successful Seminar yet held. Sir Raphael Cilento had made a tremendous contribution. This year's Seminar would be on Christianity and Communism. An Anglican Vicar from northern N.S.W., a new contact, would give one of the Papers.

The publication and distribution of the booklet, *The Red Pattern of World Conquest*, was undoubtedly one of the most successful projects ever undertaken. A fifth edition would be published shortly. The book had been widely read and discussed amongst most of the responsible sections of the community. Large quantities were still going overseas, while the owner of a number of New Zealand journals had recently sought publishing rights in order that the book could be serialised.

The all-day Seminar for Wimmera (Victoria) clergymen, held at Nhill was an attempt to break new ground. The two convenors, both clergymen and supporters of the League, are to be congratulated on their initiative. Although the Seminar was not attended as desired, it was extremely valuable and many important lessons learnt for future use.

Mr. Butler said that the series of small League brochures being published was providing a most successful means of reaching people and of obtaining new contacts. All supporters should arm themselves with a supply of these and use them wherever possible. More brochures were planned on different aspects of the League's work.

There had been a steady increase in the circulation of the League's monthly journal, *The Intelligence Survey*, over the twelve months. It was commanding respect amongst responsible people. But present supporters should make every effort to introduce it to more people. Back copies are available for careful distribution amongst likely readers.

ATTEMPT TO SMASH MISSION TO BRITAIN

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some of them opponents. But they are all united in making an effort to preserve the sovereignty and independence of the British world. Those who have attacked this campaign are either enemies of the British world, or are ignorant dupes being used by other people. The full story of what has happened over the past three weeks has yet to be written. But although every weapon of attack was used, the campaign failed. It failed because Mr. Killen withstood the enormous pressures directed against him, while Mr. Butler treated it with the same contempt that he has treated all previous campaigns.

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"EQUALITY"

Nothing is more remarkable than the arrogation by Labour Socialists—not by the average craftsman, who is normally tolerant—of a monopoly of civic virtue, associated with the proposition that anyone who is, or was, fully successful in the orthodox activities of the past hundred years, unless that success was achieved as a Trades Union official or a Socialist politician, is reprehensible. We think that we have made our condemnation of certain aspects of "capitalism" fairly clear, but it has never seemed reasonable to suggest that given certain canons of society, those who fail to live under them were, *for that reason*, more admirable than those who succeeded. Almost the only remark ever made by Dr. Buchman which attracted us was his retort to a gibe that he and his followers confined their activities to the well-to-do: "Well. God is a millionaire, isn't he?"

There is no dubiety as to the origin of this arrogance—it is in the doctrines behind the French Revolution, and in particular the conception of "equality", which has the curious effect of nourishing the most profound hatred of quality as well as a claim to be a judge of it. The French Revolution was a bourgeois upheaval, and its psychology was that of the Fabian Society. In consequence, while it would be infantile to lay the blame for the present chaos to the debit of any one specific class, a disproportionate number of its fallacies have been propagated by such persons as Mr. H. G. Wells.

There is, of course, a very real sense in which "of him to whom much is given, much will be required", and it is a matter which may well give food for thought to a number of successful industrialists, *not because they have become rich, but because they know, or ought to know, why nearly everyone could become rich in the economic sense.* This distinction is vital. Nearly every step in the progress of the world has come from the "privileged" classes, and the equalitarian doctrine is expressly and consciously designed to frustrate disinterested effort—the only effort that can save mankind.

C. H. Douglas in *Week to Week Notes*, June 1, 1946 as quoted in *The Social Creditor*, March 3, 1962. (Emphasis supplied).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSION TO BRITAIN FUND

Although it is hoped that every contributor to the Mission to Britain fund has received the letter of thanks sent out late last week, it is possible that someone may have missed out. Will any who have not received an acknowledgment please write to the League of Rights, stating what they sent and by what means.

That Press Freedom in South Africa

In the worldwide campaign against South Africa there has been much reference to the alleged Governmental interference with the freedom of the press in South Africa. Editorials in one of the South African English newspapers, *The Cape Argus*, were quoted to show the tyranny under which the press had to operate. But now comes a book from the former editor of *The Cape Argus*, Mr. Morris Broughton, in which some revelations are made which are an interesting comment on the question of whether in fact the editors of the South African English press suffer as much from alleged political interference as they do from those who own the press. Mr. Broughton writes:

"The outcome has been that the balance of real power rests to this day with the owners, through their instruments, the business managers and directors . . . There is no genuine editorial power of decision, only and fundamentally, of conformity.

"General Hertzog, when Prime Minister, called a conference of editors to discuss a Press Law he was contemplating and was disconcerted to find that he was addressing himself to persons who had not the kind of authority he had taken for granted they possessed.

"The primary authority over the twelve main daily newspapers of the Republic rests with less than ten men, and for six of them comes back finally and in effect, to one man.

"They (the newspapers) can persist in the uneasy fiction that they are serving the needs of all and yet conduct political campaigns as though only one side existed and had a monopoly of righteousness, and day in and day out they can refuse to provide a voice for the millions who watch and struggle in silence."

In reading the above it should be remembered that it was not written by a Nationalist, but by an opponent of Nationalist policies.

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