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## HISTORIC HERITAGE "NEW TIMES" DINNER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENTS

In welcoming guests to the 1971 Annual "New Times" Dinner on Friday, September 17, Chairman Edward Rock said that while every Annual Dinner is historic in that it is part of history, "tonight is a very special landmark in that historical process. This is the 25th Annual Dinner of 'The New Times' although the journal's roots go back to 1935. Also associated with this 25th Annual Dinner is the 25th anniversary of that movement known as The Australian League of Rights. It is historic that the League of Rights, which owes much to the support and influence of 'The New Times', should be celebrating its 25th anniversary by sponsoring yet another division of activity directed towards preserving and regenerating the real Australian heritage. Tomorrow will be a day of great national importance as The Australian Heritage Society is formally launched. This Dinner will be known at the Heritage Dinner".

Mr. Rock said that another *New Times* pioneer, Mr. W. C. Wilson of Dandenong, had passed away since the last Dinner and he asked guests to remember him with a moment of silence before Grace, which was said by Mr. Sidney Wood, President of the New Zealand League of Rights. In welcoming Mr. Wood, Mr. Rock said that his presence symbolised the growing revitalisation of ties between the peoples of the old Crown Commonwealth.

The Dinner was a masterpiece of organising so that the record number of guests could be seated comfortably. The organisers of the Dinner wish to apologise to those who were unable to gain admittance, but the pressure was too great. There will be different arrangements for 1972 in an endeavour to ensure that all genuine "hard-core" supporters who wish to attend can be sure of a seat. Once again early booking will be essential.

In welcoming guests the Chairman said that it was impossible to mention everyone. But there were a number to whom he felt he should make reference for special reasons. He first apologised for the unfortunate absence of Sir Raphael Cilento whose medical advisers refused to allow to travel. Mr. Rock continued, "But he is with us in spirit. He has sent a message and will be heard on tape at the Seminar tomorrow. As you know, Sir Raphael has generously consented to be the first Patron of The Australian Heritage Society". Referring to Mr. Charles Aisthorpe of Roma, Queensland, Mr. Rock said that he was a pioneer supporter of *The New Times* and associated activities, and that has also over the years been a most generous financial contributor. "It has been his wish for many years to attend a *New Times* Dinner, and at long last he has made it, flying down to be present at this historic Heritage Dinner." Mr. Rock also extended a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Connolly of

Toowoomba. Mr. Connolly is another pioneer reader of *The New Times* who has not been able until now to attend an Annual Dinner. Referring to Mr. H. Abrahamsen of Geelong, "one of the old men of the tribe", Mr. Rock observed that like himself, he had only missed one Annual Dinner.

### "WOMEN OF THE WEST"

Four special guests at the Dinner were the representatives of the Women's Rural Action Movement from Queensland, "The Women of the West": Mrs. Charles Eley (Mr. Eley was also present), Mrs. Lillian Archer, Mrs. Olive Wilson and Mrs. Wanda Teakle. They were warmly applauded when introduced. Mr. Rock also introduced League of Rights officials present: Mrs. Jean Luscombe, editor of *Ladies' Line*, Mr. Ray White, Organising Secretary from Western Australia, Mr. Frank Bawden (and Mrs. Bawden), State Director, South Australia, Mr. Jim Marsh, Mr. Mat Sinclair (and Mrs. Sinclair), Victorian State Director, Mr. Roy Gustard, Mr. Les Prosser and Mr. Frank Salter, from the Sydney Metropolitan Council, Mr. Jeremy Lee (and Mrs. Lee), Queensland and northern New South Wales State Director and National Secretary of The Institute of Economic

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### 1972 ANNUAL DINNER

The 1972 Annual Dinner of "The New Times" will be held at The Victoria, Melbourne, on Friday, September We regret that owing to increased costs, the donation per person will have to be \$6. However, by current standards, this is extremely moderate. The National League of Rights Seminar will be held on Saturday, September 23. The League of Rights hopes to have an overseas speaker.

No bookings for the Dinner will be accepted without donation.

## "THE BRITISH LEAGUE OF RIGHTS IS HERE CARRYING THAT (SPIRITUAL) LIGHT AS YOU ARE IN AUSTRALIA"

The Chairman said that he felt that it would be appropriate if the first message he read was from Mr. Don Martin, National Director of The British League of Rights. Mr. Martin's message read:

Greetings and congratulations on yet another famous milestone in the history of *The New Times* and The Australian League of Rights, from all British campaigners. Indeed it can now be said that you are not only making Australian history but also, of course, preserving it at the same time.

The Common Market battle now enters into the final round. The vote of principle (some principle!) to be taken in the House of Commons on October 28 is a big gamble by Mr. Heath, and he knows that he can lose. If he loses that should be the end of the Common Market question—if he wins, and if he does it will only be a narrow majority, it certainly will not be with, in his own words 'the full-hearted consent of the British Parliament'—let alone the British people—if he wins, this will then be the signal for the final fight to begin; for it will not be the end of the battle.

The British people are starting to stir more and more—they are in fact starting to wake from the welfare state induced sleep—and realise that once again they have to save themselves by their own exertions.

To give but one general example of this stirring it is only necessary to say that September is being celebrated in Great Britain with a nation-wide Festival of Light. Organised not by church leaders but by laymen, concerned not about church but about Christianity and moral principles. It is a gathering and protest against the present moral pollution.

One of the many inaugural meetings was held at London's famous Central Hall, with a packed hall of over 3000 and another 2000 in an overflow hall watching on closed-circuit television and hundreds unable to get into the meetings. A handful of humanists tried in vain to break up the meeting and retreated to shout obscenities at the people as they came out of the hall, which has only made them more determined to continue.

As the spiritual light shines upon the moral field so it will, and is overflowing into the political field. The British League of Rights is here carrying that light as you are in Australia.

May your annual Dinner and Seminar inspire and dedicate you for the task ahead. May you depart with the text "faith without works means death" burning in your hearts. God bless you all.

### A DETERMINED BODY OF MEN AND WOMEN FINELY LED STANDING UP . . . TO PROCLAIM THE TRUTH

From Mr. John Mitchell, England, founder of The Christian Campaign for Freedom:

I send you my very best wishes for the success of your annual Dinner meeting. The inspiration I see in you

is a determined body of men and women finely led standing up in the political arena, not seeking power, but to proclaim the truth you know. May God prosper your efforts in the coming year.

We are in the midst of a rare old battle here about the Common Market. There is such an avalanche of lies and half-lies coming from the pro Market politicians and printing presses that it may seem vain that the battle may turn on the honourable members honourable feelings. Either there are enough honourable men to turn the issue against the government or there are not. Amongst the rank and file I believe there may be and that they could suddenly come alive on this aspect if they receive a lot of letters stressing how shameful it would be if they acted dishonorably and backed the government. Many of the waiverers have Commonwealth sympathies. May I ask you to spare a little of your time to sit down and write a few lines straight from the heart to one or more of these M.P.s appealing to them not to let the standing of parliamentary institutions suffer such a cruel blow as to betray the trust committed to them by their electors.

### MUST CLARIFY THE RELATION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND RISING PRICES OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER

From Mrs. Beatrice Palmer, Editor of "Housewives Today", supporting The British Housewives' League:  
Dear Friends,

During this last year closer bonds than ever have been cemented between friends throughout the Dominions and Great Britain, as the activities of the League of Rights increase, and bring their efforts closer and closer on target.



Mr. Sidney Wood, President of The New Zealand League of Rights, addresses dinner audience. Mr. Jack Hebbel from Queensland is in the foreground. Directly behind him is Mrs. Eric Butler.

It is particularly gratifying that the position of women in this effort is now understood; they have a special role to play, now that it is fully recognised that in their hands lies the safeguarding of civilisation.

The delusion that women are now "freer" than ever before will be torn to shreds by the Lilac League and *Ladies' Line*. Australian women are on the way to showing that what we are suffering from is not merely the exploitation of sex, but the commercial exploitation of sex. When women don't understand what is happening they help to make pornography pay.

We must clarify the relation between commercial exploitation of women and rising prices of food, clothing and shelter, all things, which are basic necessities to the home life of the nation; and the relationship of these things to the "unemployment" problem.

Greetings to all fellow workers in Australia at this momentous gathering, and to women in the rural communities, the schools, the factories, the shops, and the homes—wherever their voices are heard in support of REALITY.

**THOSE THEY SMEAR ARE THOSE THEY FEAR**  
**From Mr. Patrick Walsh, Research Director, The Canadian League of Rights:**

Dear Friends of *The New Times*,

As I write you tonight the confirmation has just arrived over the radio and television news broadcasts that the so-called "Social Credit" Government of Alberta has gone down to a stunning defeat, retaining only 25 seats out of the 75 Provincial seats and with the Conservatives gaining a decisive victory with 49 seats.

This political upset should rejoice all *New Times* readers and supporters of the League because it marks the end of a political party which has prostituted the name of Social Credit and whose leaders and organisers callously smeared all honest believers in Douglas Social Credit when not actually trying to hound these people from pillar to post.

Thirty-six years have passed since the Social Credit Party first took political power in Alberta. The first years often gave hope that true Social Credit principles as enunciated by C. H. Douglas would be implemented, despite repeated warnings from Douglas himself about the snags and snares of political power. But these heady initial years soon gave rise to despair and frustration as the professional wheeler-dealers and crass politicians consolidated their slimy grip on the party and government leadership. It soon was no longer possible for honest and sincere Douglas Social Crediters to compromise with Manning and Co. who began putting political expediency ahead of Douglas principles. It is unfortunate that it took so many years for the people of Alberta to realise the treachery and the deceit concealed behind the mask of hypocrisy and political cant.

In these decisive months when true Douglas Social Crediters took a principled stand against the betrayers of C. H. Douglas's principle a few dedicated Social Crediters

stood head and shoulders above everyone else and dared to be Daniels in rallying the honest elements to positive action to offset the shameful betrayal. Our National Director, Ron Gostick, was one of these men. Your National Director, Eric Butler, also alerted Australians and New Zealanders to the crass opportunism inherent in the Social Credit Party in Alberta and correctly predicted its eventual demise. We are proud that these two outstanding leaders dared to challenge the sincerity of the misleaders of the Social Credit Party and held high the unstained banner of C. H. Douglas Social Credit.

It was with deep regret that I could not take up the offer of your National Director, Mr. Eric Butler, to make a short tour of Australia after my participation in the Fifth World Anti-Communist League Conference in the Philippines in July. The Canadian situation compelled me to return to Canada immediately, but I do hope to participate in another Australian speaking tour in future years.

Your theme this year on our Heritage is indeed a challenging one. We are following with great interest your successful attempts against the combined attacks of the enemy and their dupes. Also remember, "Those they smear are those they fear". What better conclusion could I send in the context of such terrific impacts being produced by our entire sister League organisations, than in the text: "Stand fast in the Faith" (1 Corinthians 16:13). We of the Canadian League of Rights are with you in spirit today. God bless.

**BY . . . FORGETTING THE OLD STANDARD AND VALUES WE HAVE BECOME CONFUSED AND UNCERTAIN**

**From Miss Clara Gliddon, Adelaide, South Australia:**

I send my greetings and best wishes to all League members. The 1971 Dinner is to be an introduction to the study of our Heritage. I looked in my dictionary for the meaning of this word and it reads, "That which is inherited or the saints and people of God." If this is our heritage, how has this trust been fulfilled? In Britain,



Talking things over. From left: Mr. Ron Dyason, Mr. A. Porter, pioneer support Norman White and Mr. Karl Moeller.

by the first followers of "The Way" who trained the men and women who went forth to give Christianity to the world. Many were martyred, but the Faith prevailed. The laws made by King Alfred and King Arthur should be studied. These are part of our heritage.

Magna Carta, 1215, is a milestone in our long heritage story, where at Runnymede the Barons and free men of England made King John seal the historic document. The Common Law of England, used by all the English-speaking nations, gives justice to all men. This law is the enemy of the world. This is our heritage. The gifted poets and writers who used our magnificent language to record our history from Stonehenge to the present day—this is our heritage.

Today by following the peddlers of changed faiths and ideas, and forgetting the old standard and values, we have become confused and uncertain. The Australian League of Rights believes in our Christian heritage. We believe in a strong Commonwealth with the Queen at our head. That only by going back these long-held Christian standards can we build a happy, prosperous nation.

#### **STAND BY THE PRINCIPLES WHICH DOUGLAS PUT FORWARD**

**From Mr. Phillip D. Butler, British Columbia Field Director, The Canadian League of Rights:**

Greetings from the most beautiful part of Canada, the Province of British Columbia! I urge you all at the Dinner tonight to stand firmly by the principles, which Douglas put forward. You have inspired many Canadians to stand fast in the knowledge that they are not alone. So in turn the people of Australia are not alone.

(Like Mr. Pat Walsh, Mr. Butler referred to the prostitution of Social Credit in Alberta and British Columbia.)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS ON HOSTILITY RECEIVED**

There was a special round of applause for a cable from the Candour League of Rhodesia:

"Congratulations on hostility received. Real tribute to effectiveness. More power to your elbow and another successful year."

#### **THE YEAR AHEAD . . . WILL TEST THE VALIDITY OF OUR TRUE HERITAGE**

**From John Brett, Chairman Kingstown, N.S.W., V.P.A.:**

On this momentous occasion we extend to you all, our felicitations, tinged with regret that we cannot be numbered amongst you.

However, we are with you in spirit again, knowing that this occasion of the launching of the Heritage Society, will strike further fear into the minds of those, who only wish our better past into oblivion.

The year ahead we feel sure will test the validity of our true heritage, and we know it will not be found wanting.

We are keenly aware now, of the vision and courage of Eric. Men of his calibre and vision are sent to us

rarely. How blessed are we, that he was sent amongst us, and how privileged we are to be humbly associated with his vision, his efforts and success.

Perhaps in the light of current and recent events, these words from our Queen, may underline the reality of our actions: "In the seven hundred years of its history, the British Parliament has gone through many changes, but above all it has learnt the virtue of tolerance—tolerance of differing views, and tolerance of minority opinion. Real freedom is the freedom to make choices and parliament has learnt that this is only possible when people exercise self-control and where the law is only needed to reinforce self-discipline. It has learn to encourage every citizen to feel a sense of responsibility for the welfare and security of his country".

Quotation. Extract from a speech made by the Queen, in reply to a speech by the Marxist Dr. Salvadore Allende, in the Chilean Congress on November 4, 1968. See page 88 *The Reality of Monarchy* by Andrew Duncan, Pan Books. Preamble to speech on page 84.

#### **TRUTH IS AN INDESTRUCTIBLE ALLY**

**From Robert Nixon, W.A. State Secretary of The Institute of Economic Democracy:**

As the crisis deepens it is becoming increasingly apparent that we gain an even greater understanding and faith in truth. Truth is an indestructible ally against the forces of evil; it is the only friend in a tight corner when the pressure is really on, but remember our opponents seek the deviation, by those who forget it is an absolute.

#### **FROM V.P.A.S AND LILAC LEAGUES**

From Dulcie Willacy and Jean McIntyre, Warra-Brigalow, Queensland, Lilac League:

Best wishes for successful launching of the Australian Heritage Society. May it flourish and prosper, because of truth and the integrity of its founders. We are with you in spirit. We know the wonderful feeling of fellowship



Mr. Eric Butler talks to "Women of the West". From left: Mrs. C. Eley, Mrs. O. Wilson, Mrs. Wanda Teakle and Mrs. Lillian Archie. Also at table was Mr. Chas Aisthorpe of Roma, Queensland, at extreme left, and Mr. C. Eley.

with people, who share the same ideals and beliefs. May God bless the effort you are making in His name.

From W. Teakle on behalf of all members of the Rural Women's Central Action Council, Queensland:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time and we pray you may have the strength and faith to fortify for the battle ahead in this very serious crisis.

From Warra No. 1 V.P.A.:

I wish you all the best for a successful Dinner and Seminar. I might add that after all the recent excitement in these areas things at the moment are rather quiet. As there is always a lull before a storm we are wondering when the next storm will break. —Alan H. Ellis.

From Jane George on behalf of the Brisbane Lilac League:

Best wishes for the forthcoming Seminar which should, we feel, be most rewarding. We would also like to wish you all a splendid time at the Dinner. We hope that the Dinner and Seminar will both prove to be not only enlightening, but relaxing and that the wonderful Melbourne team will be able to "put their feet up" for a short while and be refreshed in body and spirit. We pray God's blessing on you all, and as you continue to fight in defence of our Christian Heritage we would like you to know that we too, as St. Paul put it to the Ephesians, are "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil". In other words, we are hard at it.

From Wandoan, Queensland, V.P.A.:

Wishing you every success. Had hoped to be with you but missed out on wheat so have no funds. Bernadette has had a baby. It's nothing to what the politicians will have when the Electors' Associations get going!

Individual messages were received from Neil McDonald, Geelong, Victoria ("May your reunion never go on strike"). A. Reimers. Haden Queensland ("May the League go on to victory"). Laurie Teakle, Jondaryan, Queensland, who "held the fort" at home while his wife, Wanda, attended with "The Women of the West", and our esteemed contributor, D. Watts, who wrote, "You know that my thoughts are with the workers for the League, not only on feast days, but always".

## LEAGUE SEEKS \$25,000 FOR 1971-72

The Australian League of Rights has announced that it is seeking a basic fund of \$25,000 for 1971-72. Already over \$1000 has been pledged. As the League is now the centre of so much encouraging activity in a variety of spheres, we once again recommend that our readers give their maximum support. Queensland and northern N.S.W. readers should send donations and/or pledges to The League of Rights, Box 17, Alderley, Queensland, 4051. All other donations to The League of Rights, Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, Victoria, 3001.

## AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY LAUNCHED

The successful launching of the Australian Heritage Society at the League of Rights National Seminar on Saturday, September 18, produced a new spate of anti-League smearing. One of the most inspiring achievements in the history of the League, the Heritage Seminar attracted an attendance of approximately 400. It was fitting that the Seminar should be officially opened by a most distinguished Australian, the Hon. Sir Reginald Sholl former Justice of the Victorian Supreme Court and former Australian Consul-General to New York. In endorsing the League's latest venture, Sir Reginald Sholl advised his listeners to take recent smearing of the League "with several grains of salt".

There was keen interest in the many exhibitions and displays at the Seminar, particularly in the pottery weaving and spinning displays.

The papers by the Hon. George Reid, Q.C., Sir Stanton Hicks, Sir Raphael Cilento and Mr. Eric D. Butler, are all in process of being published by The Australian Heritage Society. It is anticipated that the first to be published will be "Ecology— And Us" by Sir Stanton Hicks, to be followed by "The Essential Christian Heritage", by Mr. Eric D. Butler. A large number of those at the Seminar left their names and addresses indicating that they wish to become Foundation Members of the Society. We will announce further information about the Society when it comes to hand.

## SIR RAPHAEL CILENTO ON AUSTRALIA'S RACIAL HERITAGE

"We must be constantly vigilant, constantly examining the purity of our racial blood to prevent racial clots which might end in disaster. The tensions and dissatisfactions of minorities can become these clots." - Sir Raphael Cilento in address to Heritage Seminar.



Young people in happy mood. Corporal Gary Taylor recently returned from Vietnam, announced engagement to Miss Sally Newnham, sitting next to him. C. G. Bock is standing with Miss Clarke. Seated are Dale and Malcolm Hollands and Miss Jennifer Rock.

## "I AM BUT A LINK IN A CHAIN . . . WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO GROW DOWN THE CORRIDORS OF TIME" — MR. KEITH FUSS

In introducing the proposer and seconder of the toast to "The New Times", Mr. Keith Fuss from Dalby, Queensland, and Mr. Tom Cleary from Murchison, Victoria, Mr. Rock said that those present were in for a tremendous feast. Mr. Keith Fuss was an old stalwart, but he was attending his first Dinner with his wife, Valda. He had served his country in war as well as in what is termed peace. A Queensland Regional Council Chairman for the League of Rights, "he is one of those who in southern Queensland has played such a major role in laying the foundations for the massive League advance in this part of Australia."

Mr. Rock pointed out that Mr. Fuss's association with the League went back to just after the war when he was farming on the West Coast of South Australia. "As Branch Chairman of the Country Party in Dalby, his position has in recent times become increasingly difficult. A lesser man would have collapsed under the pressure. But Keith Fuss has stood up to be counted. Referring to Mr. Tom Cleary, Mr. Rock said that he was a comparatively new supporter, but had already shown his mettle as a chairman of the Murray Electors' Association, a pioneering venture in political action which he felt was going to dramatically change the whole course of Australian politics."

### "TWO CONFLICTING VISIONS"

In proposing the toast to *The New Times* Mr. Fuss said:

"To be proposing the toast to *The New Times* is without any doubt the greatest privilege and highest honour, that has been mine to enjoy.

"In this role I am but a link in a chain, that not only reaches back into the past 'linking me with those great Australians who have performed this task before me', but a chain which will continue to grow down the corridors of time into the unknown future.

"In proposing the toast I want to deal with it in three parts.

*The New Times*—The Vision.

*The New Times*—The Medium

*The New Times*—The Team

#### The Vision . . .

"The important question here is: **What is the Vision?** In all ages men have held either one or the other, of two conflicting visions, and the one which man follows determines his faith, and actions . . . indeed his ultimate destiny.

"Whittaker Chambers in his tremendous book *Witness*, reminds us of this fact when describing the source, of the power and faith of the Communist. I quote:

'Like all great faiths its source derives from a simple vision, **The Vision of Man Without God**

It's the alternative faith of mankind,

Its promise was whispered in the first days of creation, under the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

**Ye shall be as God's**

It's the vision of Man's mind displacing God as the creative intelligence of this world.

It's the vision of Man once more the central figure in creation, not because God made him in his image, but because Man's mind makes him the most intelligent of the animals.'

"In reality, it's a vision tempting in its promise, but devised with great cunning to destroy the will of its victims, and it can only end in the mental and physical enslavement of mankind.

"The vision of *The New Times* is as old as man, and is the very antipathy of the other concept: It is, **the Vision of God and Man's relationship to God.**

"It's the vision of a world (to quote Eric Butler) 'where 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'. "Its promise: **Ye shall be Sons of God.** "It's the reality in our Lord's statement when he said: I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly. It's the vision of the application of practical Christianity, or as Douglas would have said, 'the Policy of a Philosophy', wherein institutions and governments, serve rather than control the individual.

"It's the vision of a world where the regeneration of a collapsing civilization, would enable man to regain his most divine attribute, creative initiative, and use it to recapture that basic essential of real freedom, economic freedom. Remember the words of Micah, ch. 4, v. 4, 'But they shall sit everyone, under his vine and under his fig tree and none shall make them afraid

### "THE CONSCIENCE OF OUR SOCIETY"

#### The Medium . . .

Here we think of *The New Times*, the journal itself, and the technology that makes it possible. This we could say is the inanimate part. First published in 1935, it



"'The New Times' has for 36 years acted as the conscience of our society" — Mr. Keith Fuss proposes toast to "The New Times".

has for 36 years acted as the conscience of our society and as the medium for an undeviating line in the promulgation of the truth, on great issues. Like the ripples from a pebble thrown into a pond its influence has kept expanding from the centre.

"It would be extremely difficult to measure the impact and influence that the little journal has had on the people of this country. Personally, I first came in contact with it by chance, somewhere in New Guinea, as a soldier during the Second World War. Reading it would have been the first step taken on a road that has led me to here tonight.

"I am mindful that . . . 'the pen is mightier than the sword'.

"Lastly, the third part of this toast.

### The Team . . .

"This is a most important part of the threefold concept, in the sense that here we are dealing with the realm of **men** and **women**, the creative element, the motivating force, that which translates faith into action and vision into reality.

"It is in this field that the individual is supreme, and the spirit within Man shines through, yet nonetheless, through the increment of association with his fellows, often that which appears impossible is achieved.

"When thinking on the team, we would honour tonight those comparatively few, who in the struggle have stood firm in the face of all adversity, and over long weary years, have never faltered in their endeavour to keep the light of faith and knowledge burning brightly.

"Having caught the vision, they have held it aloft as a beacon for all to see.

"They have utilized the medium to support that vision, with the truth that is eternal.

"And as members of the team have translated this into action. To them we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for having acted as the custodians of those values and principles, which Man ignores at his peril.

"It is fitting, I believe, that we should pay a special tribute to our National Director of the League of Rights, the captain of the team, who in spite of the most vicious and slanderous attacks on himself, has remained indomitable in spirit, of unconquerable faith, and who by personal sacrifice and example, by sheer tenacity and dedication, has exerted such an influence that the team has grown into a mighty league of dedicated, educated men and women who see themselves not as party hacks or seekers after some petty material gain, but as individuals accepting their responsibility, and standing up to be counted as part of the team.

"Having caught the vision, they want to do something useful and purposeful with their lives, in opposition to those who seek to drive Man down the scale of existence, and deny him his divine destiny. I will conclude with the words of the American, Harry Emerson Fosdick: 'always in history character and happiness come to people when they shoulder their personal responsibility'

### "THE TIMES ARE AUSPICIOUS"

In seconding the toast to *The New Times*, Mr. Tom Cleary said: "It is indeed an honour and a privilege for me to second this toast, so inspiringly proposed by Mr. Keith Fuss. Standing here, I feel as a small tree amongst the forest giants, giants that have withstood many an onslaught, but have emerged stronger and more resolute than before. Such an onslaught is in full fury at this present time, so be encouraged all friends of freedom and writers in its defence. The times are auspicious and your labours are not in vain. Whole populations admonished by you are starting from sleep and apathy, breaking their fetters, claiming justice and demanding a reversal of the disastrous policies currently being pursued.

"So behold the light you hold high—handed to us by Clifford Hugh Douglas - - to sustain, brighten and enlighten the life of man. This is the challenge of *The New Times*; to light the way so the West can be made truly free. Then let it be reflected to the East and there kindled into a blaze that will lay the ultimate despotism in ashes. Let it be recorded in the history books that we in this age lived to see the rights of Man better understood than ever, with nations yearning for liberty, where before the idea seemed lost.

"Early this year the Murray Electors' Association was formed because there were people alarmed at the erosion of genuine political democracy. These people actively participated in the Murray By-election with the result that there were those don't rock the boat types of political gentlemen who resented their electors participating, offering suggestions and asking for results. And I might add they are still smarting from the experience.

"I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Tom Fielder, my co-chairman, who at the height of the campaign, took ill but refused to desist, continuing to work and organise from his hospital bed. This was the action of a true and dedicated patriot, as are all who carry the torch of freedom in times of adversity. We believe, and I know you will all agree, that this type of development is simply a manifestation of the concept to re-establish genuine political democracy. We further believe that people in many electorates are ready and willing to form themselves into such associations, associations removed from narrow and often ruthless party



"I feel as a small tree amongst the forest giants" — Mr. Tom Cleary, seconding the toast to "The New Times".

politics. As it is not my desire to take any further time in seconding this toast, I believe it would be appropriate and proper for me to say: May the good Lord bless and guide *The New Times* in its endeavours, and may He strengthen those who attempt to raise their eyes from the dark to the light.

### IN LIGHTER VAIN

**During a break in the reading of the Dinner messages, Mr. Eric Butler said that he had received a personal message from the Brisbane Lilac Group, which he felt reflected the right manner in which supporters should react to the suggestion by Dr. Wallman, in the recent national television debate, that the League was running military training schools! The letter was from Mrs. Jane George:**

"Dear Field Marshal Eric Butler (excuse my ignorance if Field Marshal is not the highest military rank, but as you know, we are pretty raw recruits, but we hope to improve with drill, etc.) well, anyway, dear Field Marshal, you will be happy to know that the Brisbane Lilac Leaguers are now known as The Battling Berthas of Brisbane. We expected Editor Jean Luscombe to be at least a lieutenant, but she wants to be a cook. However, she is a bit funny about putting anything red in the stew pot.

"Now as you may be wondering as to why we have gone all military on you, it's because of Dr. Wallman telling about how we are a military mob and that we aim to take over Australia. So we are all excited and are forming threes (some of the older Battling Berthas insist on forming fours, but they'll get over it) and drilling at the moment with broom handles. Private Peg Fox insists on wearing pink pearls with her military boots, which look incongruous. But she is pretty good at wielding a pen, which they say is mightier than the sword (although

why Gerald Stone didn't lop off St. John's head the other night, I'll never know - - I've written and asked anyway).

"Private Kath Street has an unfair advantage over the rest of us. Her son Bradley is a lance corporal, so she has private tuition in spit and polish, etc. And I know you will be pleased to know that Corporal Paech is wielding a lance, which is constantly stabbing the various M.L.A.s and M.H.R.s just where it hurts. We've given Mrs. Paech the rank of corporal because she is nice and tall. And she has known you a long time. And she is good at stabbing. The rest of the Brigade is fighting fit: Appleton, Joyner, Sharonoff, Kay Sharpe (she is AWL, her excuse being a new baby) and George. We are all in good shape although we find it difficult to form a straight line for drilling. Some of us have to take a pace backwards to be equal with the others. It looks odd from the back, level from the front. I would say that we look formidable. I understand the women of the Darling Downs will march across Australia barefoot if necessary

"No doubt you will be awarding ranks later, but in the meantime we will have to battle on, apart from using ammunition from *On Target* and *Ladies' Line*.

"We do feel that the Brisbane Brigade is having a victory over 'sex' (and about time, too, at our ages!). The onslaught has been overwhelming and various bodies are joining in the campaign and many encouraging reports are coming in. When we take over Australia, and I suppose you are installed at the Lodge—Jean Luscombe still wants to be a cook and I would like to be a lady (it would make a nice change). In the meantime our best wishes to the Melbourne platoon. Believe you me, the shots that have been fired at the "This Day Tonight" programme should make the ABC take cover. Sincerely, (signed) Jane ('Military Molly') George."

### 'THE NEW TIMES' AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR WORLD IS GROWING"

**In an address worthy of the occasion, Chairman Edward Rock responded to the toast to "The New Times", first paying tribute to the outstanding quality of the speakers who proposed the toast. They provided striking evidence of the calibre of the type of men and women spearheading the work of The League of Rights and associated activities. Mr. Rock also said that he wished to thank all those volunteers who helped with the wrapping of the journals and so many other activities. "They are the unsung heroes of the movement", he said.**

#### Mr. Rock continued:

"Tonight we are gathered to celebrate the 36th anniversary of *The New Times* and the 25th annual Dinner. There have been periods during that time, such as when under the editorship of the late Tom Moore, that *The New Times* was a household word in the Australian community. And to Tom Moore present and future generations of Australians owe a deep debt of gratitude. In a very real demonstration of faith he forsook all other that truth may live. Before he died an early death he put *The New Times* on a solid foundation.

"In the post-war years many small journals of opinion such as *The New Times* went into oblivion. And it is probably true that if it were not for the strength of purpose, the vision and patient dogmatism of the present editor the journal would not have survived the 'fifties.

"But today *The New Times* and its impact on our world is growing, not so much because of the numbers who read it—and they are growing steadily—but because of its ideas. In fact there is no relationship between the numbers who read this paper and the force with which



the ideas expounded in its pages are now taking deeper root throughout Australia and the English-speaking world.

"The answer to why this is so lies simply in the indestructible force of the creative mind of the late C. H. Douglas. Douglas exemplified the power and progress that grows from that unique creation of God—the individual, who, reacting to the creative force of the divine spark, the gift of inheritance from his heavenly father, seeks to climb above the restrictions of his mortal self.

"John Steinbeck pinpointed this force when he wrote that 'Our species has only one creative instrument, the individual mind and spirit . . . Once the miracle of creation has taken place, the group can build and extend it, but the group never invents anything. That preciousness lies in the lonely mind of a man.'

"Steinbeck could have added with Douglas that the group will not build unless guided by the spirit of God. As Douglas said, the mass giveth and taketh away, 'in exchange for the soul'.

"Today the forces of evil which thought that the power of Douglas was destroyed and his creativity dead and buried, are discovering an age-old truth, that those that are born of God 'shall never die'. They are discovering to their cost that Douglas is very much alive.

"They are being forced on to the defensive. We should not confuse the present period of chaos when the forces of evil appear to be in the ascendancy with victory for those forces. At Golgotha they mistakenly thought that they had brought to an end the force they feared most. It was only a beginning. Even today the puny mind of man grasps at death as a final solution to those things he fears. A politician deprecating the contribution of Douglas recently remarked that he had been born 'before the First World War'. Such ignorance is too stupid to comment upon except to remind ourselves that time has nothing to do with morality. Douglas reminded us that the Church and Christians have a direct responsibility to clearly enunciate on the question of time. He reminded us that we have been saying for hundreds of years, 'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end'. And we should be clear on what we mean by it. Douglas took seriously Christ's injunction, 'Heaven and Earth may pass away, but my word will never pass away'.

### THE POWER OF BELIEF

"It is the power of this belief, and the understanding of how the principles of the Christian doctrine of love can become the 'warp and woof of the fabric of society, weaving their way through the political, financial, economic, cultural, educational, theological institutions, which will force the defensive positions of the forces of evil to crumble and finally collapse. The contribution of Douglas in this process is singularly complete. As much as any, and more than most, he has opened the door to an understanding of the ways and means our institutions can be turned from destroying man, to serving man. So

that man shall really know the meaning of freedom. That they may really know the freedom to choose, to believe, to reject, to hear, to tell, to know, to understand, and in understanding do all things for the glory of God.

"As an engineer Douglas knew that the final consummation of any concept was in ways and means. That to talk and to know and to understand was not sufficient. That the meaning of service was to be the servant. He reminded us of Christ's injunction, 'He that would be the greatest amongst you let him be your servant'.

"Therefore he at all times sought to point us towards the most effective forms of being personally responsible and using our individual sovereignty to control and guide our institutions. We are indebted to the recent republication by the Canadian branch of The Institute of Economic Democracy, the sister organisation to our own pioneering organisation here in Australia, of a talk given in Belfast\* in 1936 by Douglas. We should all read it, and especially dwell on some of his remarks in the last few paragraphs, the following is particularly relevant: ' . . . I have been accused of advocating rebellion against the State. Nothing of the kind. What I am telling you is that either you are the State and you can change what you do not like, or else the State is your enemy; and that all the powers of the State derive from you and have been usurped from you to the extent that they have been separated from you. I am confident, with a confidence that nothing will shake, first of all, that a genuine democracy of policy is the fundamental basis of association, and that no association, which disagrees with this idea, can continue. Therefore, the first requisite is to get into your consciousness as a living, driving, motive force that this is **your** country and that the conditions in it are **your** responsibility, and that government officials are **your servants** and not your masters, and that the sooner that they are told in unmistakable terms the better it will be for you and better it will be for them . . .

'Don't waste your time looking round for someone who is going to do the job for you, you won't find him. If you won't do it yourselves, it is not going to be done.

\***Dictatorship by Taxation**, by C. H. Douglas, 40 cents, post-free.



Mr. Laurie Wilksch proposes the loyal toast.

Take your present Members of Parliament just as you find them and disabuse them of the ideas that they are heaven-sent geniuses, which you have elected to run the country for you. They don't run the country anyway, but you let them think they do. Your Members of Parliament are elected to represent the common will, not the uncommon intelligence. The proper place for intelligence is in the ranks of the technicians who should be the servants of the common will.

## THE ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

The following is an extract from Mr. Eric Butler's paper at The National League of Rights Seminar:

One of the most famous, and important, landmarks in English constitutional history was the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. When the Caesar of the day, King John, attempted to combine both power and authority in his own person, he violated constitutional principles, which had grown out of the climate created by the Christian Church. There were three sovereignties represented at the historic event on the isle of Runnymede: the Crown, the Church, and the Barons, who claimed to speak for the people. Although the Barons provided the physical sanctions, these in turn were modified by the spiritual sanctions of the Church, which in the person of Archbishop Langton, played a decisive role in the formulating of Magna Carta. Here was the Christian Church insisting, not that complete power should be taken from one man and given to another group of men, but that power should be divided and subject to God's laws. As the famous English historian, Sir Arthur Bryant, writes in his *History of England*:

"It was not Langton's wish to see the Crown overthrown, the law ignored, the realm divided, the Barons petty tyrants. What he wanted was that the King should preserve the law his predecessors created. And it was to the law that the Archbishop appealed, not only of man, but of God. For it was the essence of mediaeval philosophy that God ruled the earth, and that man, and kings above all men, must further His ends by doing justice or it was not in Christian eyes justice at all."

The first clause of Magna Carta reads: "**That the Church of England shall be free, and enjoy her rights and liberties inviolable**". This was imposed on King John as a declaration of independence in certain well-defined areas from interference by the Crown or any other power concerning matters of religion these things which belong to God. It was a declaration against a monopoly of power. The underlying concept of Magna Carta was to establish every individual, irrespective of his station in life, in his rights. It was a striking manifestation of the application of the Christian concept of the sovereignty of the individual, as was English Common Law, one of the most priceless aspects of the essential Christian heritage. Magna Carta was a major landmark in English constitutional development. But it is important to stress that basically it reaffirmed principles which had been

' . . . Perhaps I may emphasise the absurdity of talking about systems, as if systems could be run without men. Deep down below questions of finance the fundamental issue which is at stake in civilisation at the present time is that of personal responsibility.'"

Mr. Rock concluded his address with a strong appeal to all those gathered together at the Dinner to go back to their communities, to accept their responsibilities to carry on the fight for Christian civilisation.

accepted for centuries in England. What came to be known as English Common Law grew out of the active part played by Christian theologians in attempting to evolve ways and means of successfully subordinating power to authority. While the Roman concept of the Rule of Law was a major contribution to the development of civilisation, and while English constitutionalists acknowledged the importance of the Rule of Law, they also grasped that unless a people's customs are considered in the development of any legal system, there can be serious injustices. English Common Law was a unique contribution to the development of Western Christian Civilisation. Englishmen spoke less about wanting justice, which can be an abstraction and more about their rights, rights stemming from a tradition rooted in the Christian philosophy. It was because Englishmen in the North American colonies were denied what they considered their God-given rights, that they eventually revolted against the British Government.

The modern concept of what is called the Rule of Law is far removed from the concept of English Common Law. A realistic examination of this subject requires that first we ask, "whose law?" Like every other human system, a system of law must, if the Christian view of reality is to be accepted, seek to serve the individual, to ensure that his natural rights are protected, that his sovereignty as a free and responsible individual is ensured, and that the Courts exist to enable him to seek the protection of an independent judiciary. In a Christian society it is essential that members of the judiciary also accept the Christian basis of English Common Law, and are not afraid to pronounce against governments when they are violating the Common Law. The suggestion that the world can be subordinated to a rigid Rule of Law implies that the relationship of every individual in the world to the Law must be exactly the same. William Blake, the English poet and mystic grasped the necessity of any system of law being related as far as possible to reality when he said, "**One law for the lion and the lamb is oppression**". Shakespeare also understood this issue. Justice as seen by Shylock demonstrates the un-suitability of the strict, rigid legal process to anything but a purely static situation. There can be a vast difference between the **letter** of the law and the **spirit** of the

law, a difference which Christ attempted to demonstrate to the Pharisees of His day.

### A BREAK WITH THE CHRISTIAN CONCEPT OF LAW

It is important to recall that up until 1917 British Lord Chancellors had expressly stated that Christianity was part and parcel of the English Common Law. But in 1917 a British House of Lords, formerly a vital part of the British constitutional system, providing a check and balance concerning the use of power, but weakened over the years by the attacks of the British Liberals, declared that Christianity was no longer a part of the law of England. This decision was a major defeat for the Christian heritage. It reflected the weakening of belief in the undergirding spiritual values of a civilisation. It was a break with the tradition of law as expressed by the famous English constitutional authority, William Blackstone, who wrote, "**The Law of Nature being coeval with mankind, and dictated by God Himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding all over the globe in all countries and at all times; no human laws are of any validity if contrary to this . . .**"

Commenting on the break with the Christian Heritage by the House of Lords in 1917, but certainly not commending it. Sir William Holdsworthy, Professor of Law at the University of Oxford, said: "**The Judges are obliged to admit that (Government statutes) however morally unjust must be obeyed . . . One might have thought that the excesses of the Nazi regime would have made our jurists realise the iniquity of such a theory of law. England's Attorney-General at Nuremberg demanded the death sentence for Germans who obeyed the Nazis, but back in England the same Attorney-General ('Times', May 13, 1946) said 'Parliament is sovereign, it can make any laws. It could ordain that all blue-eyed babies be destroyed at birth'. Herod could not teach our modern jurists anything. They are grimly earnest—'Laws may be iniquitous, but they cannot be unjust'.**"

Professor Holdsworthy said at the time the House of Lords decided that Christianity was no longer part of the law of England, that "It is not unlikely that Caesar, now that he has deliberately abandoned the task of securing for God the things that are God's, will find considerably greater difficulty in securing for himself the things that are Caesar's." Events have grimly confirmed Professor Holdsworthy's warning. The challenge to authority in all its form is the greatest problem threatening the foundations of civilisation today. Authority has been undermined because the fountainhead of all authority is denied. Truly, "the fool has said in his heart there is no God".

It is significant that one of the most influential Marxists of this century, Professor Harold J. Laski, stressed that the idea of Christianity being an essential part of the British Constitution, must be rejected in favour of the concept of the "sovereignty of Parliament". This totalitarian concept is widespread today, with the result that modern governments now believe that if they can persuade

a majority of electors to vote for them, irrespective of how this is achieved and how small the majority, they then have the "right" to do as they like until the next elections. The lawyers and judiciary are expected to spend their time interpreting the stream of laws passed by governments without any reference to Natural or Christian Law. Added to this is the framing of regulations, which have the force of law, by non-elected officials using delegated power. One of the first to perceive the erosion of responsible government and the freedom and rights of the individual, was a former Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Hewart, who caused a major sensation after the First World War with his aptly described book, *The New Despotism*. The warning was brushed aside by Professor Laski and those who accepted his philosophy. Laski blatantly stated that government should be able "legally" to acquire any property desired. He said that it did not matter if financial compensation had to be paid, as the government could then take care of this through its taxing powers! The sequel to Lord Hewart's *The New Despotism* came from the pen of another eminent English constitutional authority, Professor G. Keeton, 30 years later. Keeton's book was called *The Passing of Parliament*. One of the most significant chapters in this book was "On the Road to Moscow". Only the shell of the once famous British Constitution remains. It is a far cry from that period in English history when, as described by Blackstone in his *Commentaries*, 1765, that Edward I had confirmed Magna Carta by a statute "**whereby the Great Charter is directed to be allowed as the common law; all judgments contrary to it are declared void; copies of it are ordered to be sent to all Cathedral Churches, and read twice a year to the people; and sentence of excommunication is directed to be as constantly denounced against all those that by work, deed or counsel act contrary thereto, or in any degree infringe it.**" This explains why Communist literature always seeks to pervert the real significance of what Magna Carta was about. How many children, even in Church schools, throughout the English-speaking world today are taught about the



An all-male dinner party: Mr. R. Lanzon, Mr. G. O'Brien, Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. T. O'Brien, Mr. Milton Tinkler, Mr. Terry Brady, pioneer supporter Harold Hotchkin, and Mr. Ern Radke.

real significance of Magna Carta, a major event in their Christian heritage?

Rightness in politics and economics will not be achieved until the scope, function and authority of human law is resolved. An eminent lawyer, Professor R. W. Chambers has succinctly stated the issue: **"Upon that difference—whether or not we place Divine Law in the last resort above the law of the State—depends the whole future of the world."**

### HIGH QUALITY SPEECHES

The Dinner speeches were of a very high quality and each address made a vital contribution to that indescribable atmosphere which always develops at this annual function. In introducing Mr. Laurie Wilksch of Loxton, South Australia, to propose the loyal toast, the Chairman observed that Mr. Wilksch was the man who had personally challenged Mr. Doug Anthony when the Country Party leader had smeared the League of Rights at the South Australian Country Party conference. In a most dignified and impressive address, Mr. Wilksch said that as the theme of the Dinner, and the League of Rights Seminar, was heritage, it would be fitting to deal with a piece of Australian history, the settlement of Germans in South Australia who sought refuge under the British flag to escape from persecution in their home country.

The toast to *The New Times* was proposed by Mr. Keith Fuss of Dalby, and seconded by Mr. Tom Cleary of Murchison, Victoria. Both speakers paid a warm tribute to the contribution made by *The New Times* to Australian history. As usual, a major feature of the Annual Dinner was the opportunity for guests from all parts of Australia to move around, to meet one another, exchange experiences, and to partake of the deep and inspiring sense of fellowship generated by the coming together of those dedicated to the pursuit of truth.

### ANOTHER WATERLOO

In the final address of the evening, Mr. Eric Butler said that as he looked out over the enjoyment of the Dinner he was reminded of Byron's famous verse describing the "sound by revelry by night" on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. "That enjoyment was shattered by the sound of the cannon's opening roar in a decisive battle which changed the course of world history." Mr. Butler said that while it could not be denied that those present were amongst a comparative few who were about to face one of the greatest testing periods in man's history, they should always maintain a sense of balance and humour. Mr. Butler spent a little time in providing examples of some of the lighter side of serious campaigning. "Our enemies do not appreciate the weapon of humour," he said.

Touching upon some of the aspects of the mounting national smear against the League of Rights, Mr. Butler said that this was a striking confirmation that the type of programme being fostered and encouraged by the

League was causing consternation amongst those seeking to build a complete monopoly of all power. He said, "They realise that this is now the major barrier they must smash if they are to be successful," and continued, "as we enter upon the final stages of the battle for the world, we must face the truth that the enemy is not only at the gates; he is inside the gates; he has penetrated deep into our most cherished institutions; he has poured his poison into our educational and cultural bloodstream. He has even debased our most sacred institution, the Christian Church, where an un-Godly treason now flourishes. Authority of every kind is mocked. The barbarians are upon us. One of their major weapons is that of the smear, of attempting to single out and strike down those who seek to stand up for right."

Mr. Butler said that an increasing number of responsible Australians were now standing with the League, refusing to be intimidated. He concluded by saying that Wellington had mastered Napoleon at Waterloo because "the British red lines, drawn up in squares, stood firm long enough as the mightiest war machine Europe had seen at that time hurled itself time and time against the barrier to victory. The League of Rights and its allies around the English-speaking world are equivalent of those red lines at Waterloo. We are, in spite of casualties, not only holding the line, but are already moving to the counter-offensive. Out of the wreckage of the fiercely contested battle we can, we must, win through to a victory which will change the course of man's history even more than did the Battle of Waterloo."

### HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VPA CONFERENCE

**Approximately 50 Voters' Policy Associations were represented at the National V.P.A. Conference at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Butler on Sunday, September 19. Loud applause greeted the report by the National Coordinator of the V.P.A. structure, Mr. John Ball, that the number of groups, which had reported to him over the past twelve months, was a 100 percent increase on last year.**

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Democracy, Mr. Roy Earle (and Mrs. Earle), Queensland State Director of The Institute of Economic Democracy attending his first Dinner, and Mr. John Ball (and Mrs. Ball), National V.P.A. Coordinator.

Mr. Rock observed that many guests had come a long way, some of these attending their first Dinner. "We meet here tonight to rededicate ourselves to the tremendous task before us, to draw inspiration from others, to break bread and drink wine together."