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"Millions of concerned friends here in spirit tonight"

In an inspiring address to the Annual "New Times" Dinner, held on Friday, September 22, guest of honour Mr. Ivor Benson, South African journalist and author, struck a most positive note when he said that all over the Western world there was a re-awakening of the spirit of Western man. Mr. Benson said "we have millions of concerned friends here in spirit tonight". Mr. Benson, who was accompanied by his wife, said that he was "tremendously impressed by the spirit of the League of Rights".

Chairman Edward Rock said, "As we move towards the crisis of history we need to remind ourselves of that tremendous responsibility which is ours."

The Annual *New Times* Dinner proved once again that while time takes its toll of the flesh, it need not affect the spirit. As always a few old faces were absent, but there were no gaps in the ranks, these being filled with new, eager, and younger faces. Those attending for the first time generally described it as a "tremendous experience". An older supporter said, "This is my annual re-charging of the battery of dedication. I am right now for another 12 months."

Mr. Rock extended a special welcome to Dr. Walter Henderson, "a distinguished man of law with an international reputation." Dr. Henderson presented a brilliant Paper on Rhodesia at the League of Rights National Seminar the following day. Mr. Rock also welcomed Mr. Charles Russell, well-known Queensland grazier and a former Member of the Commonwealth Parliament. Mr. Graham Divehall of New Zealand and Mr. and Mrs. A. Alexander, representing the Australia-Rhodesia Society, were also given a warm welcome. Guests were present from all States.

The usual high quality of the toasts was maintained. Attending his first Dinner, Mr. George Wilson of Warra, Queensland, proposed the Loyal Toast. The toast to *The New Times* was proposed by Mr. Tony Maurice of Wellington, N.S.W., and seconded by Mr. Tom Fielder from Numurkah, Victoria. All men of the soil, they spoke, as Mr. Eric Butler put it, "with the authentic voice of the real Australia." Mr. Maurice, a comparatively recent supporter, said, "Not until I began to study Social Credit and realize how much it is the policy of Christian philosophy did a vision of what was possible begin to dawn on me." Mr. Fielder said, "I believe that the people of *New Times* can see death for Christian Civilization unless there is a return to spiritual values and they have put aside their own personal ambitions to translate these values into action in order that evil will be overcome and a Christian Society live."

In the final address of the evening, Mr. Eric Butler predicted that 1973 would, irrespective of the politicians at Canberra, see a dramatic deepening of crisis conditions. He said that the Australian League of Rights held the key to the situation. "A tremendous responsibility has been thrust upon us, and the question is, are we good enough. Have we got what it takes?" Mr. Butler said that the League of Rights was not a comfortable movement. "It is one of the most divisive of movements, sifting the men from the boys. It touches the big and fundamental issues. It challenges people to take sides, to stand up and be counted. As the battle grows fiercer, and as our enemies attack us with greater intensity, so does the quality of our army of freedom-fighters increase. In the years to come the wounds we sustain now will be seen as badges of honour. What greater honour could we wish than to be remembered by those who come after us, as those who put principles ahead of all other considerations."

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL SEMINAR

The League of Rights National Seminar, held on Satur-

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1973 ANNUAL "NEW TIMES" DINNER

This will be held on Friday, September 21, followed by the League of Rights National Seminar on Saturday, September 22, and the National V.P.A. Conference on Sunday, September 23. The donation for the Dinner will be the same as this year, \$6. The theme of the League's National Seminar will be "The New Education". Outstanding authorities will be presenting Papers.

Why not plan ahead and make a note of the above dates in your diary? Every effort will be made to provide private hospitality for those requiring it. Early bookings for the Dinner will be accepted, but must be accompanied by donation.

WORLD-WIDE MESSAGES REFLECTED INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL UNITY

A message from Mrs. B. M. Palmer, editor of "Housewives Today", England, crystallized the central spirit of the numerous messages received at the Annual Dinner. Mrs. Palmer wrote:

"Greetings from the Mother Country to all friends at 'The New Times' Dinner. There are now thousands in the Old Country who wish you well, though they may not know of your gathering together tonight. It is now plain that we have something our enemies have not, nor will they ever have it, for they scarcely know of its existence, let alone understand it.

"It is something that has been termed the Increment of Association, though perhaps it awaits another name. It is closely allied to credit and faith, and is of course the quality, which gets people working together without, thought of self, fame, reward or punishment. Loyalty to principles comes into it. It cannot be appreciated fully until it has been experienced.

"It has been said that we all think well of ourselves, but it is necessary that we understand our own motives. I would add that the next stage is self-forgetfulness. As we go on it will become clear to us that any worthwhile results we achieve have only been possible by reason of the countless efforts of others, some of whom have gone before, while others are nameless, unhonoured and unsung, and even unaware of what they have done. But nothing done to this end is ever wasted."

"THE COMMON MARKET BATTLE WILL BE WON"

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

"Greetings and congratulations once again to *The New Times* Dinner, and also The Australian League of Rights' National Seminar from embattled Britain.

"John Philpot Curran said on the 10th July, 1790. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime, and the punishment of his guilt'.

"At the moment, the tension is running high in Great Britain as the Common Market battle runs at full pelt, and many new tactical positions present themselves. I think it would now be true to say that the balance of the battle is starting to tip in our favour. However, I think it is also true to say that whilst a few in this country have been vigilant, not sufficient have been eternally vigilant. Therefore, there is a price to pay for victory in this Common Market battle, which could, as John Philpot Curran put it, both be regarded as servitude for the crime, and punishment for the guilt of inactivity.

"If one had to attempt to foresee the future, one could say that the Common Market battle will be won, but a heavy and near lethal dose of Socialism will be the punishment, which I feel you would agree would be a certain amount of servitude. The Communists will be operating within this situation, to ensnare the British people as much as possible. The choice for all right-thinking people is becoming both difficult and blurred.

"Already the argument is being put that it would be dangerous to elect another Labour Party to Government, on this basis that this would be even worse than the Common Market. There are, however, sufficient who would normally support a Conservative Government, who can see the deeper implications, and are prepared—if the Conservatives will not save themselves from disaster—to pay the price of a further dose of Socialism, on the basis that it is possible to reverse this, whilst not possible to reverse the Common Market.

"At the time of the first British League of Rights' Annual Dinner—which was a tremendous success—I parodied the words of Churchill, and feel that these are still applicable today: 'We shall not flag or fail. We shall fight in the constituencies, we shall fight through Parliament, we shall fight in the country at large. We shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in every area of political battle, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be. If need be we shall fight for home rule in the Common Market, and do our best to make sure that this centralized structure, already collapsing within, is brought to heel. Let it be known throughout this land that we shall never surrender.'

"In this battle I should like, of course, to acknowledge, once again, our friends in the Crown Commonwealth who stand with us. To the many Australians who have fired their paper bullets into the British battle, I salute you, and say thank you, and offer you nothing more than more hard work in the battle that lies ahead, knowing that the spirit that binds us is greater than the destructive force that faces us.

"At the moment, the prospect of the battle for home rule for Britain is receding, as victory now starts to be within our grasp. It is therefore with feeling that we agree with our Scottish friends when they quote the



The 1972 Annual Dinner in Progress.

cry of Robert the Bruce as he saw his small forces (and battle strategy) overcoming his enemy at Bannockburn: 'On them, on them, they fail, they fail . . .!'

"May the fellowship and spirit of your Annual Dinner and Seminar gird you with the strength and dedication for the task ahead.

"May God bless you all."

"LITTLE UNDERSTANDING FOR THE NEED FOR FREEDOM OUTSIDE OF SOCIAL CREDIT CIRCLES"

From Mr. G. Ken Tavender, South Australia:

Greetings to Australia's top thinkers and actionists in the fields of Political Economy and Social Engineering.

I am writing this four hours after hearing Mr. Sinclair's lying attack on what he misrepresented as League of Rights policy: namely, linkage with Nazism, and advocacy of voting for personalities without regard to Party policy!

He has had many years of opportunity to read L.O.R. journals and familiarize himself with our aims. Failure to do so leaving him in a state of complete ignorance, does not absolve him from being a liar.

Have you noticed in your State, as in South Australia, evidence of a campaign against individual freedom consistent with acceptance of responsibility as advocated by L.O.R., and for the denigration of individuality to the lower form of society—collectivism?

Since there is little understanding of the need for freedom outside of Social Credit circles, this collectivist propaganda seems to be a planned attack on Social Credit philosophy. Advocates of Christ's concept of freedom are portrayed as "selfish" anarchists. The collectivists apparently do not understand that their own ambition to bring every one down to their own level is the worst form of "selfishness".

Neither do they understand that, as with plants, and other animals, congenial environment is essential to the highest development of mankind.

Irresponsibles are not excluded from positions of power and influence by suggestion. They claim that League of Rights is an evil organization. At the same time, support for L.O.R. is increasing!

This is a dangerous situation. As super-loyal Australians, are we being led astray by the wicked Eric Butler and lieutenants? There should be an objective inquiry into L.O.R. at the highest level. For our own protection, let's all press for, or demand, such inquiry!

But, good friends, you can be certain the inquiry will not take place. It would bring to light the solution to such "problems" as inflation, foreign takeover, taxation, strikes, education, and so on. No, it would never suit the political power centralisers to have their weapons neutralized! Nevertheless, it's worth giving a go!

Happy building.

THE FALLEN

After his welcoming remarks at the Annual Dinner, Mr. Edward Rock requested that after Grace had been said, all should remain standing for a minute of silence in memory of supporters who had passed on during the year. All of these had given long years of dedicated service and support. They would be greatly missed.

The fallen were: Mr. T. Eley of Queensland, Mr. Horrie Meyer of Melbourne, Mr. Harry Smith of Perth, and Mr. James Lannen of Ballarat, Victoria.

"THE LEAGUE CONCEPT IS GROWING QUITE RAPIDLY HERE IN CANADA"

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

It is with great pleasure that I send at this time this message to *The New Times* Dinner because on October 30 saw the defeat at the polls of the last so-called Social Credit Government. This ended 20 years of the prostitution of the name Social Credit. This event has been heartening to the people in Canada who really understand Social Credit. Now we can get back to dealing with principles as outlined by that great social engineer, C. H. Douglas. This is where the League of Rights concept, which grew out of *The New Times*, is playing such a valuable role in getting our paid servants and institutions to serve the individual. The League concept is growing quite rapidly here in Canada and most of our success has been the result of what we have been able to learn from The Australian League of Rights.

"BE ALERT TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY"

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

Dear friends of *The New Times*:

A few thousand miles separates me from the National Office so I do not know if our National Director will have the time to send you a message or not so please accept this one on behalf of Mr. Ron Gostick, all our Provincial Directors, our new V.P.A. groups and myself personally.

In his message to the Sixth World Anti-Communist League Conference in Mexico City a few weeks ago, Ron



"The truth will not be destroyed by lies."—Mr. Tony Maurice in proposing the toast to "The New Times".

Gostick drew attention to the conspiratorial aspects of international communism operating at economic/financial and political policy-making levels throughout the Free World and urged the Conference to contribute to an exposure of this danger. The 25 delegates and observers from Canada made sure that this important aspect was not overlooked in our deliberations and we were very proud to see our B.C. Field Director, Phillip Butler, elected to the executive board of the World Youth Anti-Communist League which also held its Fourth W.Y.A.C.L. Conference at the same time as the W.A.C.L. Conference.

There is no need to urge *New Times* readers and supporters to be alert to ALL the aspects of the Communist conspiracy. Indeed the Free World owes the League of Rights a debt of gratitude for permitting your dynamic and dedicated National Director, Eric Butler, to make his annual world speaking tours and to help us launch both the Canadian League of Rights and our V.P.A. groups as a result of his basic and advanced seminars.

Events are moving fast in Canada with the defeat of the so-called Social Credit Government in British Columbia and the forthcoming Federal Elections next month being important milestones in our history. We are following your example of making ALL the politicians feel the heat now and intend to make sure things are really scorching for them by election date. On radio and TV, in public and private meetings, with our three publications and V.P.A. groups, the Canadian public is learning that a new force has entered the political scene and monthly we are always glad to read *The New Times* for inspiration and information that steadfastly "binds us back to reality", and keeps before us the tenets and wisdom of C. H. Douglas.

God's blessing on your Dinner and Seminar and may He give you the strength, wisdom and courage to carry on the good fight, be also assured that everyone in the Canadian League of Rights are with you in spirit at this patriotic gathering where nobody has to apologize for being a white man, a Christian and a believer in a real British Commonwealth.

"THE LEAGUE HAS A VISION"

From Miss Clara Gliddon, South Australia:

The increased attacks on the Australian League of Rights in the past year come from television, radio and press. The ramifications of the world forces of evil bear witness to the power they possess. The dignity and quality of the able people who speak for the League in all avenues of communication achieve a quality none who oppose them possess.

The League has a vision. This vision is enshrined in our Christian Faith, given in trust to our Early Christian fathers to speak and preserve the truth. This truth is to make men free. As men are made free by this truth the result is a world in which the material things given to us can be used to the glory of God and the benefit of men. If we go forward into another year's work believing all

things are possible. My greetings to all present. I am with you in spirit.

"I FEEL ONE WITH YOU ALL IN THIS STRUGGLE"
From Mr. Eric Boswell, Albertan Provincial Director of The Canadian League of Rights:

Many times a year I am reminded of that great event *The New Times* Annual Dinner and I hope that one day I will be able to share in this fine occasion. It is with a great sense of pride and responsibility that I feel one with you all in the struggle to keep our great and wonderful world free. I speak for the many dedicated friends here in Alberta. May God bless the occasion, guide you and keep you free.

"I NEVER SAW GREATER FELLOWSHIP"

Cabled message from Mr. John Armstrong, Christchurch, New Zealand:

My warm greetings to all stout hearts of oak and blue gun at the 1972 *New Times* Dinner. May striking successes reward your flight in the deepening crisis times ahead. To my young compatriot, Graham Divehall, I send special greetings for he sits tonight as one of the last remaining defenders and upholders of Western civilization around the globe. I never saw greater fellowship nor in all my world travels encountered any body of men and women dedicated in unity to the pursuit of higher purpose than these. God bless all who savour again tonight the incomparable Melbourne experience.

"OUR TASK IS TO GO OUT"

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

As some seek to propel us into their kind of future—by depriving us of the inheritance of our past, there arises the need to take us from our monarch—as it is impossible to take our monarch away from us. Again, as we could not be removed from our land—so it has become expedient to remove the land from its people. So as they cannot keep Eric Butler from going among his people--



"I see the League as taking a policy based on a Spiritual truth."—Mr. Tom Fielder seconding the toast to "The New Times".

so they must preclude our people from going to hear Eric Butler.

But our task is to go out also, for it becomes easier the further we go. The directions of our Lord, given 2,000 years ago, remain as valid for today and tomorrow, as they were successful then. As recorded by Luke the instruction is simple:

Later on the Lord commissioned 70 other disciples and sent them off in twos as advance parties into every town and district where he intended to go. "There is a great harvest" he told them "but only a few are working in it".

"Now go on your way. I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Don't carry a purse or a bag or a pair of shoes, and don't stop to pass the time of day with anyone you meet on the road. When you go into a house, say first of all, 'Peace be to this household!' If there is a lover of peace there, he will accept your words of blessing, and if not, they will come back to you. Stay in the house and eat and drink whatever they put before you—a workman deserves his wages. But don't move from one house to another.

"Whatever town you go into and the people welcome you eat the meals they give you and heal the people who are ill there. Tell them The Kingdom of God is very near to you now'. But whenever you come into a town and they will not welcome you, you must go into the street and say, 'we brush off even the dust of your town from our feet as a protest against you. But it is still true that the Kingdom of God has arrived'. I assure you that it will be better for Sodom in that day, than for that town.

Then he added to the seventy. "Whoever listens to you, is listening to me and the man who has no use for you has no use for me either. And the man who has no use for me has no use for the one who sent me." (From Luke 10, v. 1, J. B. Phillip's *New Testament in Modern English*).

Very best wishes for a happy and enlightening evening. God bless you all.

"IT WILL BE RECORDED THAT THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS LED THE VAN"

From Mr. Jack Hebbel, Hivesville, Queensland:

Congratulations and best wishes on yet another historic *New Times* Annual Dinner, from all Australian League of Rights supporters in the South Burnett area of Queensland. I say historic because, whatever the immediate outcome of the League's fight against tyranny and oppression, I believe that when in time the history of mankind's struggle for spiritual, political, economic and financial freedom is eventually written, however far in the future, it will be recorded that The League of Rights led the van.

Mr. Eric Butler and his staunch followers can be justly proud that the small flame they kindled so long ago, which flickered so faintly in the uncertainty of human understanding, and which was all but extinguished because of human apathy, has now consumed the tinder and caught alight on the hardwood of the world's thinking communities.

THE WINNING SPIRIT

Just prior to the Annual Dinner we received the following inspiring letter from veteran supporter Mr. Harry Haager of Murgon, Queensland, and felt that we should share it with all our readers:

"I had intended finalizing this association as far as the reading goes. But here is another 12 months subscription. But this will be the last. I can read with difficulty but at 90 one cannot expect any improvement.

It has been a good fight, and win or lose I am glad that I have been able in the past to give a little push now and then. It's been a long time since the days of Rhys, Hannah, Barclay-Smith of "The New Era" and others, but it has given me great pleasure. But I am also glad I'm old. I would hate to see what they are going to do with this lovely world. I fear for my grandchildren. I cannot write any more. It's been good to know you. Good luck."

Thank you, Harry Haager. With falling hands you have passed the torch to the growing team of younger supporters. They will not betray your efforts.

The Australian League of Rights has come a long way from humble beginnings, and it is very stimulating to realize that without the "cogs", some big, some small, such as you have present tonight, each carrying varying loads and working with varying efficiencies, but all important, the "machine" would grind to a halt. I feel certain that it is with pride and gratification that the older well-worn "cogs", along with the eager anticipation of the newer "mechanics", realize that at last a new awareness of what is facing our Civilization is slowly but surely replacing the new familiar confusion and bewilderment, or the more deadly apathy. Despite the intensification of their ever-present false propaganda, the many and varied segments of Socialism are finding it harder to maintain a firm footing against the relentless drive of our actionists.

Noting the increased interest, the mounting enthusiasm and previously unheard of dedication to the task in hand,



Mr. George Wilson proposes the loyal toast.

by new recruits to the ranks, I feel sure our organization stands poised to strike a decisive blow for political and economic democracy.

**"THE GREAT DEVOTION AND INSPIRATION
YOUR WOMENFOLK SO GENEROUSLY GIVE"**

From the Women of Dalby, Queensland, Lilac League:

May God's blessing be with you all at *The New Times* Dinner. The prayers of Queensland women in the Dalby area are with you all tonight. We feel that workers will be more than successful in the ensuing year because of the great devotion and inspiration your womenfolk so generously give. And not forgetting our Queensland man, Norm Luscombe (Mrs. Jean Luscombe's husband) who is indeed a precious gem. Yours in God's fellowship.

**"THE TASK AHEAD GROWS MORE
CHALLENGING EACH DAY"**

**From Murray Jorgensen for the W.A. Council of The
League of Rights:**

Greetings from Western Australia on the occasion of your Annual Dinner. The League's W.A. Council and supporters have drawn great strength from those who have faced the recent attacks. Much praise must be given to the "front-line" troops who have stood firm against great odds. We in W.A. have the comparatively easy task of reaping the support resulting from these attacks, always bearing in mind that we ourselves may soon be in the "front-line". It is then we will look to our experienced campaigners for guidance and encouragement. The inspiring occasion of W.A.'s recent Sixth Annual League of Rights Dinner has further cemented the bond between our family of supporters. We pray that on this night the flame of friendship and unity will burn brightly in your hearts. We also pray that you will be inspired to reach for greater goals in the coming year.

The task ahead grows more challenging each day. If you are prepared to take up that challenge, then we in Western Australia are prepared to stand firmly behind you.

**"THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE DARKENING
SKY OF SUPPRESSION AND CONFUSION"**

From Neil McDonald, Geelong, Victoria:

The New Times and The League of Rights are the most effective spearheads for all aroused individuals in active



A section of the big audience at the League of Rights' Seminar on Southern Africa.

association. Best wishes for continued exposure of the international conspiracy and the strangling hand of centralism. May Friday's feast of fellowship prelude a memorable weekend for all present.

The League of Rights is by far the brightest star in the darkening sky of suppression and confusion. It is Australia's most effective non-party organization and worthy of increased support. To the Director and staff, an abundance of congratulations for another year of inspiring leadership.

**"OUR PRAYER IS THAT GOD WILL USE
LEAGUE MEMBERS"**

**From Mrs. Dulcie Willacy, Warra-Brigalow Lilac
League, Queensland:**

To all those present at *The New Times* Dinner, we wish you inspiring and rewarding fellowship. Our prayer is that God will use League members and supporters to tell the nation and the world the truth. We pray also, that the activities of the League will be pleasing in his sight, and that we will be blessed with Christian humility and granted wisdom and courage, and that good will triumph over evil.

Those of us who cannot be present in person will be with you in spirit and thinking of you constantly this weekend. We may even spare a thought for some of our ill-informed political leaders and a hope that our message will reach them.

SHORT MESSAGES WITH A PUNCH

Keith and Valda Fuss of Dalby, Queensland, wired: "Bloody but unbowed. May we all endure and in enduring be rewarded." Candour League of Rhodesia cabled: "Best wishes for your Annual Dinner and Seminar. Even more strength to your arm which is too strong on our behalf." Mr. Robert Nixon, W.A. Secretary of The Institute of Economic Democracy, wired best wishes. The Rural Women's Action Movement said that their prayer was, "That God willing, you all will be granted another year of very important work." Laurie and Lorna Wilksch of Loxton, South Australia, wrote: "It is our prayer that God in His wisdom will guide this Dinner and Seminar so in these troubled times commonsense and truth will prevail." Veteran Perth supporter, Mr. Viv James, who has not missed a Dinner for many years, wrote that because of the Government's restrictive financial policies he regretted that he was unable to be present. He said, "I could not carry out my extensive political work without the impetus given my body by your most inspiring function." Mr. Geoff Holt, Chairman of Phillip, N.S.W., V.P.A. wrote regretting he could not attend. He said that he felt that the smearing and vilification of the League "will grow in its intensity in direct proportion to the growing acceptance of the principles and concepts of the League by many Australians".

Warra, Queensland, V.P.A. sent congratulations, concluding, "May God's presence be felt amongst you at this time." Warm greetings were extended by Mrs. Jane George of the Brisbane Lilac League.

Many verbal messages were also received.

"I REALIZED THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO TAKE A STAND"

Moving the toast to "The New Times", Mr. Tony Maurice said:

In proposing this toast to *The New Times*, I would like to try and explain what *The New Times* and all that it stands for means to me and what an impact it has had on my life. Not quite two years ago Jeremy Lee came to Wellington to address a public meeting organized by some of us in the Country Party. That talk had a profound effect on me—and, incidentally, the Country Party branch. This started my mind groping back in an instinctive sort of way searching for truth. Quite clearly so many of the things I had always taken for granted had to be questioned. There seemed to be a great deal of evidence to suggest that things such as democracy and free enterprise had become empty shells with only the labels remaining. Although I would have readily admitted that "things weren't as they should be"—all this information came as quite a shock.

However, there was no sudden or quick change in my attitudes. I was slow, a little cautious and I think rather frightened of committing myself to these new concepts.

But with some expert guidance and prompting from Jeremy I began reading and the more I read the clearer it became that my lack of knowledge was only matched by my uncertain beliefs and what could only be called an inadequate set of principles. I realized that the time had come to make a stand.

A statement made by Major Douglas in his realistic position of the Church of England claimed my attention and I feel sure that this statement was the key that opened my mind and formed the seed of my belief. To quote: "It must be insisted that Christianity is either something inherent in the very warp and woof of the universe or it is just a set of interesting opinions." I don't know why this had such an impact—it seems so logical to me now but this I think was my real starting point.

At this stage I was terribly aware of my appalling ignorance and the necessity to study and define—to try as Sir Francis Bacon said, "to get a just relationship between the mind and things". The importance of having a clear understanding of such things as democracy, limited constitutional government, centralization, the will to power, freedom of the individual, personal responsibility, means and ends, and rule of law, became most apparent and what a revelation it is when the real practical and Christian meaning of these things is grasped.

Not until I began to study Social Credit and realize how much it is the policy of Christian philosophy did a vision of what was possible begin to dawn on me. It is this vision, the Douglas vision, which is nurtured and embodied in *The New Times*. I can well imagine at the inception of *The New Times* the feelings, the excitement, and the dedication of its founder the late T. J. Moore, that this feeling, this excitement, and this dedication has not diminished but grown, speaks for itself. Only something that embodies the whole truth can live and grow

as has *The New Times*, especially in the face of the adversity with which it has had to contend.

Some time ago a method was explained to me, and I believe it to be a true method, of recognizing something "good". For something to be "good" it was said that it must be whole or complete.

If we accept the completeness of Christianity—as Major Douglas put it "something inherent in the very warp and woof of the universe" then it is beyond doubt that Social Credit—the policy of that philosophy, and *The New Times*, the concept of Social Credit, are also whole complete and good.

The truth will not be destroyed by lies and how this must reflect on those using the big lie technique to decry *The New Times* and those associated with it. These people could be described as big little men—all puffed up with their own importance—once they are exposed what do you find, just like a burst balloon there is nothing left, they have no substance. This is not to say that they haven't clever minds, slick pens and skilful tongues, but they lack truth, which is essential in any completeness, they can be dismissed as being "not good".

We owe a great debt of gratitude to that small number of men who have dedicated themselves over the years in the search for knowledge and truth and who have passed this on.

This debt can best be repaid with action in the field, by all those privileged to share in this vision of *The New Times*.

WE ARE NOT CASUALTIES UNTIL WE ARE OUT OF THE BATTLE

In seconding the toast to "The New Times" Mr. Tom Fielder said:

I am very proud and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to have this opportunity of supporting Tony Maurice



Mr. Ivor Benson expresses his faith in Western man at the 1972 League of Rights National Seminar.

in the toast to *The New Times* and to be able to pay tribute to people who have dedicated their lives to a worthy cause.

Last week at a meeting in the country the National Director in answering a question dealing with religion used the words “. . . in the League we are not preachy-preachy...” This remark crystallized in my mind a sense of perspective between the Bible, "Churchianity" and the League. Accepting that the Bible is the source of revealed Spiritual inspiration and truth, and if we see the Church as being the vehicle to nurture Christian philosophy in society then I see "Churchianity" as being that excessive effort absorbed in building and maintaining that vehicle but not necessarily achieving any other purpose . . . then I see the League as taking a Policy based on a Spiritual Truth and acting out that policy in the institutions that exist in society. A simple example of this principle as it affects my family is shown by the fact that at a very early age I accepted the words of Paul: "Your body is a temple to the glory of God, do not defile it". Within the capacity of my common sense and will power I have tried to create an atmosphere for my family to develop within that and other guidelines. A hint that my university daughter might begin smoking led me to suggest that a reduction in her allowance might be in order! Sanctions are more effective than preachy-preachy.

I imagine that the supreme example of a Spiritual and physical experience is one where a person faces death and yet lives.

I believe that the people of *The New Times* can see death for Christian civilization unless there is a return to Spiritual value. They must put aside their own personal ambitions to translate these values into action that will overcome evil that a Christian Society may yet live.

A simple navigational error in an aircrew during the war turned a routine exercise into a dangerous mission with a highly inconvenient outcome for me that hold a lesson for this day and age almost 30 years later. (Mr. Fielder provided a vivid word picture of how he was taken a prisoner of war after parachuting to safety.)

Our Leaders are taking us in the wrong direction and we are already being buffeted by dangerous forces. The League is trying to warn the Public of the outcome and is all but submerged by the confusion caused by the mass media. The inspired voice of Edward Griffin rings out “. . . we will surely win this battle . . . but there will be casualties even from amongst those in this very room . . . ’

In conclusion let me say that we are not casualties until we are out of the battle, so may I suggest that we urgently continue to seek that Truth . . . that Truth that can keep Australia free.

"DOUGLAS KNEW THAT THE BATTLE WAS FOR CHRIST AGAINST THE ANTI-CHRIST"

CHAIRMAN EDWARD ROCK'S RESPONSE AT ANNUAL DINNER

The following are the notes of Mr. Edward Rock's response to the toast to "The New Times". As a preliminary to his address Mr. Rock paid a warm tribute to Mr. Jim Marsh and his team of volunteers who regularly wrapped the League of Rights journals.

The political climate we live in is becoming warmer, the heat will increase in intensity, and those who cannot stand the heat will withdraw seeking the coolness of neutrality, the shade where there is no heat. They will find, however, that that shadow has no substance.

The tactic of the enemy is simple, to accuse us of that which they in fact perform. We are to be depicted as Fascists, harnessed as if in concord with the National Socialists so that we can be smeared as Nazis. The campaign is headed by those who have worked unceasingly to impose the monolithic central state, which is the central feature of National Socialism, or Nazism. They have perverted the precious symbolism of words in order to hide their own guilt and duplicity, and in order to destroy those who stand for truth and freedom.

One of the opening shots in the campaign was the speech made by Mr. Ian Sinclair at Wesley Church on that platform called "A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon". There is nothing pleasant about perversion and false witness, and to use a church pulpit to do it constitutes the ultimate in desecration. Mr. Sinclair's act of desecration was followed shortly afterwards by a similar act at the

Wangaratta Diocesan Anglican Synod. But while it must be said that although Mr. Sinclair knew what he was doing, it must be conceded that ignorance was the main factor which motivated those concerned at Wangaratta. But again it was ignorance combined with little desire to know the truth, and it is the pursuit of truth, which is the responsible concern of Christians, and was so sadly missing at Wangaratta.

EXPOSING THE CONSPIRACY

Exposing the nature of the conspiracy is the first necessary step towards its defeat was the advice of the late C. H. Douglas. *The New Times* and the journals and teachings of the Australian League of Rights has never lost sight of that objective. In recent times powerful weapons have been added to our armoury. *The Naked Capitalist* and *None Dare Call It Conspiracy* are to the forefront. But more important than these books is the organizational structure we have built and continue to build which can make use of these weapons. There is no sense in supplying weaponry if you do not have the troops capable of using it.

In this situation the enemy is desperate. We should take heart from the present desperate attacks growing in intensity. They are the acts of a badly wounded enemy close to the point of defeat. Like a wounded animal in its death throes, it becomes more vicious. All we need to achieve ultimate victory is to continue the exposure of the conspiracy to the full light of day. Truth is indestructible. Truth is the light and the life of the world. When exposed to its light darkness is dispelled, and with it those "who love darkness rather than light". We should live in that light, and as the great modern Christian martyr, Richard Wurmbrand reminds us, have compassion for those that live in darkness. We are told to "love them that hate you, and in so doing heap coals of fire upon their heads". The ultimate form which that love takes is to release those in the bondage of darkness, the ignorance and hate which is the central feature of the totalitarian state which enslaves the body and minds of its victims.

THE CRITICAL MOMENT

As we move towards the crisis of history we need to remind ourselves of that tremendous responsibility which is ours. I have often used the words of Douglas, which describe that moment and I remind you of them again. "There will probably come well within the lives of the present generation, a period at which the blind forces of destruction will appear to be in the ascendant... The position will be tremendous in its importance. A comparatively short period will probably serve to decide whether we are to master the mighty economic and social machine that we have created, or whether it is to master us; and during that period a small impetus from a body of men who know what to do and how to do it, may make the difference between yet one more retreat into the Dark Ages, or the emergence into the full light of a day of such splendour as we can at present only envisage dimly."

There is always a time when a critical moment becomes a reality. The events, which lead to it, may be in themselves so momentous that they are mistaken for that moment. No wonder we were told to watch, and never cease to watch, and in watching to be prepared and have everything in readiness. We know that then, at that moment, we will witness, "the full light of a day of such splendour as we can at present only envisage dimly." Douglas knew that the battle was for Christ against the anti-Christ, or to put it in words of reality, the battle is for God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven," against those who work for mammon's kingdom on earth, controlled by man. And at a certain point the blind forces of mammon will appear to be in ascendancy. And at that point there will be a pause before the attempted final act, just as there is always a pause before any acts of finality. Someone must have their hand upon the switch before the final action of triggering the explosion takes place. At that point "a small impetus from a body of men who know what to do" will be decisive.

A LIGHTER MESSAGE IN VERSE

Miss Marlene Wilson of Warra, Queensland, is the teenage daughter of League actionists Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson. Marlene sent her Dinner message in verse:

Anthony has had his go,
Sinclair is next in line.
I'm sure you'll treat him with kid gloves,
But all in your own good time.
Mike Richards with the whiskers
Will surely have his turn,
If they were at this dinner
I know that they would learn—
To trust the League with great respect,
The League has fighting men.
They're tough, they're rough, they're patriots
Who come back time again.
God bless your efforts one and all
May this night be the best
In fellowship, in sheer good faith,
I'll attend the next.

A SMALL BODY OF MEN

That small body of men and women will be well schooled. To them will be given the necessary understanding, which will result in the right action occurring at the critical moment not the wrong action. The correlation between, teaching, learning and action will be at its highest. When contemplating this truth, how important is the educational programme of the League of Rights. It is well for us to contemplate the main basics of that programme, its absolute foundation that is faith. In the final analysis what we teach about political organization and economic-finance realities has no basis without faith, hope and love, those absolutes of Christian doctrine. Without men and women with faith, hope and love we cannot breathe life into the political and economic structure. The enemy knows we would have no hope of



Dr. Walter Henderson presenting his brilliant paper on Rhodesia at the League of Rights Seminar.

success unless we produce the people whose works are the result of their faith.

What a privilege it is to have that indescribably precious gift. Christ told His followers that many would be called but few would be chosen. Explaining why He taught in parables to the multitudes He told that small precious handful of disciples that when speaking to the multitudes He was speaking to those who "having ears hear not, and eyes see not," but to that small band of men he said, "blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears for they hear."

If you agree with Douglas that the main issue is the battle for Christianity then you cannot close your eyes or ears to that which exposes the raw unvarnished truth whether it be about evil or good. The symbolism of truth

is in words. We have been told that the ultimate symbol was "the word" and "the word was with God and the word was God". That "the word" became flesh, and that "He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God." Who doubts that such are invincible?

God works through man, those who have received him, and as the critical moment draws close, "a small impetus from a body of men (having ears to hear, and eyes to see) who know what to do, and how to do it, may (will) make the difference between yet one more retreat into the Dark Ages, or the emergence into the full light of a day of such splendour as we can at present only envisage dimly".

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF PORTUGUESE AFRICA TO AUSTRALIA AND TO THE WESTERN WORLD

Extracts from Paper by Mr. Carlos de Lemos at League of Rights Seminar.

It should be obvious to an Australian that Portuguese Africa, together with Rhodesia and South Africa, is of crucial strategic importance to Australia. Nevertheless, the official policy toward this region appears to be one of complete non-concern. If anything, the attitude of the Australian government is hostile. The news media, in general, is also against the status quo of Southern Africa, and there is often a veiled satisfaction when things go wrong for the white man in Africa.

The reasons for this apathy and hostility are obvious. If Australia appeared to support the regimes in Southern Africa, she would antagonize the Afro-Asian bloc, and would be labelled racist. And this, the specialists say, would compromise her future in the multiracial British Commonwealth, and since Australia "belongs to Asia" any close association with Southern Africa would prejudice friendly relations with the Asian nations, and, of course, with African nations.

This kind of argument is generally based on three assumptions. The first is that the white man in Southern Africa will have to surrender, or that his position will diminish. Second, that the rest of Africa, as a whole and in the long run, is more important to Australia than the white-dominated territories. And third, there are indeed many people in Australia who believe that they really belong to Asia and that integration in this area is of vital importance.

I feel that all these assumptions are based on false premises. First, there is no evidence whatsoever that the white man in Southern Africa is going to surrender. On the contrary, the determination to stay has hardened not only in Portuguese Africa but also in South Africa and Rhodesia. This point should be quite clear by now, in spite of the so-called experts in politics and economics who have been predicting for the last 10 years that the "winds of change" would sweep away the white man. This

anticipation of surrender was first applied to the Portuguese. When the terrorists struck in Angola and Portugal started bringing in thousands of troops, at a fantastic cost, the experts said that the economy of Portugal could not sustain such expenses and that her overseas territories would collapse within six months.

And later, when trouble broke out in Guinea and Mozambique, this was considered to be the last straw, and everyone was expecting the fall of one more "empire". The same applies to South Africa. When Dr. Verwoerd took the country out of the Commonwealth and South Africa became a republic, the expectation was that white South Africa would collapse. But the most flagrant example of determination to stay has been given by Rhodesia, who had defied all the logic of international politics. So the white man is not going to surrender in Portuguese Africa, Rhodesia or South Africa, and once Australia and the rest of the world accept this fact, the strategic importance of Southern Africa may become more obvious.

Secondly, there is no evidence that the independent nations of Africa are increasing in importance, either politically or economically. Politically, the only thing that the so-called Afro-Asian group has achieved has been the development of a new rhetoric and demagoguery which fills the international forums, rendering discussions on serious matters sterile. Economically, the white-dominated Southern Africa is more viable and more important than the rest of Africa put together, and any improvement in the economy of the independent African nations will be matched in Southern Africa by a large margin owing to the technical know-how and availability of capital.

AUSTRALIA NOT PART OF ASIA

Thirdly, there is no historical evidence that any Western nation has ever penetrated the culture, philosophy and Oriental mystique that permeate the Asian nations. This

means that Australia, apart from developing trade links, will never be able to be part of Asia culturally, and will remain an outcast in this part of the world. It would appear to be obvious, therefore, that since the links with England are becoming less strong, and considering also that the United States is retreating from the Asian scene, Australia should give high priority to the development of a closer association with Southern Africa.

But there are further reasons why Southern Africa is strategically important to Australia.

The first is the vital Cape route. There is no doubt that if the Suez Canal remains closed and Southern Africa falls into the hands of anti-Western powers, Australia would be in serious trouble. To give an idea of the importance of this shipping route, between June 5, 1967, and August 1 1968, more than 20,000 ships, flying flags of 50 nations, were forced to sail around the African continent. It is also well to note that not only Australia, but also the Western powers have a national security interest in Africa as a whole, for the strategic raw materials which could be of significance in the case of a major conflict, as they were in the two world wars. This alone deserves consideration from Australian politicians, not only in the interests of Australia, but also in the interests of allied Western nations who might depend on these strategic raw materials more than Australia. The geographical position of Angola and Mozambique is also of importance, since they provide on both the East and the West coast an outlet for the minerals and other products of Zaire, Zambia, Rhodesia, Malawi and Transvaal, and secure the strategic flanks of South Africa, the wealthiest and most powerful nation in the area.

Angola and Mozambique have also several excellent harbours. For example, the bay of Nacala, where a new port has been constructed, is so large that it could accommodate the entire U.S. Seventh Fleet. This, obviously, could be important to the Western nations, particularly now that the British have withdrawn east of Suez and removed her aircraft carriers.

MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Another significant factor is the military strength in Angola and Mozambique, which have the strongest land forces that exist in sub-Saharan Africa. With the military potential of South Africa, the greatest in the area, and that of Rhodesia, these three blocs, if they ever came together, would constitute a formidable military power which would be able to withstand any major force which may try to oppose them.³¹ Although these countries are acting at the moment quite separately, with different internal policies, a time may come when the formation of a closer association may be seen as necessary. In this case they would constitute a formidable military power, which could

well be a useful ally to Australia in case of need or in the case of a major conflict in this area.

For this reason it would be foolish for Australia to try to appease nations which have little significance in terms of real power politics, and to ignore or to antagonize nations that could be of great assistance to the defence of Australia. It is power that counts today in international politics, not idealism.

In this context I also find it rather surprising that Australia is ignoring, and even attempting to underplay the threat posed by the Russian Navy in the Indian Ocean. The United States is worried, England sees her interests in Africa and Asia threatened, and the rest of the NATO nations are also concerned. They regard the Cape route as vital, and even now see Southern Africa, as it stands, as of strategic importance to them. But Australia seems to think that Russia and Communism is less dangerous to Australia's interest than an association with white dominated Southern Africa. This is unrealistic and ignores the stated aims of Communism.

It would be foolish to believe, if Communism succeeded in overthrowing the white regions of Southern Africa, and the Russian Navy controlled the Indian Ocean, that the interests of Australia would not be affected. Further, it is unrealistic to believe that the assistance the Communist nations are giving to the guerrillas fighting in Southern Africa is given with the objective of improving the life of the African people. The history of Communism does not show such humanitarian intentions.

JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES PROMOTING RICHARDS ANTI-LEAGUE ARTICLES

Mr. Eric Butler has recently issued a statement that he now has conclusive evidence that the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies were responsible for having the Mike Richards smear article in "The Age" and "The Sydney Morning Herald", published early this year, republished in brochure form and widely distributed throughout Australia. Many Christian clergy had received the brochure in a plain envelope without any indication of who had sent it. The brochure had also been distributed amongst members of the Country Party.

Mr. Butler also states that he is now satisfied that the person who wrote Mr. Anthony's attack on the League of Rights last year is the same person who wrote Mr. Sinclair's attack this year. This person is an official in the Department of Primary Industries. Mr. Butler says that Mr. Sinclair has not heard the last on this matter, as he will discover during the election campaign.

day, September 23, was an outstanding success in every way. Dr. Henderson's brilliant analysis of the Rhodesian affair was an intellectual feast, which brought the large audience to its feet spontaneously to give him a standing ovation. Dr. Henderson's address is being printed in a booklet immediately. Once again book sales at the Seminar were massive. A feature of current League activity is the increasing flood of literature being sold and circulated.

Representatives at the National all-day V.P.A. conference on Sunday, September 24, combined fellowship with business. Eighty were present at the conference, representing approximately 40, or 25 percent of the total number of operating V.P.A.s Mr. Jeremy Lee presented a Paper on the Electors' Associations, appropriately entitled, "How to Vote Like a Christian". Mrs. Jean Luscombe, editor of *Ladies' Line*, presented a Paper on the woman's point of view. Mr. Eric Butler frankly outlined the growing problems with the V.P.A. organizational structure. Some most valuable suggestions were made for overcoming problems.

RHODESIA

The following is the conclusion of Dr. Walter Henderson's Paper on Rhodesia at the League of Rights National Seminar:

There are four courses open to the Australian Government to bring about this result:

(1) To forget, by the use of a convenient diplomatic loss of memory, all about the U.N. sanctions resolutions and let them go by default. Other governments have done this. The late Mr. Dean Acheson shortly before his death this year recommended the American Government to follow this course.

(2) To point out to the Security Council that all its resolutions imposing sanctions upon Rhodesia, against the legality of which there is an overwhelming weight of international legal opinion, can no longer be accepted as enforceable without bringing the U.N. itself into disrepute and contempt, and that, for that reason, the Australian Government will no longer enforce them.

(3) To notify the Security Council that the reason why the Australian Government enforced the sanctions resolutions was given by the then Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, on December 16, 1966 when he said:

"They have been imposed with a purpose, and that purpose is to lead the Rhodesians to come to terms with the United Kingdom Government so as to open the way to constitutional advance towards Majority Rule with full guarantees for both majority and minority communities."

That condition has now been fulfilled. The British and Rhodesian Governments came to an Agreement to this end on November 24, 1971 in their Proposals for a Settlement. What happened to those Proposals has nothing to do with the Australian Government, which is now released from all further interest or action in the Rhodesian question, and

will establish economic peace with the Rhodesian Government.

(4) To notify the Security Council that the Proposals for a Settlement between the British and Rhodesian Governments entail the acceptance by the British Government that the Rhodesian Government is the lawful government of Rhodesia, and that as all the sanctions resolutions of the Security Council are based on Rhodesia being a threat to international peace because of the illegality of the Rhodesian Government which issued from the Declaration of Independence, there is now no ground upon which the sanctions resolutions can rest.

I have now said what I wished to say to you today on this extremely important matter, and, through you to our fellow Australian citizens. I thank you for having permitted me to come here today and say it.

YOU CAN HELP FINANCE THE MOST MASSIVE BLOW YET STRUCK BY THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS

Behind the gimmickry of the Australian Federal Elections the political observers have started to observe something new in Australian politics. The League of Rights has already boldly projected a new note with its nation-wide campaign for signed contracts on basic issues between electors and those who seek to work for them. But what is happening now before the elections is but the drawing of firm battle lines for the coming major crisis, which must burst upon the scene next year. Irrespective of which set of politicians win, the crisis will come as certain as the sun will rise. Inflation is the time bomb ticking away with a deadly certainty.

Several weeks ago the National Director of The Australian League of Rights, Mr. Eric Butler, launched the League's 1972-73 basic fund with a letter to a few selected dedicated League supporters. He said that the need was never greater. The bell was tolling the signal that the last round in the battle for Civilization was opening. The League had made tremendous progress. Its impact was growing. It dare not falter at this critical moment. Mr. Butler said that in spite of rising costs, the League was again only seeking its usual basic fund of \$25,000, confident that with this amount it could continue to generate the increasing support necessary for its rapidly expanding programme. But the quicker the response, the greater the opportunity to take advantage of the pre-election period.

Less than 50 League supporters have set a magnificent example with contributions or pledges totalling just over \$7000. Please rush those contributions, or pledges, in. AH northern N.S.W. and Queensland contributions to Box 17, Alderley, Queensland 4051. All others to Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne 3001, Please indicate if receipt is required.