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## ANNUAL DINNER REFLECTED TRIUMPH OF FAITH

### CHAIRMAN'S INSPIRING PICTURE OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**Responding to the toast to "The New Times" at the 1970 Annual Dinner, Chairman Edward Rock presented a picture of real hope as he dealt with the growth of the concept of electors initiating policy, of taking a hand in shaping their own destinies through the network of Voters Policy Associations developing across Australia as a result of the work of The Australian League of Rights. His address was one of the highlights of an evening, which maintained all the traditional warmth and colour of the Annual Dinner.**

Before guests started their dinners, Mr. Rock asked them to stand for a minute's silence to mark the passing of three outstanding friends of the movement since the last Dinner: Mr. Keith McGarvie, Sir Wilfrid Kent-Hughes and the Rev. Fr. Patrick Gearon. He observed that Mr. McGarvie, who had sat at the official table last year, and Sir Wilfrid Kent-Hughes had been colleagues together in the Victorian Legislative Council. Sir Wilfrid had given The League of Rights considerable private encouragement and advice. Father Gearon's last book, *Communism Unmasked*, had been published a short time before he died. Father Gearon had been a life-long *New Times* supporter.

The policy of restricting attendance to "hard-core" supporters was generally appreciated, ensuring that the special atmosphere of family associated with the Dinner, was emphasised. Guests enjoyed the opportunity for informal mixing and exchange of news and viewpoints. Guests attending an Annual Dinner for the first time were heard to exclaim, "The atmosphere is unbelievable". One person said, "There is a type of special magic about it all. After this experience you feel that you just simply must do something".

Typifying the spirit of evening was the unscheduled short address by Mrs. Verna Oldfield of Nhill, Victoria, whose table was celebrating her birthday. At previous Dinners the Chairman had referred to the fact that Mrs. Oldfield's birthday coincided with the Dinner. Mrs. Oldfield was warmly applauded as she said that she felt the time had come for her to take the microphone and have a few words to say. Her message was sincere and greatly appreciated.

"No individual can really live unto himself completely. Just as pebbles make a ripple in a pond, so if you drop a rock in the sea of tranquility (which is our normal home life) then you will also get the ripple of contact. My husband and I together with our family have been

privileged to have had the opportunity of being hosts to many League stalwarts, including visiting Canadians Ron Gostick and Pat Walsh. This gives us many ripples of contact. We have loved having them over the years. The knowledge gained from these active men of God, and their contributions to our family discussions, have pleased us and benefited us immensely."

### "KEEP THE UNION JACK"

In calling upon Mr. Vic Guy to propose the Loyal Toast, the Chairman said that Mr. Guy was one of the earliest volunteers for the A.I.F. in the Second World War. He had just served in the North African campaign. In civilian life he had continued to volunteer to serve those ideals for which he had served in the A.I.F. Mr. Guy had a distinguished record of social service. He was also actively associated with the British Brotherhood, devoted to preserving the link between those nations, which respected the British Crown.

Before proposing the toast, Mr. Guy generously referred to that "master of the English language", Mr. Jeremy Lee, who had, at the 1969 Dinner, proposed the Loyal Toast in the most moving manner he had ever heard. But Mr. Guy also moved his audience with his thought-provoking comments. "If you think this toast is unnecessary, just think of the millions like you who can say what they think." Mr. Guy asked his listeners to think of Milton and Shakespeare and many others, including Cook, Hillary and Chichester. He said, "The Union Jack is the trademark of the greatest corporation the world has ever seen. It stands for freedom and human dignity."

Mr. Guy said that the British Monarchical system was "analogous to nature itself". "It had been wrong, but it had survived because it had developed the machinery to right wrongs." He described the Monarchical system

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## Dinner Messages

Mr. Ivor Benson sent a cable of greetings from the South African National Forum. Mr. Sid Wood sent best wishes from the New Zealand League of Rights. Veteran Fred Allen cabled, "Greetings from Auckland group. Your example inspiring to Kiwis".

### "THE GOOD NEWS OF THE IMMENSE UPSURGE"

From Patrick Walsh, Research Director, Canadian League of Rights:

Dear Friends of *The New Times*,

On behalf of our National Director, Mr. Ron Gostick, all our supporters across Canada, and myself personally, I wish to extend warm greetings of Commonwealth solidarity to all *New Times* readers at your annual Dinner. We in Canada have now known the dubious benefits of two full years of undiluted Fabian Socialism under Trudeaucracy. John Farthing, in his great book, *Freedom Wears a Crown*, pointed out that **"The heart of the Canadian people is sound, but the heart of any people only continues to be sound when it remains true to that which can keep it sound."** Parallel to the pernicious Keynesian economic policies being implemented by Trudeau and Co. we see a step-by-step attempt to introduce republican doctrines and to undermine our ideals of the Crown and the Commonwealth as well as our Christian faith. A former governor-general, a distinguished soldier, General Vanier, foresaw this many-pronged threat when he told cadets at Royal Roads on May 25, 1962:

"In the years ahead your ideals will face mighty challenges. You will be tempted to abandon them, or worse still, knowingly to contravene them. Don't. Without them you will be hollow, a piece of flotsam tossed aimlessly to and fro on the sea of life. Against them you will be swallowed up in a turbulence that has no use to you. Your ideals are at once the ballast, the wheelhouse and the compass of your life. Yours, I pray, will be a safe, successful and happy passage to a peaceful anchorage."

The main Trudeaucrat trying to "tempt" our youth is Gerard Pelletier. Recently he obtained the use of the various armories across the country so that the hippies could have "hostels". In Vancouver an assorted goulash of U.S.A. deserters, draft-dodgers and Marxists have seized the armory, replaced our flag with the hammer and sickle, and now Mr. Pelletier refuses to have this motley crew tossed out in the gutter. Urban guerrilla warfare, now rampant all over the U.S.A. and Latin America, is spilling over into Canada and forebodes disaster for our internal security unless the tide is reversed.

Our action groups organised by the League of Rights across Canada are meeting this threat effectively. The recent tour of your hard-working National Director across Canada was the most fruitful one ever undertaken, and

we are reaping the benefits of Eric Butler's tireless work among us because he has been instrumental in strengthening our morale. Field Marshal Sir William Slim once said that the Christian religion is above all others a source of that enduring courage which is the most valuable of all components of morale. The good news of the immense upsurge in Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Rhodesia and South Africa after Eric Butler's speaking and organising tours were an inspiration for us in Canada. We are now all in high gear. God bless you all!

### "DON MARTIN IS JUST THE MAN WE NEED AT THIS TIME"

From Mrs. B. M. Palmer, editor of "Housewives Today":

I am one of those who think that we in Great Britain cannot win the war against the Common Market while we stand-alone. We need, Australia, New Zealand and all the loyal Crown Dominions. I believe Australia to be foremost in her understanding. I hope that all of you who read *Housewives Today* have seen our views on Schnapper and Tribe. Schnapper, in particular has been dealt with very firmly by the Western Australians, bless them! I wish I could have seen some of the peaceful demonstrations, which I am afraid, were not at all to the taste of the "economists".

Your Deputy Prime Minister has had very poor press coverage during his recent visit here. This seems to me a sad thing. He visited the headquarters of the E.E.C. in Brussels. It is pretty poor when your Deputy Prime Minister has to go to Brussels to talk about trade with the mother country!

Mr. McEwen said he got nothing to encourage him. "Our trade will be in jeopardy", he said. "If Britain joined on the terms operating at present, in due course our markets for dairy produce and soft wheat would disappear. Meat exports would also be affected, and there would be a big reduction in the sugar trade". This



The Crown "stands for freedom and human dignity"- Mr. Viv Guy proposes the Loyal Toast.

reminds me of some delicious tinned jams, especially apricot. No other make seems its equal.

Don Martin is just the man we want at this time to strengthen the age-long ties between our two countries, and we are confident that it will not be long before The British League of Rights and *On Target* are firmly established here.

The visit to Great Britain of your chairman, Mr. Eric Butler, was, as always, deeply appreciated. We wished that it could have been longer, and that he might have been able to see more of his old friends, as well as newer contacts. Inevitably some had to be disappointed.

The meetings called for the full establishment of the British League of Rights were particularly fruitful, as will be realised during the coming months. At short notice a meeting was called in Kirriemuir, Scotland, at which David Yellowlees and Elizabeth Pattullo presided. All accounts received of this gathering emphasised the wide attention it received, some of the audience having driven long distances to hear Mr. Butler speak of the world situation in the light of his recent tour. It is our hope that this will be followed by the foundation of a League of Rights in Scotland.

**"A HEARTY WELCOME AWAITS ANY . . .  
WHO MAY COME TO RHODESIA" From**

**Mrs. Bettie Weymss, Candour League, Rhodesia:**

On behalf of all right-thinking people in Rhodesia we take this opportunity of reciprocating all your good will towards us. We wish you all success now and in the future. A hearty welcome awaits any of you who can come to Rhodesia.

**"THE CHALLENGE IS AHEAD OF US"**

**From Mr. Don Martin, National Director of The British League of Rights:**

Greetings from the British battlefield.

This will be the first *New Times* Dinner that I have missed for many years. I am, however, with you in spirit. We will toast *The New Times* with today's lunch so we may toast "the cause" together.

The British people have a habit of never fighting until their backs are to the wall. The one basic problem with the current conflict is that subversive elements have undermined "the wall"! So it is that the majority sleep on whilst a battle rages and not even the daily newspapers tell them that it has begun.

We face the familiar problem of trying to train troops and fight a war at the same time. The task has begun. *On Target* is once more back in circulation and has already exceeded its previous total of paid subscribers.

Having made "the call to arms" we have to now gather the forces, which have scattered, even if some have dug in, in reasonable positions, and clarify our battle plans. Remove doubt and confusion.

The challenge is ahead of us. The task sometimes appears impossible. Sustained by faith and a knowledge

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that we are part of a growing army of supporters around the world, we know that we will finally see victory.

All supporters in Great Britain are encouraged by the tremendous drive and energy that has been shown over recent years in this country by that great fighter and leader, Eric D. Butler. We take this opportunity to thank him for his efforts and also his wife, Elma, for her sacrifices and support of Eric in his work.

May your gathering this evening so inspire you that having rededicated yourselves to the task ahead you may have the faith to move mountains.

May the knowledge gained from the Seminar tomorrow give you such power as to make the task of all centralisers and would-be dictators, impossible.

May God be with you all.

**"WE PRAYERFULLY THANK THOSE WHO  
HAVE HELD HIGH THE LIGHT"**

**From Roy Earle, Queensland Secretary of Institute for Economic Democracy:**

In thought or person we make our annual pilgrimage to this feast. On this occasion we prayerfully thank those who have held high the light so that we of lesser fortitude and strength of purpose may see a glimmer of *The New Times* ahead to which we may march, a new world that could so easily be if there was sufficient conviction within our community.

With our eyes on the horizon it is so easy for us to overlook what our light bearers are doing for their fellow Australians in building up their faith, strength, and will to face not tomorrow, but just today.

A farmer's wife give this rural picture: stock losses grow daily, all credit depleted, a government still to honour its promise of relief, menfolk mentally and physically exhausted as they daily unbog stock from drying water holes, the hand feeding and other numerous chores to be done because they cannot afford labour.

Can you imagine the thoughts of this wife and mother?



Mrs. Verna Oldfield of Nhill, Victoria, in a happy birthday mood as she takes control of microphone for an unscheduled address.

Her menfolk gaunt-looking from physical exertion and having lost the desire to eat; their eyes daily showing a growing look of helplessness and despair. A son who has just broken under the strain.

This farmer's wife says it saved their sanity when Jeremy Lee and Eric Butler came into their lives. At meal times she reads part of a League book to the men. From their discussions they have found a new sanity, a new hope and a new purpose to life.

This wife has seen what the League of Rights and its lecturers have done for her in human terms. She is prepared to follow the light even to leading a protest march if necessary.

Rural Australia owes a debt of gratitude to all The New Timers that have held the light high.

We heartfully thank you.

### **"WE ARE SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED FROM THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION"**

**From Miss Clara Gliddon, Adelaide:**

I take up my pen again to send greetings to all at *The New Times* Dinner, this inspiring annual meeting from which comes the renewed dedication for the work we have been given to do.

The world situation deteriorates daily, and those in authority have not the will to change the course of events, or else deliberately hasten them. It is a time when the peddlers of strange faiths and standards are hailed as the harbingers of the seventies, and use young minds for this evil work. We of The League of Rights believe that a dedicated few, knowing the truth, can change the present course of events. The League, with its growing and many activities, is becoming an educational force. We believe we must return to the External Laws, from whence comes all Authority.

We are thankful for the able men whose dedicated work has made possible our growth and influence. They never fail or falter. We thank their families for helping them. We know we are all spiritually refreshed from this annual association. We pray for guidance and strength to help us as we begin another year's work against the forces of evil.

### **"CHRIST CALLED UPON THE INDIVIDUAL TO CHANGE HIS HEART"**

**From Miss Patricia Young, Canadian journalist and novelist:**

Greetings from The Student Research Bureau of Canada on this occasion of your 1970 *New Times* Dinner.

Since the theme of your Seminar is Centralisation, may I recall Christ's teaching in the Bible, which time and time again reflects man's individual rights as well as his individual accountability?

Christ did not call upon society, government or welfare agency to right the ills of the world. He called upon

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the **individual** to change his heart, instructing him to go forth and teach all nations to do likewise.

For as we are born individually, so we will die individually and be judged individually.

May your concern for the state of the world be reflected in the extent of your individual effort and may God guide you and strengthen your heart and mind.

### **"MAY YOU GO FORWARD WITH RENEWED VIGOUR"**

**From Phillip Butler, Vancouver, Canada:**

Greetings, fellow Australians! Like all countries in the Western world, Canada has had a bad year with the further political and economic enslavement of its citizens. But the one really bright aspect here has been the continuing growth of The Canadian League of Rights under the leadership of Mr. Ron Gostick. The League's presence and influence is now being increasingly felt. All those patriotic Australians present at *The New Times* Dinner can feel proud of the fact that it was out of the principles fostered by *The New Times* that the League of Rights concept grew, not only in Australia by right around the English-speaking world. May you all go forward with renewed vigour and continue to set an example to other Leagues of Rights around the world.

### **"IN THE RURAL AREAS THERE IS NEW HOPE"**

**From John Brett, Kingstown (N.S.W.) VPA:**

Each year our hopes of being with you grow, but each year the means diminish, but at the same time our resolve strengthens. It is in the nature of man to destroy what he dominates. When man dominates his fellow man neither can avoid destruction. Those who corrupt are no more evil than those who allow themselves to be corrupted. Our task would seem almost beyond the possible, but if the base of our society, from which all



A typical scene at Dinner. Mr. Don Auchterlonie, Narracan, Victoria, is probably discussing the "cost-price squeeze" with fellow farmer, Russell Holdenson from Numurkah, Victoria. Dr. Graeme Williams's wife, Jan, appears to be enjoying a good joke.

men derive their substance, can be held and strengthened, then nothing is impossible. In the rural areas there is new hope, and slowly an understanding of what has happened is motivating a vital force. With Eric Butler's inspired leadership and genius of knowing what to do, with his unfailing energy and spirit, we can only go forward. Our best wishes for an inspiring evening.

### "WE MUST FIGHT THEM IN THEIR SANCTUARIES"

**From John Armstrong, Christchurch, New Zealand:**

If I may adapt the words of President Nixon . . . I believe we should say to ourselves in the crucial seventies. "Go for the sanctuaries! Let us go for them in their cloistered, book-lined sanctuaries" . . . The sanctuaries of University and Church.

### FROM AUSTRALIA VPAs

Mrs. Jeane Sharpe of Boothby, S.A.: "Our sincere good wishes for a fruitful time together, that will be an inspiration to you all in the months ahead." Plympton, S.A.: "With you in spirit". Keith Fuss, Chairman, Maranoa, Qld., Regional Council: "Greetings . . . wishing you a successful Dinner and Seminar. Have started 20 VPAs since your last tour." From Lillian Archie, Dalby, Qld., Ladies Line: "May God bless you and that your thoughts and courage of your convictions may inspire your audience. God's blessings, again, from our ladies".

Alan Ellis of Warra, Qld., VPA: "Our friend Jim Corbett, M.H.R., has succeeded in getting us some rain in the hope of cooling down Maranoa Electorate as the heat generated by Ted Rock, Eric Butler and Jeremy Lee in recent visits to southern Queensland has been getting a little too much for him! We are pleased with the rain but I doubt if it will have much of a cooling effect."

"May your annual re-union never go on strike!"—Neil McDonald for Geelong, Vic., VPA. "Every best wish. Happy gathering and successful conference."—Ian Harris, Dalby, Qld. "Schapper says man who gives power to bureaucrat becomes bureaucrat's manpower."—Robert and Helen Nixon, W.A.

"In view of recent troubles in our local university we have decided that we must become more effective in combating this subversive element. We hope other women around Australia will realise that more work must be done to counteract the elements eroding our society. We wish to say 'thank you' to Jean Luscombe, as she is never too busy to answer our numerous queries" Brisbane Lilac League. "All the best" from Vic Collins, Dalby, Qld., tape librarian. "Regret unable to be present. Local action essential this week. Physical as well as financial drought here."—Jack Hebbel, Murgon, Qld. "Best wishes. Hope you have successful Seminar."—Rod

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Barlow, Wandoan, Qld., VPA. "I would like to add my contribution. My thoughts will go to all who will enjoy the Dinner and Seminar to follow."—Vera Briskham, Henley Beach, S.A.

"Best wishes for the success of your annual Dinner. Each year confirms the strength of our cause and inspires us to greater efforts. Regards to all."—Roy Gustard, Chairman, Sydney Council.

"We will be with you in spirit . . ."—Laurie and Lorna Willisch, Loxton, S.A. (A cheque for \$50 was enclosed with message.)

### CANADIAN MESSAGES

Mrs. Jean Ramsay wrote on behalf of the Creston, B.C., Action Group: "As members of the Canadian League of Rights, the following persons in the Creston Action Group want to express our very best wishes for the continued success of your work". This message was signed by ten actionists.

Mr. Lome Sinclair sent a message on behalf of Vancouver-Quadra Group: "Cordial greetings and sincerest good wishes on the occasion the 1970 *New Times* Dinner, for a year of unprecedented success in your fight against 'centralised credit control', the progenitor of national debts, inflation, and excessive taxation, wherever these phenomena may be found".

Mr. Eric Sandeman sent greetings from the Brooks, Alberta. Action Group of The Canadian League of Rights. Alberta Provincial Director of the League, Mr. Eric Boswell cabled: "Greetings from your Alberta friends. We are with you all the way".

Chairman L. L. Jahraus (who kindly explained that this was pronounced jaw rus!) sent a message on behalf of nine members of Victoria, Group No. 1, B.C., express-



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ing the hope that the Annual Dinner would be "a blessed time of fellowship with renewed dedication and inspiration".

W. D. Klatt of Oliver, B.C., wrote: "It is a real pleasure to add my congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the Canadian League of Rights supporters."

Miss Effie Styles sent a message on behalf of Vancouver Centre No. 1 Group, concluding with the following Biblical text: "Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not".

John Belows, Manitoba Provincial Director, who had at one time thought it possible that he and his wife might be present at the Dinner, wrote: "Although we are not able to be present personally to deliver this message our thoughts are with you at this time, and on behalf of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian League of Rights I express to all our compatriots attending the Annual *New Times* Dinner our very best wishes for success, and for renewed dedication to the cause of freedom. Though we are on opposite sides of the world, our common purpose makes us kindred souls, knowing that if we persevere, with God's help, we shall succeed. May God bless you all in the great work you are doing."

## "THOSE WHO HAVE STOOD FIRM IN THE FACE OF ALL ADVERSITY"

In proposing the toast to *The New Times*, Mr. Cronin said that it was an honour to be in Melbourne for the Annual Dinner. When he left his rural community on a mid-week afternoon to go to Melbourne most people would feel that the only thing he would be going to Melbourne for would be to see the Australian Rules football final!

"This toast is to those men who have stood guardian over the years of the spirit and purity of the philosophy of freedom." Mr. Cronin said that until recently he was unaware of what was being done to preserve this philosophy, "but tonight there are men here who took on this responsibility when the going was tough . . . but they stuck to it often with streaks of genius. They have not only supported the purity of this philosophy to this present day when this civilisation is in dire need of it, but they have been able to bring together solutions now offered as policies for us as individuals who are coming into this sphere of influence . . ."

Mr. Cronin said that the impact he had experienced when he discovered *The New Times* was like discovering clear, cool water on a blazing afternoon in the type of

arid region he lives in. "There is no better feeling; that is something that wells up every emotion; this is actually life." When he left to come to Melbourne there was a growing number of people who now realised that he was not going just to attend a great sporting fixture, but because he now had important business. Mr. Cronin said that these people now grasped the importance of the organic structure he and others were attempting to build. He felt a responsibility to those he was now representing. In the far-distant region where he lived, he now had to pass on a new concept to people who are beginning to realise that there was only one way to win the battle in which they are involved, and that was by correct adherence to the philosophy of freedom.

In seconding the toast, Mr. Anthony Tomney said that he was grateful to the men who had preserved and kept intact the philosophy of freedom. He pointed out that just as Jim Cronin had first come in contact with this philosophy, he had now come in contact with it through him. "I have been influenced by coming into contact with Jim and motivated by his example and dedication. As Jim Cronin has been the link between me and *The New Times*, I now see that I have a responsibility to further that link by furthering the organic growth of Social Credit . . . by making my belief a reality." The challenge to me "is to motivate other individuals to take part in what Douglas has said is a battle for Christianity." Before asking guests to drink the toast, Mr. Cronin said that he would like to stress that it be directed "to those people who have stood firm in the face of all adversities and disappointments".



"This toast is to those men who have stood guardians over the years of the spirit and purity of the philosophy of freedom."- Mr. Jim Cronin from South Australia proposes toast to "The New Times".

## **'... THOSE INDIVIDUALS ... WHO COMPRISE THE GROUP STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS ... ARE INDEED THE MILLS OF GOD'**

### **MR. EDWARD ROCK RESPONDS TO TOAST TO "NEW TIMES"**

In his essay, "The Nature of Democracy", C. H. Douglas tells of that period when many hung on every word he uttered. Public audiences which responded to the news that Douglas was to speak, whether in a public auditorium, or over the radio, were enormous; of such size that there is no comparison to the size of audiences drawn by those speaking on comparable subjects today.

There is no doubt that from the point of view of saving the world from chaos an opportunity was offered at that time, which if, by some miracle it had been accepted by those who should have recognised the intrinsic values of truth when it is expounded, the world today would be a far different place. The Douglas proposals, by destroying the monopoly of credit, the main weapon of those concerned with imposing ultimate tyranny in the form of political monopoly, would have ushered in an era of progress yielded from the flowering of the individual attributes of man as he sought fulfilment in those realms beyond mere material gain.

It was not to be, and as the wheel has turned the full circle, today we witness all over the world the results of the destruction of individual worth as men driven into mobs take to the streets to terrorise and strike fear into the hearts of those who cannot understand why their once secure world should suddenly erupt into a nightmarish jungle.

To many it must appear that we have got ourselves into such a hopeless mess it is almost impossible to extricate ourselves. Some even may feel we may be better off not to extricate ourselves. Mass movements of today destroy the will to believe there are alternatives to the mess we are in. As Douglas pointed out, "The mass is unsaveable, just as a mob is insane (without health)".



An increasing number of New Australians join the ranks. Dr. B. Starzecki and his charming wife, both of Polish background, motored from Tullamore, N.S.W., to be present at the Annual Dinner and League of Rights Seminar.

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### **THE TRUE PURPOSE OF INSTITUTIONS**

So Douglas was concerned with the opposite concept. Everything must build up from the individual, not down from the State, and where the institution no longer serves the individual, it must go. How simple it really is, as all great truths are simple. What other purpose has a man-made institution other than to serve man? And when we see the opposite occur we are aware of perversion in all its evil. For when man ends up by serving a self-made institution he is worshipping man, and he breaks the most divine of all the Commandments.

There is no doubt that people flocked to hear Douglas because he expounded the means by which they could throw off the chains created by needs of material substance. The economic democracy enunciated by Douglas promised a freedom through which man could spiritualise his life, and thus fulfill that hunger within all of us. But there was a catch, and a challenge. As individuals we were called upon to accept the ultimate in disciplines in order that we could gain the ultimate in freedom. We were asked to accept a measure of self-discipline, and many shrank from the challenge it entailed. And when those forces controlling the purse of the nation released a few shekels and scattered them amongst the spiritually hungry populace, many forsook the substance for the shadow.

Of course they were misled. The big lie has never been so big as it is in this century, backed by the tremendous weight of a corruptly controlled mass media. But even the spokesmen for those institutions in which we placed such faith over the centuries, the Christian Church played its part in the great deception. The Dean of Canterbury, Bishop Barnes and others have been replaced by many hundreds imploring Caesar to save us.

I was most sympathetic to a recent visiting preacher who implored us not to place clergy and priests on a pedestal, that they were only human and erred, often in such ways as to fall into the ultimate sin, self deception and that they could do no wrong.

### **THE "MILLS OF GOD"**

The challenge of Douglas was that challenge that he saw in the role of the Church. That it should be "the mills of God, which grind very slowly and exceedingly small". That the Church in so doing should be the

repository of immense power. Not that power which expresses itself in might of political control and direction of policy, but that power which results when people—and what is the Church but people? —For that matter, what is the League of Rights but people? —Become the mills of God.

But to become the "mills of God" a "peculiar" people is needed—or should I say a "particular" people. The peculiar or particular attributes of such people were that they were to believe and accept God before they could become the "mills of God". "They shall be my people and I shall be their God". This was known as a covenant, and the Christian world is the result of such a covenant—or contract—undertaken by the creator and those who believe in Him and demonstrate their belief by becoming the "mills of God". For a contract is an empty document if it does not lay down the works which have to be carried out on behalf of He who lets out the contract or the covenant.

Douglas pointed out that there were many signs that the institution of the Church had ceased to become the "mills of God", and this is the greatest tragedy of our age. But it does not mean that the covenant has been broken. Douglas summarised the problem of this century when he said we were engaged in a battle for Christianity. Who was he referring to when he used the collective "we", if he was not talking of those who would implement the covenant of God and become his agents as "the mills of God, which grind very slowly and exceedingly small"?

I am convinced that those individuals, small in number, but increasing, who comprise the group structure of the League of Rights groups we call Voters Policy Associations, are indeed the mills of God. They have set out to ascertain the terms of the contract and to implement

them. Armed with the tremendous, the "immense power" —referred to by Douglas, they are proceeding to grind away at the body politic to bring that change which is the essence of the contract. To replace evil with righteousness, to make new men out of old so that they are in essence "born again".

### A NEW INITIATIVE IN SOCIETY

All sorts of individuals at all sorts of stages of belief are becoming involved, and in such a way I believe that they arrive at the stage where they achieve the ultimate prize in the contract, to become Sons of God and to do His will. A new initiative is being unleashed in society which I believe is undeniable; it cannot be destroyed or defeated; it must overcome so long as it sticks to the terms of the contract.

The growth of this group structure is the most inspiring work of this organisation. It is spreading continuously throughout the countryside. We need the same impetus in the cities. Those who are involved give up much to gain much. That is the nature of the battle for truth. As they become more competent, battles previously lost are won: in argument with our political representatives; in different organisations which have such an impact on the policies of the nation; in expanding the influence of the group within the local community; convincing those who previously doubted.

This is the work, which must go on, and on, and on. The "mills of God" are working within the community, fashioning, shaping and altering. Changing and convincing men of truth and rightness, bringing them into the battle to build a world "**where every man shall sit himself under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and none shall make him afraid.**"

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## BRITAIN'S HEART "IS STILL SOUND, THOUGH HER BRAINS MAY BE ROTTEN" A MESSAGE FROM GEOFFREY AND ELIZABETH DOBBS

**A feature of every "New Times" Dinner is a message from Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs and his wife, Elizabeth, from the United Kingdom. Their message for the 1970 Dinner was as follows:**

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all! Is it really a year since we had the very great pleasure of meeting you at the last *New Times* Dinner? It seems more like a month!

We have had a busy time ever since we got home, what with fluoridation and other forms of pollution, the Common Market threat, and the General Election. In Coventry, where Richard Crossman, then Minister of Health and a fluoride fanatic, has his constituency, the city's Health Committee and Council reversed their earlier decision to fluoridate, on correct grounds of principle, after the Health Committee had heard both sides of the matter. Among various conferences, etc., on pollution attended by C.G.D. was one which started with an inaugural lecture, with the Duke of Edinburgh in the chair. The Duke, in fact, spoke the only sense, which was

to be heard there when he said that the **financial** objections to the cost of controlling pollution were all a matter of how we made up our accounts. In real terms the cost of pollution was far higher than the cost of using and not wasting the pollutants. However, I have now discovered why so many planners and top business or government bureaucrats are on the pollution bandwagon. You see, pollution is caused by people; so the way to suppress it is to suppress people! All too simple! On the Common Market issue we were able to give a local demonstration in the Conway (North Wales) constituency, of the successful operation of the Voters' Veto, by circulating a leaflet which invited electors to undertake not to vote for a "marketeer" and the candidates to undertake to oppose Britain's entry, unless approved by a large majority in a national referendum. Conway being a "marginal" constituency, all four candi-



dates signed the undertaking. The Conservative, who won the seat from Labour, deleted the reference to a referendum, and substituted: "unless approved by a large majority of the British people and the Conway constituents", which is in some ways an improvement.

This question of the validity of a referendum needs careful thinking out in every case proposed. Its sole virtue lies in the avoidance of the confusion involved in voting on a "package deal", giving the voters the opportunity for a massive and unequivocal rejection of some unacceptable imposition by their rulers. But once the stage is reached in which the people cannot, or dare not, express opposition to their controllers, the referendum or plebiscite becomes a psychological tool of the dictatorship.

But this stage has not been reached in Britain, whose heart is still sound, though her brains may be rotten. (Who was it that said: "Nations, like fish, go rotten first in the head"?) The party leaders know very well that a referendum on the Common Market would result in an overwhelming rejection of their combined policy, which is why they are refusing it. What we have to consider is whether it would have validity whichever way the result went; and in this case, it would. The nation is an associative, not an individual, thing; and no mere government has a right to end its life as a sovereign state. But if the main mass of the people who constitute it could even be bribed or brainwashed into agreeing, for the sake of even more inflated wages, or the "European Ideal" or anything else, then in reality the British nation would have come to its end in the only place it lives, in the hearts of the people; and the sooner it

were buried in the European grave, the better! And we, who passionately disagree, would have to contract out, by emigrating somewhere where the British tradition still lives. But, of course, it is by no means so!

But, on the other hand, on such an issue as fluoridation a referendum has no validity at all, since its objective, an increased fluoride intake for some children, ought not to be a "social" or "political" thing in any way. People's requirements for extra fluoride, if any, must be at least as variable as, say, the size of their feet; and there is no more sense or sanity in imposing mass fluoridation by majority vote than there would be, say, in forcing everyone to wear the most popular size of shoes, as determined by a public vote!

We have enlarged on this a bit because it seems to bear upon your theme, this year, of "centralisation". As Douglas taught us, democracy is the way to determine a policy, and to maintain it by freedom to contract in and to contract out of any association, which claims to be pursuing it. But centralisation is the way to carry it out. Yes! But how much centralisation, and on what scale? We would leave this suggestion with you to think over: that the **nature** of the policy **actually** (not just nominally) being carried out may be judged by the type, and the extent, of the centralisation, which is required to implement it.

With our very best wishes for an even more delightful Dinner, and a still more successful year, from all three of us who so much enjoyed our visit to Australia last year.

—Geoffrey and Elizabeth Dobbs, and Mrs. E. M. Edwards

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## THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF ALL POWER

### EXTRACTS FROM MR. ERIC BUTLER'S SEMINAR PAPER.

A study of the rise and fall of man's civilisations produces a feeling of pessimism in the minds of many. They see the collapse of Western civilisation as inevitable as the death of a human being who grows through a period of childhood, flowers into the full vigour of matured manhood, and then declines into old age—and death. But to compare civilisation with mortal man is a false analogy. A civilisation is the incarnation, the concrete manifestation, of transcendental values. It is evidence of things unseen. It is not a mere mechanical contrivance, but a complex form of human association, which enable individuals by their diverse attributes to enrich and enlarge one another's lives. The physical death of the individual does not necessarily mean the death of the values, which have governed his private and social activities. These values can be passed from generation to generation, and so long as this is achieved, and these values find expression, civilisation continues. It can continue to grow indefinitely, constantly making

it possible for man to continue to spiritualise his life through self-development. The failure of civilisation is the failure of man to successfully nurture, apply and pass on an understanding of the undergirding values of that civilisation. The regeneration of a collapsing civilisation must, therefore, start with individuals. But individuals must have access to a source of power if they are going to influence events.

St. Paul said that "**There is no power but God: the powers that be are ordained by God**". If God is the source of all power, then we can see a most stimulating significance in Christ's statement that the Kingdom of God is within the individual. The individual has access to a source of power, which if applied in accordance with the laws of the universe, permits him to change the course of events. But this ultimate source of all power can only be "tapped" by those with a faith based upon an understanding that ultimate reality is more than "matter in motion". This type of faith is not a blind

belief, a mere superstition, but is based upon a grasp of truth which is demonstrable by results. The basic difference between a mechanical thing and something organic is that one is manipulated from without and the other has a life of its own. There is such a thing as a life force, a dynamic.

### REALISTIC LOVE

Dynamics is defined as the science of force. Now, in spite of all our knowledge, we are completely ignorant about force. But through experience we have discovered that things of various kinds react in a certain way when certain relationships are established. This also applies to the relationships of individuals. Christ's Commandment that the individual should love his neighbour, as himself is not just an example of sloppy sentimentalism. The realistic application of the Christian law of love completely changes relationships between individuals, producing a force of tremendous potential. It is important to stress that many overlook that the law states that the love the individual extends to his neighbour must be based upon his assessment of himself. The law of love is enunciated after the statement of the basic law concerning the love of God. The logic is inescapable that the individual must **first** establish a correct relationship with God **before** he can establish correct relationship with his fellow individual. The social force emanating from individuals in association will, therefore, be a reflection of the understanding of truth and faith of those associating. The regeneration of civilisation must start with those individuals whose faith is nourished by knowledge of truth, which is being constantly increased; by wisdom, which requires reflection upon the lessons of man's history and his experiences.

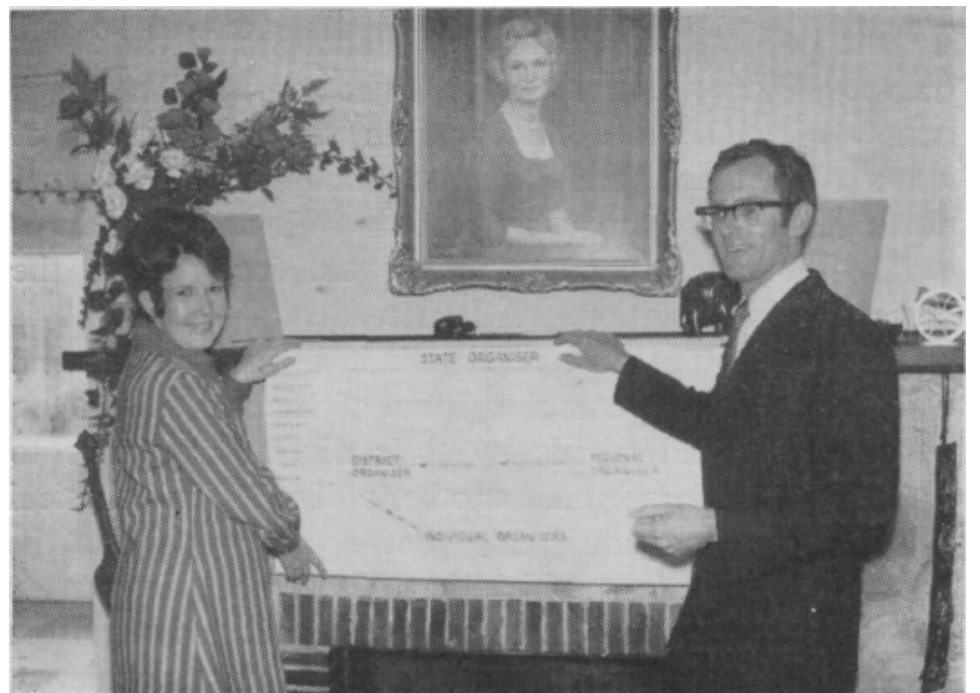
A superficial view of the world can easily lead to the conclusion that the future belongs to those who have fostered bigness through centralising power. But power used for domination always makes harmonious and creative human relations impossible. The greater the use of centralised power in an attempt to make a social structure hold together, the greater the collapse when it comes. Those who boast of man's scientific achievements, his greater knowledge and use of natural law, as evidence that there is no real threat to civilisation, overlook the fact that the latter stages of the collapse of a civilisation have been invariably masked by a feverish display of physical activity. Great knowledge used for wrong purposes is much more dangerous than comparatively little knowledge. It enables men with vast power to create enormous destruction. Building bigger and more sophisticated industrial machines is not progress. We talk about saving time because we can travel more quickly from one place to another. But the important question is what is done with the time saved? The only true progress is the moral progress of the individual. This

necessitates that the individual have sufficient power over himself to develop his most divine attribute, creative initiative. Creative initiative is **individual** initiative. The great achievements of man's history are those of individuals, not of states or committees. Can anyone conceive of a government department producing the plays of a Shakespeare or the paintings of a Michelangelo? In primitive societies the individual was dominated by the group. Every advance made by primitive man was the result of the initiative of the individual who had sufficient power over his own affairs to escape from the eternal slavery of bees and ants. The progressive centralisation of all power and the consequent elevation of the group over the individual is a reversion to barbarism. This truth is not altered by the fact that unlike their forebears, the modern barbarians can read and write, and operate a piece of technical equipment.

The basic features of any highly centralised organisation are that the individual in the organisation has little capacity to control its policies and that it develops a momentum of its own. The bigger a flywheel, the greater the mass, the more difficult it is to halt it when in motion.

### SOCIAL CREDIT TRAINING COURSE INVALUABLE

Over the past 12 months the Social Credit Training Course has continued to provide an increasing number of competent Social Engineers. A number of competent tutors are available to assist those who wish to do this course by correspondence. Western Australians wishing to do the course should contact Mr. Tom Baker, View Terrace, Darlington. Students from all other States should write to the Director of Social Credit Training Course, Box 1226L, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001.



Linda White assists her husband Ray, W.A. Organising Secretary of League of Rights, to adjust his chart for his paper on organisation at VPA Conference.

## THE MENACE OF MEGALOPOLIS

### AN EXTRACT FROM MR. R. A. GARDINER'S SEMINAR PAPER.

I derive some fascination from looking at pictures of Melbourne around the time of my birth when, for example, Collins Street sported a couple of cable trams, a few hansom cabs, the odd motor vehicle and a clutch or two of pedestrians between the ornate buildings lining the building line. How on earth did people survive in those days when Melbourne's population numbered in the hundreds of thousands instead of in the multi-millions? But my father and his relations were never out of work and if the pleasures of non-working hours were somewhat simpler, they were apparently wholesome. My mates and I went to school and emerged at the other end of the education system capable of holding down jobs and most of us have done pretty well for ourselves.

But today, apparently, unless you live cheek by jowl with teeming millions, you cannot really expect to survive or at least, you will end up blinkered in the dreadful ignorance of the isolated hamlet—a write-off in this on-rushing age of technology, a drop-out from a society which purported to offer its metropolitan populations glittering splendours of high-standard affluence.

This, of course, is just so much rubbish, but we rarely stop to think about it. We accept as quite inevitable the fact that the megalopolis will march on from one triumph to another—or one disaster to another (whichever way you like to look at it) and we fervently believe, as a matter of almost spiritual principle, that the best is yet to come, and is, in fact, only around the corner. Another master plan or two, another transportation inquiry, a few more public works inquiries or local government probes and we shall all enter into the blissful state of metropolitan millenium and live happier ever after in a high standard affluent society.

We have become creatures of the ant heap. "Man," says the United States Department of Agriculture in its *Communities of Tomorrow*, "has collided with his environment. He recognises that, despite the best intentions of public authorities, there is always worse to come." (I interrupt the quotation to observe that American metropolitan citizens must be more wide-awake to this fact than we are in Australia.) "In most cases," the quotation continues, "he has lived long enough to see his metropolis become a sprawling, almost endless conglomeration of houses, shops, factories and community facilities, blotting out community identity and giving him dormitories to live in. He continually reads the predictions of experts who warn him that, if one city is not going to join up with the next, then he must be prepared to live upstairs or at the top of a long lift-well, divorced from grass and garden, regimented in a box."

The researches of so many experts have already thrown so much darkness on the subject that it is possible, if

they continue, we shall soon know nothing at all about it.

Not long ago some enterprising architect designed a massive structure, which contained a confinement centre at one end, shops, offices and residential accommodation in the middle and a mortuary at the other end. You could live your whole life in the air-conditioned atmosphere of this monstrosity, engulfed in piped music and organised to the nth degree by specialists without ever moving outside the walls.

### BIG CITIES AND POLLUTION

But the idea is not really so outlandish when you come to consider what megalopolis has to offer us. In *A New Life for the Country*, a report prepared by a task force selected by President Nixon in September 1969, the group says:

"People in central city residential areas are packed so uncomfortably and unnaturally together, elbow to elbow, without room to roam, unmasked of privacy, that their individual irritations and frustrations erupt, tearing apart the fabric of the family and society. Housing suffers decay—and individual hopes and pride crumble with the buildings, helping spawn the crime that roams the streets. Factories, automobiles, businesses, homes and individuals spew out their wastes, polluting the air, the water and the streets. Some cities have become huge, ungainly and unkempt organisms that in noisy and unsightly paroxysms regurgitate their wastes upon themselves."

This is megalopolis 1970—a set-up which apparently suits some, otherwise why would they transfer themselves, when on holidays to a place like Surfers Paradise which offers traffic jams, crowded pavements, crowded beaches, crowded flats and shops so that you go on fighting for standing space, or for the last pound of chops in the butcher's shop?



"The city voter should call for a halt to the expansion of cities."—Mr. R. A. Gardner, Town and Country Planning Association Secretary at League Seminar.

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as "the Monarch . . . Christianity . . . Common Law . . . Parliament . . . It is everybody who is loyal to it." Mr. Guy concluded by appealing to "keep the Union Jack on the Australian flag".

The countryman came through strongly in Jim Cronin's toast to *The New Times*. Some of his remarks took on an extra meaning because, as the Chairman said in introducing him, he had at one time been an Australian Rules League footballer. Mr. Cronin was ably supported by his fellow-farmer, Anthony Tomney, also from the Streaky Bay, South Australia area.

Mr. Eric Butler prefaced his Dinner address by saying that the Chairman, Edward Rock, had given the finest address he had ever given at an Annual Dinner. "I heard someone say at the conclusion of this magnificent address, that there wasn't much left for me to say. I am inclined to agree." But Eric Butler had a lot to say, even though his address was not as long as usual. He painted a graphic picture of the world situation, as he knew it from first-hand experience. He saw the U.S.A. as a nation "in the process of disintegration". He had over a number of years been in the U.S.A. during its most convulsive crises. Mr. Ron Gostick, Mr. Pat Walsh and their colleagues in the Canadian League of Rights, were desperately holding the line on one of the most critical fronts in the whole world. Mr. Butler paid a warm tribute to the courage and faith of Don Martin, who had moved back to his homeland to take over the directorship of The British League of Rights. He briefly spoke of his work in Rhodesia and South Africa.

The title of Mr. Butler's Dinner address was "Twilight—Or a New Dawn?" He left no doubt about his own faith that a new dawn for Civilisation was a realistic possibility. His listeners responded by giving him a standing ovation. A similar standing ovation was given him at the League of Rights National Seminar the following evening, when he delivered a paper, "The Moral Implication of Centralised Power", which the proposer of the vote of thanks, the Rev. Dallas Clarnette, described as the "most masterly" those present were ever likely to hear. It is proposed that Mr. Butler's Seminar address will subsequently be published in booklet form by The Christian Institute for Individual Freedom.

The Annual National League of Rights Seminar was up to its usual high standard. Mr. R. A. Gardner of the Town and Country Planning Association presented a fascinating although frightening picture of "The Menace of Megalopolis". Those who heard him will recall for a long time his brilliant word pictures of the Big City slowly but surely destroying itself. His solutions appeared

inadequate to many of his listeners. But his basic case was indisputable.

Coming forward at short notice to take the place of Mr. W. J. Carruthers, who had, because of illness, to withdraw from the Seminar at the last moment, Mr. Matt Sinclair presented a paper on "Does Big Business Serve the Individual?" A successful engineer with his own small business, Mr. Sinclair's paper reflected his background.

## THE QUALITY OF FAITH

During the concluding part of his Seminar paper, Mr. Eric Butler said that the Christian law of love and a realistic faith were essential for the defeat of those forces threatening to destroy what was left of civilisation. His final words are worth quoting:

"Sometimes we can gain inspiration from observing God's laws working in nature. Most people would, if told that a small speck of substance they did not recognise, barely visible to the naked eye, could develop a force capable of smashing through asphalt, be extremely sceptical. But the truth is that a mushroom spore developing under a piece of asphalt can slowly but surely result in the mushroom breaking its way through to the light. Individuals with a realistic faith have the potential power to develop associations, which will enable them to foster such a growth of diverse activity, and unity of purpose that out of the decay resulting from centralised power a new civilisation will emerge.

The quality of faith will be decisive in the drama unfolding. Many battles have been lost primarily because there has been a failure of faith. But many battles have been won when the situation was so desperate that faith was the only justification for continuing the battle."



"The rugged individualist, unless he has that rare quality of being politic, does not last long in large companies today."—Mr. Mat Sinclair in Seminar paper, "Does Big Business Serve the Individual?"