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"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"

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"I personally have never experienced anything like it" CANADIAN PATRIOT ON ANNUAL DINNER

Before leaving Australia for South Africa and Rhodesia, Canadian patriot, Mr. Ron Gostick editor of "The Canadian Intelligence Service," and National Director of The Canadian League of Rights, said that the Annual Dinner of "The New Times," held on Friday, September 16, was the highlight of his Australian tour. Mr. Gostick said that he had "never experienced anything like the Annual Dinner. It was a tremendous inspiration to me, a tremendous challenge to go back and emulate it"

Mr. Gostick was guest of honour at the Annual Dinner, which reached a new height of enthusiasm. A newcomer to the Dinner said at the conclusion that he was "quite overcome" by the balance between good fellowship, dedication, a wonderful feeling of family, and a deep spirituality.

In welcoming the guests, the Chairman of New Times Ltd., Mr. Edward Rock, said that "We come together each year to this function to be inspired, and to inspire others, including a vast array of supporters who cannot for various reasons attend in person." He invited the many newcomers to the Dinner, which had a record attendance, "to join completely in the spirit of this function, so that you may go away feeling that your lives have been enriched."

INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS GUESTS

Mr. Rock pointed out that there were supporters present from every State in the Australian Federation. State Directors of the League of Rights from Queensland (Mr. Don Martin), N.S.W. (Mr. Roy Gustard), and South Australia (Mr. Frank Bawden), were present. Mr. Ray White from Perth was representing the W.A. Council of the League. The Chairman called for a special welcome for the first New Zealander to come across the Tasman to be present at the Dinner, Mr. John Armstrong, who for several years past has represented the League of Rights in New Zealand.

Mr. Rock also drew attention to the fact that there was a record number of young people present at the Dinner, some of these from inter-State. Mr. Horton Davies, Chairman of the Church Committee of the League of Rights, said grace before the guests started on the excellent dinner. A selection of the many messages received was read during dinner, while the others were available for inspection by the guests. Also on display were the presentations made to Mr. Eric Butler when he was in Rhodesia. As usual the banquet hall of the Victoria was beautifully decorated for the occasion, while the stand of the Rhodesian, Canadian (the Red

Ensign) and the Australian flags provided a vivid splash of colour.

In proposing the Loyal Toast, the Chairman said that he could not help but be concerned by the fact that Her Majesty had apparently not officially sent a message of sympathy to South Africa following the assassination of Dr. Verwoerd. It has since been disclosed that Socialist Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, reached a new low in his behaviour by advising the Queen against sending an official message. Veteran *New Times* supporter Mr. Bruce H. Brown, stepped to the microphone to tell guests of correspondence he had had with the Queen in which she had virtually agreed with his suggestion that she was not always free to do what she wished for her people.

RON GOSTICK CAPTURES MOOD OF DINNER

The Dinner moved from one highlight to another, the climax being reached with the first showing in Australia of the Rhodesian Department of Information film of the arrival of the big "Anzac" petrol gift and its presenta-

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1967 ANNUAL DINNER

The date for the 1967 Annual Dinner has been set a week earlier than normal. It will be held on Friday, September 8. The venue will remain the same, The Victoria. It is felt that the earlier date will suit more supporters. The subscription will be \$4, and firm bookings may be made from now on. Because of the slight over-crowding at this year's Dinner, it has been decided as a matter of policy that in future the number attending the Dinner must be restricted to "hard core" supporters only.

DINNER MESSAGES REFLECT NEW HOPE IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD

The many messages received at the Annual Dinner reflected a new note of hope around the English-speaking world; also the rising morale of all those engaged in the battle against the forces of International Revolution.

"HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE"

Pioneer British Social Creditor, Mrs. B. M. Palmer, who edits "Housewives Today" and is active in The British Housewives' League, wrote:

Since last year's *New Times* Dinner, history has been made, and many of those present tonight enjoy the privilege of having helped in its making.

It scarcely seems possible that it is less than twelve months since November 11, 1965. These short weeks have been packed with events. Still more important, they have been devoted to a search for the right way to guide a new nation, with no small success. Looking back to the last days of 1965 we should be thankful that our worst misgivings have been unjustified.

Nearly twenty years ago the blueprint for the political situation of today was in being, ready for such a time as the present.

The situation in Great Britain now is complementary to that of Rhodesia.

At home we have millions of voters, increasingly disillusioned by the parties, and gradually awakening to the seeming hopelessness of "doing anything about it."

In Rhodesia a smaller electorate points the way to responsible voting. Electors may be registered if they fulfill certain simple conditions, which ensure their responsibility as citizens, though there is no compulsion. Everything should be done to increase the value of this privilege.

In Great Britain the responsibility and power of our votes have been destroyed by the collusion of the parties. We can make them most effective by refusing to use them in a bad cause. The action has become known as the Voters' Veto.

The League of Rights, under its most able Director, Mr. Eric Butler, has acted as an intermediary in the true sense, between Great Britain and Rhodesia, interpreting one to the other, and showing that our problems are one in a basic sense, though differently manifested.

God bless you all and long may this grand work continue.

ONLY CHARACTER OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE PREVENTS USE OF BRITISH TROOPS AGAINST RHODESIA

From Dr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dobbs, Wales, United Kingdom:

Once more it is time to send you all our very best wishes at the Annual *New Times* Dinner.

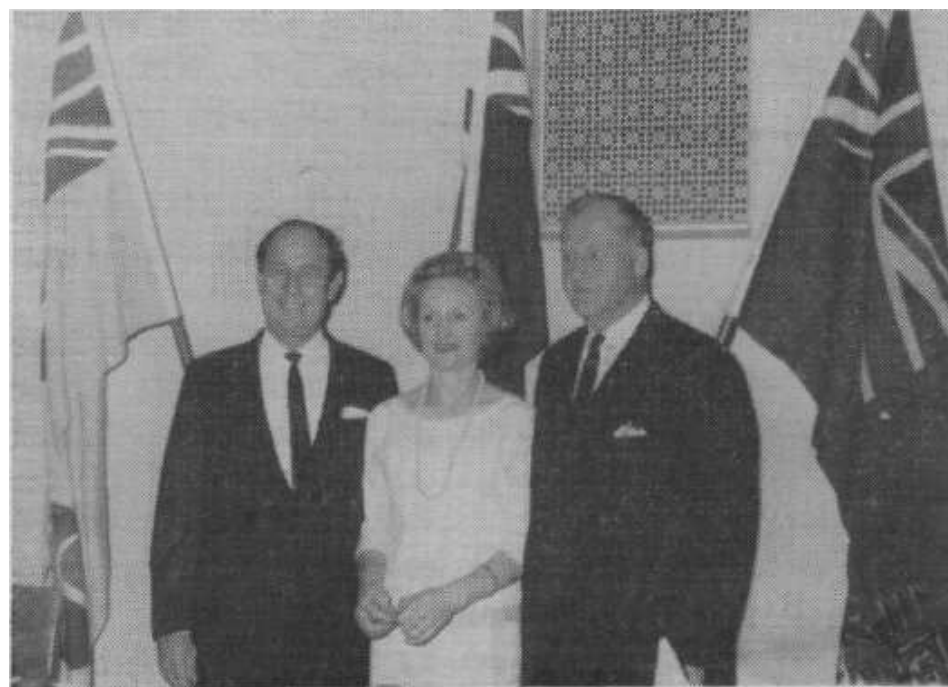
One of us (Geoffrey) has recently returned from the U.S.S.R. with a strengthened realisation that there are depths of petty bureaucratic control over the details of

everyday life which have not been reached even in Wilson's Socialist Britain, simply because the British people would not put up with them.

We have been disturbed to hear that people in Rhodesia have been getting bitter, not merely against the British Government, but against the British people. This means that they have not realised that the thing called "Britain" by the mass media is in fact an inverted image of what the British people want and believe in. The things said and done in the name of "Britain" are the things, which have to be said and done to suppress our natural loyalties and common sense. For what people do not fully realise is that we did in fact lose the last war on the home front, and are now occupied by the National Socialists.

But they are not having it all their own way—not by a long chalk! What you are seeing is one end of a tug of war of which you are never allowed to see the other end; but you can tell its strength by the violence which is being exerted against it. If the British people really had "had it," it would not be necessary to say so, so often!

When, therefore, you get the next dose of brain-bashing to the effect that "Britain" wants to join the Common Market, has no use for the other countries of the British Commonwealth, condemns Australian policy in Vietnam, demands an African reign of terror in Rhodesia—when you hear that what "Britain" wants above all are: greater freedom for murderers, abortionists, homosexuals and pornographers, and more restrictions, fines, taxes, and general economic sanctions against ordinary, law-abiding citizens, you can be quite sure that what you are hearing is the opposite of what most ordinary British people want. And the more emphatic and



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Butler and Mr. Ron Gostick stand against the background of the Australian, Rhodesian and Canadian flags at the Dinner.

insistent the propaganda, the more certain you can be that it is an inversion of the truth.

So please, do not believe what our gaolers say, except in an inverted sense! At the present time, only the character of the British people stands in the way of military action against Rhodesia by British troops, with subsequent total disruption of the British Commonwealth; but that is no mean barrier! Still, it could be worn down in time by one-sided information and propaganda, which is one of the reasons why we are so glad to see people like Eric Butler and Ron Gostick, and others who bring in a bit of help to the Resistance Movement from outside. For make no mistake about it! This is where the main battle is, and not in the U.S.A. or anywhere else; for it was here that the only effective resolution (which is Social Credit) originated. It is not for nothing that the British people have been the subject of this bitter assault now for the last half-century, culminating in the almost hysterical violence of the present time, which is itself evidence of the resistance it is coming up against.

One thing is certain: it was majority-democracy, which got us into this mess, and it cannot get us out of it. If you Australians care for your freedom you will make sure that there is some way of rejecting the phoney alternatives offered on your ballot forms, and make use of it.

With our every best wishes for an enjoyable Dinner and a successful year to follow.

RHODESIA HAS SPARKED A GROWING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

Dinner guests gave a special round of applause for the following message from The Candour League of Rhodesia sent by Mrs. Bettie Wemyss:

You Australians now meeting in Melbourne for the Annual New Times Dinner and Seminar of your League of Rights should be greatly encouraged by the experience of us Rhodesians in the struggle for white survival and leadership in our part of the world.

Our experience is that the world contains far more understanding of the issues at stake here in Africa, and a far greater desire to see the future of all peoples secured under responsible rule than anyone would gather from the statements of most politicians and newspapers.

We have found surprising support from Friends of Rhodesia societies and groups, which have sprung up throughout the English-speaking world and almost everywhere in Western Europe. Much of this is due to the years of what must have seemed at times unrewarding spade-work by our more knowledgeable friends among whom we number, of course, the Australian League of Rights.

But it needed the Rhodesian crisis to "spark off" what can only be described as a growing counter-revolutionary movement in countries where it was long overdue.

Of all this we remind our Australian friends in order to emphasise that their Seminar this year opens in vastly different and more propitious circumstances.

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Both at home and abroad you should be able to make your voice heard far more widely and your message heeded. For undoubtedly the newly-found friends of Rhodesia will prove to be just as much your friends when they come to realise that, had southern Africa fallen to the Afro-Asian guard of World Revolution, Australia and New Zealand would have been next to come under fire.

Even as it is, with the enemy plan halted, the unobtrusive penetration of your country continues—the undermining of your White Australia Policy, the attempts to flood your homelands with Asiatic immigrants, the nibbling away at your defensive perimeter, and the subtle attempts to persuade you to regard yourselves as "Asians."

It is in your determination to resist all this that the Candour League of Rhodesia wishes you good luck and assures you that you will find growing support throughout the white man's world, at last awakening to a sense of the need for its own solidarity.

"THE ENEMY REALISES WE ARE A GROWING FORCE"

Miss Clara Gliddon of Adelaide, South Australia, wrote:

September 1966, and once again the Dinner and Seminar. The past year has shown a big leap forward in the League's work. Our strong support for our kinsmen in Rhodesia has found us many friends. This year we have the visit of Mr. Ron Gostick, the great patriot from Canada, after a tour of New Zealand. This visit links the three great countries of the Commonwealth with Britain in the battle with the enemy. We are strengthened spiritually and mentally by this link. We know the enemy realises we are a growing force, by the



Mr. Jeremy Lee proposes a toast to "The New Times."

attacks they make on us. This means we must go into the year ahead, prepared for the attacks that will come. We shall need to be strong in faith and girded with the armour of righteousness to do this work. Knowing the Christian concept of the League I feel we shall be given direction for each situation as it arises.

I regret I cannot be with you in person, but I shall be in spirit. I send to you all my kindest regards and may we all have the courage for the battles that lie ahead.

"THE SECRET VOTE HAS MADE COWARDS OUT OF US"

From Michael and Jean Weller, Vancouver, B.C., Canada:

To our friends at the *New Times* Dinner.

It is about twenty years since C. H. Douglas wrote about the need for a responsible voting mechanism. This past year has seen the modern witch doctor's cry of "one man, one vote" reach new heights of absurdity in Africa, where the battles wage to decide who is to be the one man to have the one vote (as dictator) that counts in each new nation. Witness Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania, *et al.*

In Britain, the elections are waged on the personality of the party leaders—and in the U.S.A., the personality of the candidates is determined by the publicity boys, as in the present Californian campaign for governor.

Our dependence on the secret vote has made cowards out of us, and we welcome the welfare state handouts because we no longer wish to act responsibly and to take the consequences for our actions.

We "pass the buck" when it comes to looking after our bodies—universal Medicare and fluoridation are better; when it comes to looking after our minds—secular state education and international news agency hand-outs are sufficient to keep us "well-informed;" when it comes to protecting ourselves—the criminal is not responsible for his actions, he is "sick," and the patriot is labelled a "warmonger."

Let us give thanks to *The New Times*, the journal that steadfastly "binds us back to reality," and keeps before us the tenets and the wisdom of C. H. Douglas.

"A TERRIFIC JOB AGAINST GREAT ODDS"

From Phillip Butler, at present in England:

My best wishes to all patriots gathered in Melbourne tonight. I am sorry I am not with you in person but I am very much with you in spirit. The League of Rights is doing a terrific job against great odds, but is, I believe, making every step a winner, especially on the Rhodesian issue, letting people know the truth about that brave little country and its great leader, Mr. Ian Smith, whom I had the honour of meeting while I was in

Rhodesia. Keep up the good work you are all doing and God bless you all.

OTHER MESSAGES

Mr. Pat Melican of Wangaratta, Victoria, expressed regret at being unable to attend but enclosed a cheque for a student for the Dinner and Seminar. Mrs. Dorothy Hedley of Balwyn, Victoria, said she was sorry to be unable to attend, "But I am with you in spirit all the way." Mrs. Hedley demonstrated her spirit with a donation of \$40.

Mr. Tom Baker, Western Australia State Director of the League of Rights, wrote: "We in Western Australia send our best wishes and congratulations for another year of successful activity. We will strive with you to make the next twelve months even more successful."

Mr. and Mrs. John Paine of Dergholm, Victoria, expressed deep regret at missing this year's Dinner. Western Australian stalwart Norm Emmott, sent a wire expressing regret that he could not be present at the Dinner and Seminar.

From Laurie and Lorna Wilksch, Loxton, South Australia: "Regret unable to be present. God's blessing on your Dinner and Seminar and may He give strength and courage to all members in the future."

From Roma, Queensland, V.P.A. group: "Best wishes for very happy function and Seminar. Wish we were with you. God's blessings on all your efforts in coming year."

From Kingston, N.S.W., Number Two V.P.A. group: "Best wishes, success and progress at Seminar."

Mr. Ern Radke of Bundaberg, Queensland; Mr. David Lutton, Brisbane, Queensland; Mr. Arch Browne, Lower Plenty, Victoria (missing his first Dinner), sent best wishes for Dinner and Seminar.

Many verbal messages of regret and best wishes were also received.



Mr. John Ball, National Coordinator of the League of Rights' V.P.A. Groups, Mr. Frank Bawden, S.A. State Director, and Mr. Don Martin, Queensland State Director, enjoy a joke together at the Dinner.

CANADIAN MESSAGES WELCOME RON GOSTICK'S PRESENCE AT DINNER AND SEMINAR

The following messages were received from Canadian supporters of Mr. Ron Gostick's movement:

Mr. John Belows, Mayor of Assiniboia, Winnipeg, Manitoba, wrote to Mr. Eric Butler as follows:

Although we are not able to attend the annual dinner with you, Mrs. Belows and I extend to you, and all those attending, our very best wishes for the continued success of the Australian League of Rights.

We are happy indeed that Mr. Ron Gostick, Director of the C.A.M. will be there, expressing the thoughts of so many of your Canadian friends.

May your deliberations be a real source of inspiration and rededication to the just cause you serve.

Kindest personal regards to yourself and Mrs. Butler.

"WE WILL SURVIVE"

From Mr. Patrick Walsh, former undercover agent for the R.C.M.P., and Research Director for "The Canadian Intelligence Service":

Dear Friends of *THE NEW TIMES*,

Incredible as it may seem another twelve months have passed by since we sent you our greetings on behalf of the Canadian Anti-Communist Secretariat from Canada's capital—months of tremendous importance nevertheless if only for the fact that Mr. Eric Butler came to Canada once again and that you now have as guest of honour, Mr. Ronald Gostick, the publisher and editor of *The Canadian Intelligence Service* and the National Director of the Canadian League of Rights.

I was privileged again this year in being able to accompany Mr. Eric Butler on the eastern part of this Canadian speaking tour. The work done by Mr. Eric Butler during his Canadian tour was up to his usual extremely high standard, and perhaps I do not need to say more than that. But while it might be invidious to mention names of Canadian centres where Mr. Butler's impact was terrific in both his Vietnam and Rhodesia lectures, I feel that one of the most memorable meetings I ever attended was the Ottawa one. I'll risk even being called "old hat" by saying that I never heard an audience sing *THE QUEEN* with such fervour as that memorable evening in the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa after Mr. Butler had electrified that same audience. But the meeting alone did not make Mr. Butler's stay in our capital a momentous one. The fact that he was also able to meet and confer with some of our outstanding political leaders and shook the apathy of the Opposition parties on the Rhodesian question is a criterion of the efficient and particularly valuable groundwork he was able to do in Ottawa. In setting the spark in Vancouver for the Canadian *PETROL FOR*

RHODESIA fund Eric Butler also laid the ground work for more than 20 branches of the CANADIAN FRIENDS OF RHODESIA. We are looking forward to the next trip of Eric Butler.

It has also been my privilege for nearly fifteen years to be associated with Mr. Ron Gostick, your distinguished Canadian guest of honour. During the past five years I have been the Research Director of the Canadian Intelligence Service. These years have coincided with the growing closer relations with both the Australian and New Zealand League of Rights as well as with an ever-increasing liaison with Commonwealth, Rhodesian and South African patriots, concerned as we are with the ever growing menace of International Finance and its twin comrade, International Communism! Mr. Gostick's *CANADIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE* has played a vital role in this growing co-operation and the qualities of leadership displayed by Mr. Gostick in these trying years of crisis have been our mainsprings of inspiration and dedication. With the presence tonight of our good New Zealand friend, John Armstrong, to give an added Commonwealth flavour to the Annual Re-dedication Dinner let us RESOLVE to lay the foundation stone for a



Mr. Ron Gostick addresses the Dinner guests. Chairman Edward Rock enjoys one of Mr. Gostick's lighter notes.

closer, tight-knit co-operation between Commonwealth patriots and our friends in Rhodesia, South Africa and Portuguese Africa. Prime Minister Ian Smith has indeed rekindled our fire for the battle and WE WILL SURVIVE and put to rout the ONE WORLDERS and the assorted scum rat bags taking their orders from Moscow, Peking and Havana. FORWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

"THE BEST WE CANADIANS CAN OFFER"

From Mr. and Mrs. J. Dziadek, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada:

Ron Gosticks' efforts are revered by those Canadians fortunate enough to be well informed on current events. The few that are dedicated are most precious both home and abroad, thus it becomes important to have in Australia the best we Canadians can offer.

"THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD"

Miss Patricia Young, well-known author and writer wrote from Vancouver, B.C.:

Dear Ron, Eric and Australian friends,

Greetings from a rare bird—one of Canada's small covey of conservative Christian writers. They say that the pen is mightier than the sword and at this time I share your Annual re-dedication Dinner by re-dedicating my pen to the cause of freedom and liberty under God. And my 100,000 readers better believe it!

The great work of *The New Times* is well known in Canada to our group and a constant challenge to increase our efforts. Keep up the good work. The gates of Hell will not prevail in this battle for man's supernatural destiny. Take good care of Ron. We need him back to trim the wick and keep the beacon burning bright. God bless and keep you all.

"COMMONWEALTH-WIDE ORGANISM HAS BEEN BORN"

From Michael G. Weller, B.C. Provincial Director, Canadian Christian Action Movement:

To all at *The New Times* Dinner,

In British Columbia, Canada, we are with you in spirit, not only on this special occasion, but also throughout the year, as we come closer together through meeting and hearing Eric Butler. We warmly applaud your accomplishments and express our gratitude that because of them, a stimulating Commonwealth-wide organism

has been born, and the common heritage with which we have been endowed by the British Commonwealth has been given a new life.

"LET US REFRESH AND STRENGTHEN OUR OWN PROGRAMMES"

From Mr. Paul Mackenzie, Canadian League of Rights, Regina, Saskatchewan:

From our prairie town we wish you a most productive and inspiring Re-dedication Rally. You Activists and do-ers of the Australian League of Rights face the same octopus called GREED for more power that we do federally. Let us refresh and strengthen our own programmes for a gradual and a sure return to more responsible governments and to greater self-reliance for the individual citizen.

You will find encouragement and strength from Mr. R. Gostick's keen insight and perspective. That R stands for our Rock of Gibraltar; for over 15 years he has been one of our key advocates of more responsible government, for he believes that only the well-informed taxpayer can be a responsible citizen.

He has dared to advocate that we must use horse sense early and Keynesian eyewash rarely.

He has dared to campaign against those in Ottawa who are handout-artists with taxpayer's dollars.

He has dared to inquire publicly as to what groups work for the destruction of loyalty to family, to Christianity, to our country and to our commonwealth.

He has dared to criticize our Socialist Canadian government-owned radio, television; he delights in correcting our newspapers (privately owned) with facts they sometimes misplaced!

We will look ahead to his reports of your great work here in November.

Keep up the good fight.

CABLED GREETINGS

"Greetings. Best wishes and Godspeed as you re-dedicate to fight the good fight." New Brunswick Christian Action Movement.

"Cordial Greetings accompany our sincere prayers for maximum success of re-dedication efforts in Australia." Vancouver Branch Friends of Rhodesia.

"WE CAN CONFIDENTLY FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES OF APPLYING CHRISTIANITY OUTLINED IN 'THE NEW TIMES'."

MARY BALDOCK'S DINNER ADDRESS

**"In cold December fragrant chaplets blow
And heavy harvests nod beneath the snow."**

There is something exciting about these lines from Pope's poem, *The Dunciad*, because of the delightful absurdity, which they express. But the ultimate significance of these images for us lies in the awful fact that man has

actually achieved such a state of absurdity in the world today.

And in fact, we, too, have been in danger of confusing the world of true values, based on Christian philosophy, and the world of falsity, of the absurd, of the *Dunciad*, so that for instance, we would tolerate a solemn-toned

announcement that the people's democracy in Russia has just held elections and voted in their one candidate by a 99% majority, and would probably still acquiesce, like another dreaming Alice in Wonderland, if the sentence on the 1% had been (as it probably was) "off with their heads!" This Alician attitude has resulted in our passive acceptance, evidenced by our government's political recognition of the succession of violent overthrows of lawful governments from the Russian Revolution to this present day.

We have grown accustomed to the establishment of an absurd world in our midst, and our acquiescence in this situation has caused our vision of the ideal order to become obscure. The vision, of course, is the "unfathomable richness" of the Christian faith—the unimaginable possibilities of the Covenant between God and His people, a covenant, which it is necessary to understand and to accept, in order that the potentialities of man's nature might be realized by every mind and realized in every person.

This is why *The New Times* has been of such value to me, because it has helped to reinforce my understanding and my conviction of the essential role of Christianity in our lives as the source, and the only source of human fulfilment. For this journal enacts the truth expressed by Pope John in his encyclical "*Mater et Magistra*": "No folly is more characteristic of the modern era than the absurd attempt to reconstruct a solid and prosperous temporal order while presiding from God, the only foundation on which it will endure . . . to seek to exalt man's greatness by drying up the font from which his greatness springs and from which it is nourished."

Hence, secure in the knowledge that we are not labouring in vain, because it is Christ who has provided the foundations, we can confidently follow the directions for applying Christianity outlined in *The New Times* by those who have a thorough understanding of the workings of the anti-Christian forces seeking to destroy what we build. So it is with a sense of deepest gratitude that we can do such a seemingly insignificant and irrelevant act as writing a letter to an M.P., knowing that this is a part of the full Christian life.

Recognising the fact that such little deeds are a vital part of a whole way of thought and life—the Christian life—we also see that minute incidents of world news such as the farcical Russian elections, are the reversal of this principle because they are manifestations of a whole way of life which is anti-Christian. Hence they are not something which we can afford to ignore or accept according to the lead of our favourite newspaper or TV channel, but demand opposing action from us as living Christians.

To sum up then, *The New Times* has been to be a guiding beacon in a sea of insanity, and it is with a sense of honour that I echo the sentiments of our first speaker and second the toast to *The New Times*.

LEAGUE DIRECTORS AND SUPPORTERS IN CONFERENCE

On Sunday, September 18, following the Dinner and Seminar, State Directors of the League of Rights met with the National Director, Mr. Eric Butler, and other National Secretariat officials to discuss and analyse activities. General forward planning was also discussed. Mr. Ron Gostick was present as an observer. The conference of Directors took place in the morning, while in the afternoon representatives of V.P.A. groups throughout Australia met to discuss their work, to bring forward their problems, and to make suggestions for improving the activities of the League. It was generally agreed that while the organisation was expanding in a most encouraging manner, greater liaison was required.

The League conference was another successful event and provided firm evidence of the increasing progress and rising morale. Many supporters who have for years asked what they could do have now found the answer in the League of Rights.



"The New Times has been to me a guiding beacon in a sea of insanity"—Miss Mary Baldock.

"WE HAVE REMAINED TRUE TO OUR TRADITION"

MR. EDWARD ROCK REPLIES TO "NEW TIMES" TOAST

In replying to the toast to "The New Times," Mr. Edward Rock, Chairman of Directors, thanked all those volunteers who made the production and distribution of the journal possible. After he referred to the growing book sales of The Heritage Bookshop, a department of New Times Ltd., Mr. Rock continued:

Each year we witness the growth of interest and support for our work. The movers of the toast tonight again typify the vigorous nature of this growth. Our impact in every respect is increasing and in every way is becoming a greater factor in the political situation in this country.

There are a number of factors which are responsible for this situation, two of which I would like to mention tonight. Both of course are dependent one upon the other.

First we have remained true to our tradition — the Douglas tradition. Secondly we are an outward going, an outward working group; we are not insular. Once we become so we will wither on the vine and die. If we do so we will not be true to the Douglas tradition -so one factor is dependent upon the other.

Everyone here is dependent to some degree upon the heritage which Douglas handed to us—but as he so often pointed out he was only handing on to us what he had inherited himself, what he called our cultural heritage. Douglas was a part of that stream — he reflected it, we are part of it, we must also reflect it.

As an engineer he had to concern himself with fundamental principles. I can well understand why he was an outstanding engineer, and not merely a skilled mechanic reflecting the results of sound education in techniques. Had he been this he would have been a mere technician. The world is not short of technicians; they abound, and our material progress is witness to their efficiency.

SOCIAL ENGINEERS

But as an engineer concerned to follow principles right through, Douglas was a successful engineer; he was concerned with purpose as well as design. He applied his craft, his knowledge, his understanding, and his gifts, both spiritual and material, to solving the problems around him. In this sense we should all be engineers, and what Douglas endeavoured to do was to make available the necessary understanding to create successful social engineers.

The base, which Douglas established, was a moral base. "All true progress is moral progress." From there it was a short step to understanding the real nature of the problem we are up against which to him was essentially "the battle for Christianity".

This was no mere theorising, or abstractionism on the part of Douglas. He knew that this precious heritage of which he was a part—as are you and I—received its most fundamental impetus 2000 years ago. As an engineer he was concerned whether it was right, and whether it worked - - of course in the sense he was concerned about Christianity, if it was right, as he affirmed it was,

then it undoubtedly worked. It was not enough for Douglas to look at Christianity as a set of interesting opinions having no more relevance than any other set of opinions, "It must be insisted," he said, "that Christianity is either something inherent in the very warp and woof of the Universe" . . . or it was just a lot of interesting opinions. It was this belief that morality was the basis of progress, which made him see issues clearly.

BASIC TRUTHS

Therefore: —

- (1) Unemployment was not an economic catastrophe but economic progress.
- (2) One-man one vote did not result in sound government but in irresponsible anarchy. Mass voting brought dilution of intelligence.
- (3) Equality if it was to be found on any level of human existence would be found in the factory in things produced, but certainly not in the producer.
- (4) That you do not get peace through disarmament. In fact to disarm invited war and it is interesting to note that writing in 1924 Douglas forecast that when the World Conspiracy was poised to impose its total tyranny it would precede this period with a massive campaign for disarmament.
- (5) He stripped economic jargon of its sophistry and abstractionism. He was the declared enemy of abstractionism, that which separates mind from the real.
- (6) He put racial relations in their correct perspective, the hereditary factor so fundamentally under attack



Mr. Horton Davies, Chairman of League of Rights Church Committee shows Rhodesian flag to Mr. and Mrs. John Lennie.

today was the important factor to preserve in any race if it was to achieve full development. So we find ourselves on the side of Mr. Ian Smith and South Africa.

(7) He taught that there was only one basis from which the individual could judge any proposal — by asking the question "How does that affect me?" because this was the fundamental moral basis to start on. Douglas understood the importance of the command that you can only "love your neighbour as your self," or you do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. He understood that if you could heighten the degree of individual responsibility you increase the ability of individuals to love one another.

On the other hand he understood that to the degree individual responsibility was destroyed, the greater would be the pressure coming from those who know what is good for you to control your destiny.

A SELECT BAND

These are some of the things we cling to in the Douglas tradition. We defend them as advocates at the bar of the Christian court. We are counted so often by our critics as the enemies of Christendom. But to the degree that we remain true to our trust and to the calling to which Douglas has pointed the way, then we will fulfill the qualifications laid down by Douglas when he was talking about that critical moment in History and what must be done to save mankind from the catastrophe: "When that pause occurs mankind will have reached one of those crises which . . . so far has failed to avert the fall of humanity back into an era of barbarism out of which new civilizations have slowly and painfully risen.

"The position will be tremendous in its importance. A comparatively short period will probably serve to decide whether we are to master the mighty economic and social machine we have created, or whether it is to master us, and during that period a small impetus from a body of men who know what to do and how to do it, may make the difference between yet one more retreat into the Dark Ages, or the emergence into the full light of a day of such splendour as we can at present only envisage dimly."

This is the great vision to which "many are called but few choose to be chosen." This is your destiny if you choose to be part of that select band who will stand fast in the supreme moment of crisis which we may now well be in -- or is fast approaching.

MR. ERIC BUTLER'S TRIBUTE TO "THE FEW"

In his Annual Dinner address, Mr. Butler stressed the point that history was always created by the dedicated few. "We owe a great debt to these few who

dare to stand out, to go through the fierce fires of opposition." Mr. Butler paid a warm tribute to Mr. Ron Gostick, whom he described as one of the outstanding beacon lights on the North American Continent.

Mr. Rock said in introducing Mr. Butler that the growing army of patriots around the world resisting the evil forces threatening civilization owed a great deal to Mr. Butler and to his equally dedicated wife. "We would probably not be here this evening if it were not for Eric Butler," said Mr. Rock, who briefly outlined Mr. Butler's activities over the past twelve months. "The highlight of the year was, of course, his dramatic seven-day visit to Rhodesia immediately after the declaration of independence, his subsequent non-stop international campaign on behalf of Rhodesia which has swept him through New Zealand, Canada, the U.S.A. and Britain, and then four tremendous weeks in Rhodesia, where he addressed packed meetings all over the country, culminating in the presentation of the petrol gift to a wildly excited Salisbury. Since his return to Australia he has been speaking almost non-stop. He flew to meet Mr. Gostick in New Zealand for ten days of solid campaigning. Mr. Butler normally addresses approximately 120 meetings every year, apart from his other numerous activities. But this year he has given nearly 200 addresses."

Mr. Butler said that the Rhodesian stand was an inspiring example of the dedicated few. He spoke of the expanding work of the League of Rights, based upon the concept of a few dedicated people in every community working consistently as part of an army with a clearly defined objective and strategy. "The spirit of this wonderful gathering reflects the progress we are making," said Mr. Butler. "By standing firm we have defeated every attempt to smear us. In fact a strong reaction has set in which is now favouring us with every day that passes."

Mr. Butler pledged himself to continue to serve in the front line of the battle.



A group of young supporters in keen conversation at the Dinner.

'WHOLE BRITISH WORLD . . . COULD OWE A GREAT DEAL TO THE AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE OF RIGHTS'

Before he left Australia for South Africa and Rhodesia, Mr. Ron Gostick gave some of his impressions of his Australasian tour. During this part of his international programme, which covered nearly seven weeks, Mr. Gostick gave approximately sixty addresses to a wide variety of audiences, many press interviews, a number of radio interviews and one television interview. He made a tremendous impression and it can be said now that the tour was an outstanding success which will yield not only increasingly valuable dividends in Australia and New Zealand but which will make a vital contribution to the expanding international strategy bringing patriotic groups in the English-speaking world closer together.

Talking to a League of Rights' representative towards the end of his Australian tour, Mr. Gostick made the following comments:

"The greatest impression that I have received as a result of this tour, is the quality of the individual who is associating himself with the Australian League of Rights.

"I feel that the League of Rights has the soundest approach to the organizational problem that I have seen anywhere. I have studied the various movements in the United States, including the Birch Society, and I have not come across any which have as sound an approach as you have here in Australia.

"The main problem, as I see it everywhere, is to get over the hurdle that we reach when we have completed the educational aspect. Getting the individual to do something about it, to incarnate the principles that he has absorbed. And I feel that the 'Cell' structure that you are developing with your V.P.A.s is probably the most effective approach to getting past this hurdle. I think that this 'Cell' structure accomplishes several things. First of all it encourages the further educational development of those concerned, through the letter-writing technique. You actually accomplish a great deal in the field of educating your members of Parliament, and other public officials, through the Socratic approach of asking questions, which require the recipient of the letter to do a little homework in order to give an intelligent answer. And another important aspect, as I see it, of this 'Cell' structure, is the increasing morale that results in the increment of association, through these dedicated people in the various areas getting to know each other and working with each other. I think this is a tremendous benefit to the community as a whole.

ANNUAL DINNER AN INSPIRATION

"The weekend in Melbourne, the Dinner and Seminar, was the highlight, and I am sure that it is the highlight of your whole year's work. I personally have never experienced anything just like the Annual Dinner. It was a tremendous inspiration to me, a tremendous challenge to go back and emulate it. I am sure that the hundreds of dedicated supporters that you have, who are working, many of them on a more or less isolated, lonely basis through the year, need something like this, where they come together for a weekend and re-charge their bat-

teries, and meet with other people who are in the same army. I am sure that this is an absolutely essential feature of your whole work.

"I think that the Seminar is an excellent supplement to *The New Times* Dinner, in as much as people have gathered together from various parts of Australia. And it is also an opportunity to draw upon those who are attending—and you have so many extremely well informed individuals attending this function now, so that I think it adds greatly to *The New Times* Dinner. I think they go together extremely well. I was tremendously impressed with the whole weekend.

"It has been a tremendous contribution to me, and I think, perhaps, through me it will be a contribution to Canada. I hope that my visit has been a contribution to New Zealand and Australia, in the sense that it does present some tangible evidence of a growing liaison with the various parts of the British world. I think from the point of view of morale, that this is very essential to us in Canada, and believe it is probably essential to you, too. And I think if we can get to the point where we can get some outstanding people from every part of the British world, including the United States and Rhodesia, South Africa and the United Kingdom. If we can get to the place where we can be exchanging international lecturers that we are going to gain tremendously in the morale sense. This should be, if not an immediate objective, a very short-term objective.

IMPRESSED BY V.P.A. MEETINGS

"The two V.P.A. meetings I attended were both eye-openers to me. The one in Melbourne itself impressed me greatly. They ran it on such a business-like basis, and got through a great deal of important work in a very short period of time, and I felt that this approach is needed, and it left time, of course, for the social aspect later on in the evening. I was impressed with the letters that they were writing and the answers that they were getting back, because the first thought that came to me was that here is democracy in the genuine sense in action with the initiative coming from the electors. And up in the rural 'Cell' that I attended, there was a little different spirit. And one of the things that impressed me in this particular

'Cell' was the very strong spiritual note and the fact that the 'Cell' itself was producing an excellent spirit in the community, amongst your supporters there. So again I was greatly impressed. I met one young man there who had only been about twelve months in your movement. But through your educational programme, plus his work in the 'Cell,' he had developed to the point, where I rather feel, that within the next couple of years he will be one of your greatest strengths you have in Australia. So I was greatly impressed with these 'Cells.'

DISILLUSIONING "SOCIAL CREDITERS"

"I have had a few interesting experiences with Social Crediters in Australia. I didn't realise you had so many of these Social Crediters, so called down here. I think that I must have met all that you do have probably, in the country. I must say that I am not greatly impressed. These people are invariably sincere people, they are people who are prepared to spend a great amount of their resources doing what they think is the right thing to do. They are willing to sacrifice, but in trying to get at Social Credit through Party politics, it just seems to be an exercise in futility. I have seen this thing happen in Canada, where so many fine spiritual people throw away their time and money and resources into this futile game of party politics, and I have seen them elect Government after Government in some of the Canadian provinces, and they are still no closer to Social Credit than they were when they started. So I feel that if you are going to shift things, the thing to do is to build this type of solid 'Cell' structure, such as the League of Rights is doing, and then you will be in the position to shift policy.

"I did disillusion a few of these people. However I think the sooner that they do get a clearer picture of what has happened in the Canadian context, the better it is for Australia and the better it is for these individuals.

"On my way out here to New Zealand and Australia, I had occasion during a meeting in Alberta to talk with one young man, a university student, who told me that he had recently been expelled from the Social Credit Party in Alberta. He told me that the reason he had been expelled was that he had been caught distributing the works of C. H. Douglas! I did point this out to a few of these people in Australia.

TREMENDOUS NEW ZEALAND POTENTIAL

"My first impression of New Zealand, after I had been there two or three days, was the obvious fact that there are great numbers of individuals in New Zealand who are either partially or, in some cases very well informed on several aspects of the world situation and the Communist conspiracy. But there seems to be no disciplined approach, no organisation really, no coherent effort or direction to their efforts. They are all flying off in a dozen different tangents and the thing that I see as being necessary, is someone thoroughly grounded in the League of Rights approach, who could spend several months there, and get them using their energies and knowledge along an effective line. I really believe that

potential in New Zealand is tremendous, considering the number of people there.

COMMONWEALTH LIAISON

"I am very anxious, of course, to get to Africa and I will be doing some lecturing there. But I am more interested in getting a first-hand look at the situation myself, and talking to a number of people there, so that I can work more effectively back in North America on my return, and in the United Kingdom I will only be spending a few days. My main interest there is to make a few personal contacts with people with whom I have been corresponding over a period of time, but have not met personally. As far as this increasing liaison amongst the various members of the Commonwealth is concerned, I feel that this is absolutely imperative, and of course I am delighted with the contribution Australia has made. Because Australia has actually given the lead in this. As a matter of fact the whole British world, some day, could owe a great deal to the Australian League of Rights and to Australia. And I am hoping that very shortly the other members of the Commonwealth will be able to participate fully in this exchange.

WOMEN CAN PLAY VITAL ROLE

"Up in Queensland your State Director, Mr. Martin conducted a series of four meetings with women, for the women organised by women, and there were several points that I think are worth mentioning. One is that without any extra travelling expenses or problems, in each community by having a women's meeting, we were able to reach an additional group. And we invited the wives of supporters of the League, who in turn invited others, and in this way we were able to reach an entirely new section. We noticed that many of the women, whom we reached during the morning meeting, or the afternoon meeting in some cases, went right back home and sent their husbands out to the evening public meeting, and we again reached people we would not have reached any other way. As a matter of fact I would say that on the whole, we received a more enthusiastic response from the women's meetings even than we did at the public meetings. And being somewhat informal, these meetings seemed to lend themselves to excellent questions and discussions. I personally am going to



A section of the big Seminar audience listening to Mr. Jeremy Lee.

examine the possibility of doing something like this in Canada. I think it opens up an entirely new field and should be a tremendous advantage to the League of Rights.

YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED

"It was obvious to me that at most of the public meetings, there were a number of young people, and this is a very encouraging sign, because in the past, at least in America, we have found usually that our meetings are mostly of people middle-aged and up. One of our problems has been to get young people interested. You obviously have at least a number of young people now, in pretty well every community, beginning to take an interest. At the Seminar and Annual Dinner in Melbourne, of course, you had a number of young people, and in the school that was conducted in Adelaide. I could not help but feel that Mr. Frank Bawden had done a remarkable job of interesting young people, because there were, I would say fifteen to eighteen young people between the ages of probably seventeen and twenty-five, and in other words something like a third of the whole school was really youth, and I think this is tremendously important."

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tion to Lord Graham by Mr. Eric Butler, and then the final few minutes of Mr. Eric Butler's stirring address in the Athenaeum Hall, Salisbury, afterwards, at the conclusion of which the large audience gave Mr. Butler what has been described as the greatest standing ovation ever given to any speaker in Rhodesia.

As in an orchestra, many different notes were struck during the Dinner, but they all blended into a symphony, which had a tremendous effect on everyone present. If any one episode reflected the mood of the evening, it was the address by Mr. Ron Gostick, which was a skilful blending of humour, reflection, and challenge. Before introducing Mr. Gostick, Mr. Rock presented him with an inscribed kangaroo skin satchel, which he hoped would always remind Mr. Gostick of this historic occasion. Mr. Rock dealt with Mr. Gostick's career, of how he steadily moved forward with the aid of a loyal and dedicated family to establish one of the most significant journals and movements on the North American Continent. "He is one of those who today are changing the course of history. He has never faltered in the face of mounting attacks, but sustained by his faith has continued to fight the good fight. He is beyond doubt one of the truly great persons of our times."

In the latter part of his address, Mr. Gostick spoke feelingly of the deep sense of family, which he was experiencing in Australia, particularly at the Dinner.

INSPIRING TOAST SPEECHES

Once again the speeches on the toast to *The New Times* were an inspiration to those present, and reflected the life and growth of the movements associated with the journal. The proposer of the toast was Mr. Jeremy Lee, a former Kenyan whom Mr. Rock said might be described

"as one of the victims of Harold MacMillan's 'winds of change'." Mr. Rock described Mr. Lee as "one of the finest acquisitions to our ranks in recent years. Africa's loss has been Australia's gain." All those present endorsed this view after hearing Mr. Lee, not only at the Dinner, but in a magnificent address at the League of Rights' Annual Seminar the following day. In his toast Mr. Lee said that if his fellow Europeans in Kenya had possessed the knowledge, which he had obtained since coming to Australia, the outcome in Kenya might well have been different.

Following on Mr. Lee's superb address, Miss Mary Baldock's address held the guests absolutely spellbound. Mary is the daughter of pioneer *New Times* supporters Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baldock of Red Cliffs, Victoria. As the Chairman said in introducing her, "She typifies the family tradition we often stress." Mr. Eric Butler, who was a young man starting his career when he first met Miss Baldock's parents, escorted her to the microphone and stood by while one of the youngest supporters ever to speak at an Annual Dinner mentioned the type of action which "is a part of the full Christian life."

LEAGUE SEMINAR "AN INTELLECTUAL FEAST"

The person who described the League of Rights' Annual Seminar on Saturday, September 17, "an intellectual feast," undoubtedly expressed the feelings of most of those who attended. The Seminar established yet another record attendance. While both Mr. Eric Butler and Mr. Ron Gostick provided the type of papers confidently anticipated, it was newcomer Mr. Jeremy Lee who brought a new lustre to the Seminar with a magnificent paper brilliantly presented. The final portion of Mr. Lee's address was particularly moving.

Mr. Butler's paper, to be published in expanded form in a booklet, was a devastating exposure of the manipulation of various sciences by the Socialists and Communists as a major part of their strategy to advance their collectivist ideology. Mr. Butler said that the equalitarian doctrine, accepted uncritically even by large numbers of people who believed they were anti-Socialists, was the Achilles heel of the West today. Mr. Butler insisted that the dangerous nonsense about race equality had to be exposed if Marxist ideology and tactics were to be combated effectively.

Mr. Lee spoke of the African situation against his first-hand knowledge, showing the disastrous results flowing from "anti-colonialism."

Mr. Gostick presented a startling picture of America moving towards possible internal revolution if the Communist-inspired race riots were not soon firmly brought under control and law and order firmly imposed.

At the conclusion of the Seminar, Mr. Eric Butler thanked Mr. Kevin Hanger, Victorian State Director of the League of Rights, for his most able organising of the Seminar. Book sales were heavy and a large number of new contacts made. Tapes of the Seminar addresses are available from the National Tape Librarian of the League of Rights, Mr. Norman Keeble.