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"WE HAVE HELD THE LINE -AND A NEW MAJOR NATIONAL COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IS UNDER WAY"

There was no attempt to avoid discussing the harsh realities of the day at the 1974 Annual "New Times" Dinner, held on September 20. But those present looked what they were: a happy band of warriors who have already fought together in many hard campaigns, well aware that the biggest and most critical battles lie ahead, but strong in faith and determined to enjoy the refreshing spirit of a fellowship based upon a great cause.

The Dinner was given a special flavour by the presence of Mrs. Joyce Mew, Chairman of the British Housewives' League, who said that she brought a special message from Great Britain to Australians. She stressed that a majority of the British people were against the Common Market betrayal and urged a re-strengthening of old British Commonwealth links. Mrs. Mew's charming, but down-to-earth approach, made a deep impression on her audience.

After the usual one-minute silence in remembrance of New Times readers who had died over the past twelve months, and The Grace, by Mr. Horton Davies, Chairman of the Christian Institute for Individual Freedom, the Chairman, Mr. Jeremy Lee, warmly welcomed all present, remarking on the fact that there were guests from all parts of the Australian Commonwealth, with a strong contingent from both Queensland and Western Australia. Mr. Lee extended a special welcome to Mr. Sid Wood, National Director of The New Zealand League of Rights, Mrs. Moodey, also from New Zealand, Mr. Arthur Chresby, former Federal Member for Griffith, Queensland, and Mr. Hilton Redding, Director of the Queensland Save-our-State Movement, which publishes the monthly journal Queensland Calling, and Mr. Robert Nixon, W.A. Secretary of The Institute of Economic Democracy.

The Loyal Toast was moved with great dignity by Mr. Geoff Broad of Three Springs, Western Australia. The Chairman said that Mr. Broad, attending his first Dinner, with Mrs. Broad, was a comparative newcomer to the movement, and was typical of the quality of those who grasped what Social Credit meant. Mr. Broad was widely regarded as a most successful farmer and held in high esteem in his community. The family aspect of the Dinner was deepened by the increased number of young people present with their parents. Mrs. Lucille Quinlan was clearly proud to have her granddaughter with her. There was no generation gap at the Dinner! This was also demonstrated in the toast to The New Times, proposed by Mr. Ray White, organising Secretary of the League in West Australia, and

seconded by Mr. Roy Earle, Queensland Secretary of the Institute for Economic Democracy. As Mr. Lee observed, here was a powerful blend of youth and years of experience. In introducing Mr. Ray White, the Chairman said that he was beyond doubt one of the most dynamic and

NEW BOOK BY ERIC D. BUTLER

"Censored History", officially launched at the "New Times" Annual Dinner on September 20, will cause apoplexy amongst the many anti-Butler critics. Based upon a lengthy lecture, which aroused considerable enthusiasm amongst American, Canadian, British and South African audiences earlier in the year, this book is a synthesis of the real history of this century, tracing the close links between Political Zionism and International Communism from the time of the First World War.

Eric Butler effectively disposes of a number of hoaxes. He analyses the role of Dr. Henry Kissinger in furthering the strategy for creating World Government. He shows how the Soviet Union has only survived because of massive financial and economic assistance from the West. Already guaranteed of an international circulation, "Censored History" is going to become one of the most valuable books of our critical times. It will lead to a deeper study of the real history of this century.

Order "Censored History" from all League addresses. Price 50 cents. Posted 74 cents.

creative of the League leaders. Mr. Eric Butler subsequently said that within a few years Mr. White would be a tremendous force. Mr. Lee said that he personally owed a lot to Mr. Roy Earle, whom he described as one of the great political tacticians of the movement.

THE SOCIAL CREDIT VISION

In responding to the toast to *The New Times*, Mr. Jeremy Lee drew attention to the Social Credit vision of a new type of Civilisation. He instanced how in the stories of King Arthur there was tremendous stress upon personal honour and dignity. This was an age of chivalry when men and women were motivated by a great ideal of how to live together. Although perhaps part history and part legend, the picture of King Arthur's realm provides a glimpse of what can be achieved when men are moved by a vision. Social Credit was one of the most powerful visions ever given to man. Mr. Lee urged all present to go back to their homes re-dedicated to the great tasks lying just ahead of them.

Mr. Sid Wood moved the vote of thanks to Mrs. Mew, assuring her that the message she had brought had been well heeded. Mr. Wood stressed the importance of closer links between members of the British family.

A toast to the veterans of the movement was proposed by Mr. Chas Pinwell, a member of an old Queensland Social Credit family, and the League's latest full-time campaigner. Chas Pinwell recalled how when quite young one day his father brought home a document circulating in the district. This document created tremendous local interest. No one knew where it came from, who had brought it, but it opened up an understanding of the real problems of society. But that unknown person, and many like him, paved the way for the growth of the movement we honour here this evening. My generation owes a deep debt of gratitude to those veterans here with us this evening, and all their colleagues who have gone before.

As usual an outstanding feature of the Dinner was the large number of messages from around the world. These



messages create a feeling of belonging to a coherent international movement which, while diversified, has a unity of purpose.

Mr. Eric Butler started his Dinner address with personal thanks to the large number of volunteers who made it possible for the League of Rights to operate. He specially mentioned Mrs. Allison Dyason for her regular work at the Melbourne office, Mr. Neil Boyack for his attention to the massive Heritage mail, and his wife, Elma.

Mr. Butler said, in reporting on the past twelve months of achievements, that a major feature of the international situation was the emergence of the Leagues of Rights of the old British Commonwealth as a major influence. "The mounting attacks upon us is clear evidence that we are making progress," he said. Examining the Australian scene, Mr. Butler said that 1975 promises to be the most convulsive since the years of the Second World War. Inflation and economic dislocation must get worse. But a type of miracle had occurred with the Queensland Premier, Mr. J. Bjelke-Petersen, grasping the urgent necessity for a policy which would strike a blow at the root causes of inflation-mounting financial costs which had to be reflected in still more price increases. "The Queensland Premier's policy of abolishing Sales Tax and re-introducing consumer discounts has provided us with a lead around which a major national campaign is being developed." Mr. Butler continued, "I can say to you all that in the face of the deadly programme to eliminate the League as a major force in the Australian scene, we have held the line and a new Major National Counteroffensive is under way. I believe that some of our greatest days are just ahead."

Mr. Butler said, "No mater how great the erosion of our society, we must cling tenaciously to that faith rooted in reality. Our Canadian friends know from long experience that even though there does not appear to be any evidence of life whatever on those bleak-looking prairies during the winter, with a mantle of white reaching as far as the eye can see, spring brings the period of regeneration. Life continued beneath the desert of snow, waiting to burst forth again when the time was right. Londoners were astonished to note how long after parts of London had been reduced to desolate rubble in the blitz of the Second World War, flowers grew and blossomed where none had ever been seen before. We look out today over a society which in many ways resembles a desert. Terrible things have been done, including the use of our schools to cut our children off from an understanding of their rich heritage. But the process of regeneration is taking place and our task is to help it. The life force has not been destroyed. The flowers will bloom again."

Mr. Eric Butler was kept busy Autographing his New book, "Censored History". One of Mrs. Brooke Maurice's home Woven ties is held up to catch the camera.

One supporter summed up the Dinner as he left, "We are leaving much richer than when we arrived. We are not only taking away memories of a wonderful evening, but an inspiration to carry us on in the battle ahead."

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MESSAGES OF INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

A supporter attending his first Dinner observed that one of the striking features of the event was not only the inspiration of the many messages, but the wealth of information, providing a picture of a worldwide movement of diversity, unity and organic growth.

The Chairman said that as Mrs. Joyce Mew was the guest of honour, he felt that he should start with messages from Great Britain. The first was from veteran Social Crediter and Editor of "Housewives Today", Mrs. Beatrice Palmer:

Dear Friends,

It is most appropriate that Joyce Mew, born in Australia but growing to womanhood in the Old Country, should return to the land of her birth bringing with her a message from the British Housewives' League.

Our Chairman is making history. A group of British women have declared a political purpose on a non-party basis. At one time this would have been declared impossible—you were either a little Liberal or else a little conservative. But we have changed all that.

It was Irene Lovelock's prayer that the Christian home should nurture free and responsible men and women. It was the sacrifice of the women homemakers to the economic system that moved here. When she said that Governments come and Governments go but the underlying policy was the same for all, I for one said she was the woman for me. The tyranny of those Governments is now stronger than ever, and it is interesting to watch how Wilson is now edging a few inches closer to Heath.

"Full employment" is of course the policy, which puts the pressure on the women, and it ends up with "All children in the crèche please."

When, years ago, the powers that be realised that the British Housewives' League was not prepared to be the secret weapon of the Conservative party we lost much press support. It amused us to find letters appearing in the press asking whether we were still in existence, or expressing wonder that we had disappeared. Our Chairman would like to have a "fiver" for every letter she has written announcing that we had no intention to die.



That was years ago, and we are still no one's secret weapon. Or was there a similar enquiry last year? Yes, I think there was.

We greet our sisters in Australia. We greet the *Ladies' Line*, with whom we have so much in common. And we look forward to the wonderful revival of the British Commonwealth throughout the world, now so manifest in Australia, which leads the way.

God bless you all.

National Director of The British League of Rights, Mr. Don Martin cabled, "Politicians may come, politicians may go, but the Crown Commonwealth League of Rights fight on through the darkness to light. Keep your torches high and take good care of Joyce Mew."

A cable was received from Mrs. Mary Blakey, President of the British Housewives' League, sending "warmest greetings". She recommended the second verse of the National Anthem!

"WHAT A PRIVILEGE I CONSIDER IT IS TO BE ALIVE AT THIS TIME"

From Miss M. Douglas, Scotland, daughter of the late C. H. Douglas:

Good evening to you all. I feel it a great privilege to have been asked to participate in this function, and, although we are separated by so many miles, I am with you in spirit and shall be thinking of you . . . I have never taken any active part in the Social Credit Movement but I have, naturally, always had the cause very much at heart and I am convinced that from an economic point of view there is no other solution to our increasing problems than the Social Credit proposals put forwarded by my Father; although, when they come, as come they must, they may well come under some quite different name!

It was a great pleasure to welcome to my home Mr. Eric Butler and his friend and colleague Mr. Don Martin and I greatly appreciate the time they spared to visit me. I look forward to another visit next year and to hearing what progress has been made by the Social Credit movement in Australia. As a purely personal message to you I should like to tell you what confidence I have in The New Times in which we live. What a privilege I consider it is to be alive at this time—possibly the most important in the history of mankind, despite all the problems and difficulties, which beset us at every turn! For I believe that they show us clearly how supremely important it is to develop, in ourselves, simple integrity in every facet of our lives—

Mr. Geoff Broad of West Australia asks fellow Dinner guests to join him in drinking a toast to The Queen.

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as the only way to deal with the materialistic momentum which is sweeping the world at this time.

I send you all my sincere good wishes and I commend to your consideration the following words: "Wisdom is the principle thing. Therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding."

"AN ACCOUNTANCY FACTOR IS CAUSING PRICES TO BE GENERATED AT A FASTER RATE THAN INCOMES"

From Mr. John Mitchell, veteran British Social Crediter and Chairman of the British National Campaign Against Inflation:

Please convey my very best wishes to those present at your Annual Dinner, and all power to their elbows in the Campaign Against inflation.

In case the experience could be helpful to you, let me tell you about our recent effort with accountants. With the help of our supporters we recently canvassed many of these individually, asking them to attest publicly that an accountancy factor is causing prices to be generated at a faster rate than incomes, or to testify that this is not so. For several months, week after week, we also discussed this accountancy factor in the columns of *Accountants Weekly* (circulation 69,000). The result of our survey was published as a news item in this paper, stressing that not one accountant was willing to testify publicly against the truth of the statement—and still no one has come forward to do so.

We think, therefore, that we can justly claim that, either by public testimony, or private agreement, or (on the principle that not disagreeing is tantamount to agreeing) refusal to testify against, we have virtually the unanimous agreement of the accountancy profession here that **an accountancy factor** IS causing prices to be generated at a faster rate than incomes, **and that, as they are the professional authority on this matter the fact is now incontestable.**

All developments here underline the rightness of our decision to focus our Campaign effort on proving and gaining recognition for this one fact as an absolute priority if real progress is to be made.

"OUR BEST RECOMMENDATION IS ALWAYS A SMEAR ATTACK FROM THE BIG PRESS"

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

I hope you get this brief message in time for your inspirational *New Times* Annual Dinner. I was recently

in the U.K. with Don Martin on a speaking tour and was able to ascertain the incredible progress being made by the British League of Rights under Don's dynamic leadership. Prior to this, a few months earlier, I had the great satisfaction of seeing your devoted National Director, Eric Butler, our own National Director, Ron Gostick, Don Martin and Michael Davis from New Zealand join Phillip Butler and myself in very active participation in the 7th World Anti-Communist League Conference in Washington, D.C. In the past year we also had the privilege of having both Eric Butler and Don Martin make national tours across Canada.

It is significant that the original *Manchester Guardian* hatchet job, which triggered the media's all-out attack on "right-wing upsurge in Great Britain" singled out our colleague Eric Butler and Don Martin as the main ones responsible for this upsurge. As Don Martin stated in his *On Target* of July 20th, 1974 "One encouraging aspect of the whole issue is that someone must be worried about the way we are expanding, for otherwise they would not bother to attack us."

So our best recommendation is always a smear attack from the Big Press—they always smear those they fear! Slowly the truth is emerging and we are ever thankful for the dedicated work of your National Director in making a great contribution to the Good Fight for God and Country.

"WE IN RHODESIA HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR SUPPORT"

From Mrs. Bettie Wemyss, Hon. Secretary, The Candour League:

On behalf of the Candour League of Rhodesia I send you all best wishes for your *New Times* Dinner on the 20th September, the League Seminar on the 21st and the V.P.A. Action Conference on the 22nd.

We pay tribute to all the League has done through its Director, Mr. Eric Butler, and others to keep the flag of freedom flying.

We in Rhodesia have appreciated your support since U.D.I, in 1965 when so many of the left and pseudoconservatives have tried to make Rhodesia isolated and alone you have shown us friendship and given us every possible encouragement and assistance.

Although we cannot be represented at your current gathering we are with you in spirit.

"A CAUSE TRANSCENDING ALL OUR PRIVATE INTERESTS"

HOME-WOVEN WOOL TIES AT DINNER

Mrs. Brooke Maurice's home-woven all-wool ties, carry the League emblem, were a 'hit" at the Dinner, and the supply she brought sold out in a short time. The ties sell for \$5 and aid League funds. It is anticipated that Mrs. Maurice, of Gilinghall, Wellington, N.S.W., will have further League ties for sale by the end of the year.

From Ivor Benson, Chairman of the South African National Forum:

May we suggest, if only in your hearts and minds, that you set places at this year's *New Times* Dinner for your many friends and admirers outside Australia, among whom we are happy and proud to count ourselves. My wife and I, having been present before on such an occasion, find it so much easier to transfer ourselves in imagination to The Victoria in Little Collins Street, Mel-

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bourne, and to share with you this evening that rejoicing which goes so well with self-renewal and rededication to a cause far transcending all our private interests, knowing, too, that we shall be remembered when you raise your glasses and drink a toast to Absent Friends.

"NO CHOICE BUT INTEGRITY: REALITY OR EXTINCTION"

From Victoria No. 1 Group, B.C., Canada:

We think it a high honor to salute the Australian League of Rights as you enjoy your Annual Dinner and Seminar.

Canadians feel a real need better to know your philosophy, policies and viable alternatives.

There is nothing good in our religion, which has not been strengthened and deepened by *The New Times* publication and the periodic visits of Mr. Eric Butler who is an artist in thoughts, feelings and motives.

We respectfully dedicate to you these greetings and best wishes anticipating that greater responsibilities may soon be thrust upon you.

We believe there is no choice but integrity reality or extinction.

"THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST HAS NEVER FAILED US AT EACH PRESSING MOMENT" From Mr. John Brett, Kingstown, N.S.W., V.P.A.:

Each year at this time we search our past for some similar predicament, where we would find some indomitable individual who had grasped the eternal truth, and so led man out into the light. The experience of the past has never failed us at each pressing moment, and each moment has produced the indomitable man.



When Douglas stepped out into the light 50 years ago, those that normally would follow were held back. An iron curtain descended behind him, to give effect to the time lag. But now from behind that iron curtain has arisen a man who is tearing that curtain to shreds, and so the light is penetrating into the darkest abyss man has ever known.

If that light had not been kindled and kept alight by Eric Butler and the League of Rights, there would be no hope, and where there is no hope there is no endeavour. So again at this full tide, let us rededicate ourselves to that endeavour that will bring light to millions, and take us out into truly—NEW TIMES.

Our best wishes to you all, and may God be with you.

"ONLY THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS CAN DIRECT AUSTRALIA BACK ON TO ROAD OF SANITY" From Neil McDonald, Mount Hagen, Western Highlands, Papua New Guinea:

May your *New Times* Dinner again be a memorable occasion. I am more than ever convinced that only the Australian League of Rights can direct Australia back on to the road of sanity and prosperity. Charge your glasses and may the rain never damped your spirits.

Neil McDonald also sent the following "rushed bit of verse"

The traps are set The baits are fresh. Escapes are sealed with a wall of mesh. Words are the whips which move the herd to the captor's pen where retreat is barred. With vision blurred and mind confused, We accept our fate and appear bemused Till the traps are sprung and retreat refused. Alert Australians, reject this fate, Protesting tomorrow is far too late In darkness let's turn on the lights Support The New Times and League of Rights.

"YOU WILL BE SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED" From Miss Clara Gliddon, Adelaide:

I send my greetings and best wishes to all gathered in Melbourne for this historic dinner and seminar. It is now twenty-eight years since The League was founded by the few, who learned from the writings of Major Clifford Douglas, that great genius, what was envisaged for England and the world by certain established forces. From that small beginning has developed the League, as we know it today, always proclaiming the belief in freedom of the individual, which comes from our Christian Faith. We have now with us our kinsfolk in Britain and the entire Commonwealth. This has been accomplished by the able

Mrs. Jean Luscombe, Queensland Assistant State Director of League of Rights, and editor of "Ladies' Line" introduces Mrs. Joyce Mew to speak at Dinner.

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and faithful men whom I believe are always given in times of crises when Christianity is attacked by the forces of evil.

This is our Heritage. It is only necessary to study the names of the long march of Christianity in Britain to realise this. From Caractacus to our Queen Elizabeth II, Defender of the Faith. I know how inspiring it is to meet, to gather, as you are this weekend. You will be spiritually refreshed, and given renewed courage to fight the dark forces which menace this world. I am with you in spirit.

"WE IN MANITOBA . . . OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO YOU" From Mr. John Belows, Winnipeg, Manitoba Provincial Director, The Canadian League of Rights:

On the occasion of the Annual *New Times* Dinner, it is my pleasure on behalf of the Manitoba Branch of The Canadian League of Rights, to send greetings and sincere best wishes for the success of your re-dedication get-together. As a subscriber to *The New Times* for the past ten years, I would love to be with you to enjoy the fellowship of kindred souls who continue to work for the preservation of our fast-diminishing freedoms.

We in Manitoba, and indeed in Canada, owe a debt of gratitude for sharing Eric Butler with us over the years. With the type of dedication of leaders like Eric Butler, Ron Gostick, Patrick Walsh and Don Martin, although the world future may look dark, we feel that "it is better to have lit four candles than to curse the darkness."

May God bless all of you assembled on this auspicious occasion and we pray that He will guide your efforts and inspire all to re-dedicate themselves to the task ahead.

"A SINCERE 'HELLO' FROM CANADA" From Don Klinck, Regional Director Canadian League of Rights, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada:

On behalf of the Victoria Region League associates I extend best wishes to all those participating in *The New Times* Annual Dinner. An informative and fulfilling ex-



perience will be enjoyed by all I am sure. Please accept a sincere "Hello" from Canada and Victoria area study groups.

"MAY . . . ALL BE INSPIRED TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THE LEAGUE"

From Charles Moran, Tauranga, New Zealand:

This is to wish you and the League of Rights members attending the Seminar and Dinner a most successful time, and may they all be inspired to further the work of the League.

I am sorry we were unable to join you, but will look forward to hearing from our chairman, Sidney Wood, a detailed report plus the summary in *The New Times* later.

Our Labour Government in their "wisdom" to counter inflation recently raised the sales tax heavily on motor vehicles, also made the deposit much larger and the time payments shorter; this was the new Prime Minister's attack on inflation. I hope Mr. Whitlam will take note. It will affect the Aussie car sales to N.Z.

Perhaps when you visit us you will be able to outline Premier Petersen's anti-inflationary programme mentioned in the August issue of *The New Times*.

"I HOPE WE CAN MAKE FULL USE OF THE INVALUABLE TRAINING"

From Mr. Alan H. Ellis, Warra (Queensland) V.P.A.:

League supporters everywhere are heavily indebted to the Australian League of Rights for the services rendered over the years, educating us to the real meaning of the issues that now confront us. As time moves on, we will appreciate this fact more than ever, and I hope that we can make full use of the invaluable training.

From Warra VPA we wish you all the best for a successful Annual Dinner and Seminar.

"MAY IT BRING YOU ALL THE GREATEST SUCCESS YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN"

From Mrs. Vivian Say, Vancouver, Canada:

As a member of The Canadian League of Rights I wish to send you hearty congratulations on your 28th Annual *New Times* Dinner. May it bring to you all the greatest success you have ever known?

We will be with you all in true spirit, will share our prayers and thoughts and in all our business and pleasures may your League be forever blessed and given strength to carry on valiantly for God, Family and Country......

"CONFIDENT THAT YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE REWARDED"

Group of veteran supporters at Dinner. Page 6 From Roy Custard on behalf of the Sydney, N.S.W., Council of the League of Rights:

Your New South Wales supporters send sincere League greetings. We trust your fellowship over this weekend binds all of like mind closer. May you all be strengthened in your resolve to join battle with the enemies of truth and righteousness, confident that your efforts will be rewarded and that the mire of socialistic humanism will be washed from these shores. May God bless you all.

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"THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS CONCEPT ... IS LIKE A BEACON OF LIGHT"

From Phillip D. Butler, Field Director, B.C. Branch of the League of Rights, Canada:

Greetings—it is again THE annual event in the calendar of the very hectic League of Rights programme. It is also fitting that you should have this year a taped message from one of our most distinguished supporters, Mr. L. D. Byrne. He is a continuing source of strength and information for us all involved in the Canadian League of Rights.

The past year, I believe, has seen the League of Rights concept grow to even bigger proportions, not only in Canada, but in all the old Crown Commonwealth countries. This was highlighted by all League of Rights of the Crown Commonwealth taking a very active and decisive part in the World Anti-Communist League Conference in Washington, D.C. It was my pleasure to be among those people who were present at this event.

The League of Rights concept, which is based on the Christian concept of the freedom and responsibility of the individual, is like a beacon of light at the end of a very dark tunnel. As the situation in the world gets darker, that light beams even brighter—one of the main reasons that the enemy of freedom attacks the League of Rights so viciously. They do not like the pedigree of their ideas being exposed to the light of Christian Truth.

We are finding here in Canada, as you are finding in Australia, that more people are seeing this beacon of light that we hold forth and are now getting themselves involved with the League of Rights. But we must keep our eye on the target, never forgetting what we stand for, not just what we are against, and then re-dedicate ourselves to the good fight.

As you gather together this evening to rededicate yourselves, we here in British Columbia are with you in spirit.

"'THE NEW TIMES' HAS SPEARHEADED THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL OF CHRISTIAN CIVILISATION . . . "

From Mr. Ron Gostick, National Director, The Canadian League of Rights:

Just a word from The League in Canada, conveying our best wishes for a most successful *New Times* Dinner reunion.

advance in our history in the coming year.

Very warmest regards and best wishes.

Veteran supporter Viv James of Perth wrote that he deeply regretted not being able to make the Dinner he had intended to—"as I have had a bad attack of "Canberra Blights"!

Sister Baldwin of Sydney wired, "Best wishes. Union with you in deep concern and prayer."

Our regular and widely appreciated contributor, Mrs. D. Watts, wrote, "I hope the gatherings will be happy and more hopeful than the present general public seems to be."

Mr. Michael Davis of Christchurch, New Zealand, expressed his regret at not being able to be present, as he had at one stage thought possible.

Mr. Ern Radke of Nuriootpa, South Australia, wired that there was growing interest in and support for the League of Rights in the Barossa Valley. Mrs. Dulcie Willacy of Brigalow, Queensland, wired her best wishes for "successful and effective gathering".

David and Margaret Barton of Collarenebri, N.S.W. wired apologies for not being able to attend, as planned.

Mr. Tom Baker W.A. State Director rang on eve of Dinner to express his personal appreciation of the strong West Australian representation.

Mr. Viv Guy of Melbourne sent apologies and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Given of Brisbane, who have not missed a Dinner for years, expressed their deep regret at not being present and sent greetings to all their friends.

Mr. Vince Bermingham and family of Greenmount, Queensland, sent their best wishes to all. Mr. and Mrs. Denis Connolly of Toowoomba, Queensland, sent congratulations and encouragement.

Mr. Rod Bodman of Toowoomba, Queensland, a "key" League figure, sent the following message on behalf of Toowoomba supporters: "Best wishes for inspiring gathering. In the face of the tremendous challenge remember that the privilege of carrying the torch of freedom has always fallen to the few."

Also of Toowoomba, Mr. Edward Fitzherbert said he was "appreciative of the quality of League information —the high quality of Christian values sustained within League associations is growing apace. 1975 will be a year in which the League will be accepted within all Churches as an organisation eminent in the preservation of Christian values, mainly because League members exemplified their beliefs."

This annual event is not of significance only for Australians. Indeed, *The New Times* has spearheaded the fight for the survival of Christian Civilization around the English-speaking world. And we in Canada associated with the Canadian League of Rights and Canadian Intelligence Publications, will be with you in heart and spirit on the 20th.

Incidentally, please assure our *New Times* colleagues that the cause they pioneered has taken deep root in this part of the world, and we anticipate the greatest

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The Reimers family of Haden, Queensland, sent best wishes and the following

"From strength to strength go on, Wrestle and fight and pray, Tread all the powers of darkness down And win the well-fought way."



"THE NEW TIMES DINNER REMINDS ME OF THREE THINGS-FAITH, VISION AND DUTY"

In moving the toast to "The New Times" Mr. Ray White said:

It is indeed an honour to have been given the task of proposing the toast to *The New Times*. A task that has been performed over the past 28 years by people far better than I. Standing here tonight, as one speaker at a *New Times* Dinner put it, "That it was similar to a sapling amongst a forest of giants who have stood fast and have held high the spirit of *New Times*.

It can also be said that this yearly *New Times* Dinner stands as a physical tribute to all those who have stood fast and held the torch of truth high.

All these people and those who have gone before have made great sacrifices and dedicated their lives to *New Times* and Social Credit.

What common denominator makes these individuals stand out? It is the fact that they accepted the challenge and the supreme truth of Christianity.

The New Times Dinner to me represents the beacon of truth in a raging political storm, the storm containing lies, unfulfilled promises and deceit. The New Times Dinner acts as the yeast from which we all gain strength to return to the battle.

The New Times Dinner reminds me of three things—faith, vision and duty.

FAITH: It is here at *The New Times* Dinner that we are reminded of our spiritual base and faith in God as our supreme commander. It is in His name that we take up the pen. Should we deny this spiritual base then we are only denying the very basis of civilisation. We have heard the saying that prayer and faith move mountains. We are indeed witnessing this very fact. As the battle intensifies our supporters have met every new challenge with renewed dedication and faith.

VISION: Social Credit has provided us with a vision and *The New Times* is the physical expression of it, because here gathered in this room tonight we find men and women from all walks of life coming together under the umbrella of Social Credit: who have worked hard over the long years for no reward (financial) other



than to have been counted amongst the few who have seen the vision and have stood and have been counted.

DUTY: We must now put faith into works. As Christians we have a profound duty to take what we have learned and go into the world and awaken our fellows to the real alternative—that of *The New Times* and Social Credit. It is interesting to observe that Social Credit covers the entire spectrum of the purpose of man and not just the technical aspects of the financial system.

The following quote from the journal *The New Times* gives us an example of what I mean: I quote—'The set of ideas which became the movement known as Social Credit began with an examination of the problem of the relationship of the individual to the group, and the financial proposals which emerged were consciously, and in their developments, designed to free the individual from group domination. It is evident that the essential nature of the problem, not merely has changed, but has become more sharply defined."

Some are afraid to accept their responsibilities for fear of endangering their social status in society. Those who have glimpsed the vision feel the task too enormous and return to the warmth of ignorance in the hope that the crisis will pass over them.

But there are others who have risen to the challenge and with faith in God are prepared to meet the foe, as Douglas has said: "There is no greater force than that of an idea whose time has come."

We are now on the threshold of historic times and I now pose the question to you: "Are you prepared to dedicate yourself completely?" Everyone now is face to face with a situation which as individuals we have been working and striving for over the past 40 years and each of us has to meet this challenge: "Am I prepared to



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"We owe a deep debt of gratitude to those pioneers who paved the way for us to follow"—Mr. Chas Pinwill in proposing a toast to "The Pioneers".

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accept the responsibility and to dedicate myself to the tremendous task involved?"

In the coming months ahead of us we shall have to deal with a terrific and to many a terrifying situation. The only organised body of people who have knowledge of what is happening in the world and therefore who can avoid disaster, which threatens us, is a small group of individuals with the knowledge and know-how and the vision of *New Times*.

There are absolutely no grounds for any doubts on this question and what we have got to realise is the tremendous responsibility that this places on each individual and the size of the task that we have on our hands.

The key to this is getting back to reality in our thoughts and actions. What we do here and now for the realisation of Social Credit is what matters.

Any intentions about what we hope to do tomorrow, next week or after the battle is not only useless daydreaming but plays into the hands of the enemy. It is a departure from reality. Only our actions will ensure the achievement of our goals.

Let us then go forward sure in the knowledge that however formidable the forces opposing us may seem the apparent power behind them comes from a satanistic force and therefore is of a negative quality. They cannot survive against reality.

That is the assurance of our triumph if we remain steadfastly true to the Christian philosophy and beliefs, which we profess. The power is ours to use—let us reach out to it and embrace *The New Times*.

"STANDING IN THE SHADOW OF GREATNESS"

In seconding the toast to "The New Times", Mr. Roy Earle said:

Whenever League people gather like this, they share their deep experiences. This never ceases to amaze me,



as we come from all walks of life. We are represented by the farmer, the clerk, the labourer, the businessman, the housewife, the academic, the old and the young.

Diverse yet united. Each stepping forth separately, motivated by many separate reasons, coming from all directions, verging on to one focal point, a vision, *The New Times*.

A journey marked by many milestones of victories, defeats, confrontations, periods of isolation, of loneliness, but above all that League fellowship when we meet.

Among these memories I recall my first copy of *The New Times.* I thought what an honour it was to be recorded proposing this memorable toast superimposed on that large photograph of Douglas. It gave me the feeling of standing in the shadow of greatness. A shadow that would change the lives of all whereever it fell. A shadow that has passed over all of us here tonight, changing my life, bringing us all together in one purpose.

We have been caught up in that vision given to us by Douglas. A wonderful, simple, practical vision, founded on that proposition of his: "Christianity is either the warp or woof of the fabric of the universe or an interesting set of opinions".

This vision has been symbolised in my mind as a "city on a hill". A great city of gothic architecture formed with loving hands as of old, blazoned with a brilliant light yet surrounded with a deep wall of darkness which we must first penetrate. A wall that will take the skill, the completeness of a social engineer to breach.

I am reminded of the words of that great missionary, St. Paul "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness". The challenge is for us to girt ourselves with Truth, stepping out in faith-motivated action.

We have hope. A small crack of light is appearing in those walls from the onslaught of the League. We are now poised at that critical moment. Looking back we can give thanks to those *New Times* veterans that have kept the light of Truth burning. For the present, we can be strengthened because we have leaders of faith, dedication and courage as Eric Butler and Jeremy Lee. As to the future it is in our hands.

"We have been caught up in that vision given to us by Douglas"—Mr. Roy Earle in seconding the toast to "The New Times".

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Can we meet the occasion? Have we sufficient faith to wield the sword of the spirit to breach that wall of darkness to emerge into the light of a new day, The New Times? I can only pray we can.

"ONLY FOOLS LIVE A LIFE WITHOUT RULES"

The following is the text of Mrs. Joyce Mew's address at the Dinner.

I am sensible that you do me great and singular honour in asking me to address you tonight.

There are two reasons why it is perhaps a not inappropriate occasion. One is that I was born in this country. A fine poem by my friend, W. F. Wentworth Sheilds, written in homage to Judith Wright, describes this "gaunt and enchanting land" with its "scars of tawny bush" and "the sharp horizons of the sapphire hills". This poem finishes

"I am Australian born and stay possesst

Of gauntness, and of promise and of zest"

So shall I "stay possesst".

The other reason is that we who live in Great Britain face much the same dangers and difficulties that you face here, and some of us share the same philosophy, which must be invoked, in order to deal with these problems.

What could be thought of, as a text to what is not intended to be a sermon would be the third and fourth lines of a limerick composed some years ago by a very good friend of mine. The third and fourth lines go thus: "She said, 'only fools

Live a life without rules'."

It seems to me that this is an acute observation. From a family custom not lightly departed from the inexorable laws imposed by the nature of the universe we are subject to rules.

The animal world also understands this necessity. The robin, for instance, is notable for his friendliness towards the human race and for his liberal notions regarding nestbuilding sites. A watering can, the boot of a car, the handlebars of a derelict bicycle leaning up against the wall of a barn—all these or any such places are considered suitable. But in one matter he is conservative to a degree. My garden is divided into two parts; one part belongs to one robin family and the other part to another robin family. It is, of course, food supply expressed in



terms of square yardage, as any stockman has to work out. It is fascinating to think of the thousands and thousands of generations during which time this instinct has built up, helping to preserve the species.

THE UNIQUE COMMON LAW

So we observe the function of rules and their value and note how fortunate we have been hitherto. The great system of Canon Law, based on Christian Law, developing through hundreds of years into our Common Law, was functional and though there were modifications from time to time to suit changing needs, the underlying principles were never sacrificed to a shifting expediency.

One of the most splendid aspects of our Constitution, which we owe to wise and far-seeing men long ago, is the subtle and delicately adjusted balance and counterbalance designed to prevent the accumulation of power in the wrong hands. This has worked and the adoption by other countries of our Constitution is proof of this.

What can be said, is that our Constitution, owing to its foundation in the Christian ethic, has always been the stay and support of the individual whose needs were better catered for and whose protection was more assured than under any other code. Until January 1st, 1973.

Much has been said and written about this extraordinary occurrence—the passing of legislation in our Parliament transferring the power to make laws for Britain to unelected bodies in Europe.

The Treaty of Accession, January 22nd, 1972, was signed in contravention of a number of our great statutes such as Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights, the Act of Settlement, the Act of Union with Scotland and others, all of which expressly forbid anything other than governance of this Realm by laws devised in this Realm. The proper procedure would have been to repeal all these Statutes but this, of course, would have been far too revealing. So they simply cheated. It is disturbing that our representatives in Parliament, who themselves have sworn in their oath of office to help our Queen to keep her Coronation Oath, should so lightly regard their responsibility and be ready to give away what is not theirs to give.

THE COMMON MARKET BETRAYAL

The Coronation Oath itself is the very heart of the noble ceremony in which it occurs. The Queen, divested of her ornaments—no crown, no orb, no Sceptre—with a plain white surcoat covering her glittering robes, pledges her solemn oath before God. She is asked if she will govern her peoples (and I quote), "according to their respective laws and customs" and promises so to do. "... Their respective laws and customs". There are those to whom an oath before God is an oath before God, not to be lightly tossed aside. I make no disparagement of our Queen and yours. Her Majesty

Mrs. Gay Guthrie assists her husband, "Butch" Guthrie, to explain at the National Action Seminar how the Forest (West Australian) Electors' Association is working. Mr. Eric Butler on right.

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obviously sought from her Ministers some way out of this dilemma and it would appear, according to "Hansard", that the Royal Prerogative in this matter was handed over to Parliament. The cynical disregard shown in ramming the European Communities Bill through both Houses is symptomatic of political life today and is in part answerable for the disillusionment felt by the electorate for politicians of all parties.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH PEOPLE

A couple of months ago I was talking to a farmer's wife from the West Country who has done yeoman service -- the "mot juste" - for her local Anti-Market League. A few days later I received a letter from her with a splendid message, which I pass on to you:

"We the majority of the British people, are disgusted and angry at the treachery of our Governments over the Common Market and the shocking way the Dominions and Commonwealth have been treated. In spite of all the pro-Market propaganda, the majority of the Nation is opposed to the E.C.; demand a referendum or, better still, complete withdrawal, and a return to open Commonwealth and world trade; a return to sanity and commonsense. God bless you all. Help us in our battle, as you have done before (we do not forget the two World Wars) and please understand what we are trying to do; to restore our country her freedom and her sovereignty."

This is the message I have travelled halfway across the world to bring you.

"HOWEVER POWERFUL THE FORCES OF EVIL MAY APPEAR THE FINAL OUTCOME CANNOT BE IN DOUBT"

AN INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE FROM L. D. BYRNE, O.B.E.

Before playing a taped recording of a special Dinner message from Mr. L. D. Byrne, British Columbia, Canada, Mr. Jeremy Lee recalled how Mr. Byrne had been sent to Alberta by C. H. Douglas to advise the Aberhart Government when it was making its first attacks upon the Money Power. Mr. Byrne had been one of the casualties when, following the tragic death of Premier Aberhart, the Social Credit Government of Alberta had been subverted. Some years later Mr. Byrne was appointed as the Albertan Trade Commissioner by the British Government and subsequently awarded the Order of the British Empire when he retired.

other dupes of the conspiracy's subtle propaganda. It would indeed be the Devil's "Kingdom on Earth as it is in Hell".

Make no mistake about it, the concentrated attack on the Church of Christ and the Christian Faith from both outside and within the Church, the rise of Devil worship and other forms of Satanism, such as witchcraft and black magic, are no accident. They are the visible manifestations of the Evil being unleashed upon the world as the process of the centralization of power continues unchecked. We see it also in the abandonment of moral standards, the deliberate perversion of youth on a world scale, the corruption of education, the pollution of environment and all the other features of a civilization under attack and in its death throes.

Of this I am convinced—that we are in the grip of the concentration of the power of Evil on a scale of which there is no previous record in human history. It is the final and desperate bid by Satan for undisputed lordship over this world-and its main thrust is against Christ, against His Church, against the influence She has exerted upon this civilization and against the operation of the Divine Canon-the law governing the universe-in every sphere of human life. It is the culmination of the challenge, which Satan flung at Christ in their confrontation in the desert nearly two thousand years ago.

When Douglas told us that those of us who accepted his views, and the responsibility that it entailed, were undertaking nothing less than bringing to birth a new civilization, he meant exactly that. He conceived a social order rooted in obedience to the Divine Canon; a social order accepting the supreme Authority of the Author of Creation, and obedient to the manifestation of His Trinitarian Nature in His Creation; a social order in which all power would be tempered by checks and evoke responsibilities; a social order recognizing every person as a child of God-a sacred personality-by according to him freedom in the fullest sense as the over-riding objective of society. In short, the task to which we have set our hands is to bring to birth a Christ-centred civilization in all its fullness-the antithesis of the Devil-centred one of world tyranny into which the nations are being tricked.

An impossible task? Not if we accept the challenge

MR. PAUL NEWNHAM, B.E.M.

One of the many pleasant moments at the Dinner was the Chairman's announcement that well-known East Gippsland (Victoria) League supporter, Mr. Paul Newnham, had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's birthday list of awards. Mr. Newnham's award was for his work in the field of civil defence, including outstanding leadership in bushfire fighting operations. He was given a warm round of applause by Dinner guests.

The central theme of Mr. Byrne's Dinner message is contained in the concluding part of a special contribution Mr. Byrne sent to the League of Rights Seminar on Inflation.

All corruption is the fruit of evil and all evil is of the Devil—of Satan—call him what you will—who himself is ultimate and absolute Evil personified. That is the short answer to those who wish to foist upon us the Utopian of World Government with its concentration of absolute power—the Federalists, the One Worlders and

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as Christians—with a full and utter commitment to Christ to serve as His faithful soldiers to our lives' end, as most of us have already pledged ourselves. His voice rings out clear and loud above the tumult of the approaching chaos, "All Power is given to Me in heaven and in earth". We can therefore go forward in this the greatest of adventures of all time strong in our knowledge that in the Power of His Might, manifested by God the Holy Spirit, ours is an invincible cause to the degree that we are true to Our Lord and Master. It is our clear duty to alert our fellow Christians to the challenge to Christ as Lord of All Life by all the organized forces of Satan to His Church and to His world. It is our clear duty to engage those forces wherever we find them and, in His Name, to defeat them. At times the enemy will seem all-powerful and invincible, but we have Christ; our assurance that the gates of Hell shall not prevail. However powerful the forces of Evil may appear, however many battles we may lose, the final outcome cannot be in doubt. Keep steadfastly in mind that on our side are the Angels, Archangels and all the company of Heaven engaged in the same war on a higher plane.

I trust that in the limited time, I have been able to place before you the whole issue with which you are concerned in what to me is its proper perspective. It is my earnest prayer that you will go forth from your deliberations refreshed, inspired—a band of happy warriors, strong in an unshakable Faith, embarking on a historic crusade.

"WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO BRING TO BIRTH A NEW CIVILISATION"

As the central theme of Mr. Jeremy Lee's response to the toast to "The New Times" was an important address given by Douglas before the Second World War, we quote some of the most significant parts of this address:

What are we aiming at? What are we trying to get? Well, now I will put it in a very large general form, as I see it from one point of view. We are endeavouring to bring to birth a new Civilisation. We are doing something, which really extends far beyond the confines of a change in the financial system.

We are hoping by various means, chiefly financial, to enable the human community to definitely step out of one type of civilisation into another type of civilisation, and the first and basic requirements as we see it, of that, is absolute economic security. Now, if you accept that as a general statement of a proper and reasonable and timely object, then I want you to consider and agree with me that we want that objective on our own terms.

We are not going to sell our birthright for a mess of pottage.

It is quite definitely a birthright. I was speaking at a large meeting in Newcastle one night, and one person got up in the audience and said: "I am puzzled about one thing. In the civilisation in which I have lived up until now, the human individual's title to a share in what you have been talking about (I had been talking about the Unearned Increment)—what I have always understood as the ordinary man's title to a share in the products of Industry, was employment. Now, employment is failing, and you have been telling us that you think it is a good thing and a proper thing! What is your definition of the have many aspects; I think it has, but the feet of people on this earth are on the ground, and the groundwork of all civilisations is economic. It is not the whole, but it is the groundwork. Man is not in a position to devote his time to other things unless he has bed, board and clothes. The situation is clearly, to my mind (and when I say "to my mind", I mean proved by solid, firm statistics), based on this glut, and one of the things which we have to be pre-eminently careful about is that the situation is not changed.

It is advisable to have a superfluity of goods in order that this situation, which makes it a problem of distribution, shall be maintained. I have no doubt that behind this seeming insanity of policy there is a definite and careful aim to so cut down production, that the glut will disappear with it, and we have to be careful to see that everything we can do to defeat that policy is done.

There is an assumption that responsibility can be taken from a man for his own actions, and put on an organisation, and one of the features of this new Civilisation is that with this individual security must come essential individual responsibility. That is, a thing which is a bad thing, when done under somebody else's orders, is not relieving one of the responsibility for that action.

This has a very practical application.

One of the things, which are said, and said often about this situation, many by people who criticise it at the present time is "It is the system we are attacking, and not individuals". And there is a certain limited sense in which this is true. It is not true in the sense in which it is generally put forward; it is usually put forward from fear of really facing up to some individuals, and if you absolve the individuals, you deserve what you get. We have quite definitely got, so far as individuals are connected with this pernicious system, to make that position uncomfortable to them. I am certain that this point has got to be brought home.

title of the ordinary man to a share of the products of Service?"

The answer I gave to him was: I think the true title to a correct share—an overwhelmingly satisfactory share —of the goods and services now available, is that every citizen of this country, at any rate, is a tenant for life of the Heritage of Western Civilisation.

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I said a short time ago that we were in a position to change over from one civilisation to another. That may

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