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TREMENDOUS OPTIMISM AT HISTORY-MAKING ANNUAL DINNER

The atmosphere at the 1975 Annual "New Times" Dinner was described by Mr. David Thompson, the youngest speaker ever to toast "The New Times", as "just fantastic. The warmth, and above all the optimism seems almost real, like something you can reach out to, and take with you to get you through another year." A deep sense of history making ran through the whole evening, finishing on the high note of Mr. Eric Butler's address, entitled "The Historic Moment". There was a tremendous note of optimism, a reflection of that faith-which moves all true Social Crediters.

The whole evening moved forward on a surge of high-lights. In introducing Mrs. Noelene Hunt to propose the Loyal Toast, the Chairman, Mr. Jeremy Lee, said that while it was generally regarded as not traditional to speak to the Toast, "We have created our own tradition because we believe that the Crown should not be taken for granted." Mr. Lee said that for the first time in 29 years a woman was to propose the toast, and that no one was more fitted than Mrs. Noelene Hunt, a young mother, best known for her work, along with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Le Maistre, as the driving force behind the movement "Women Against Inflation". Speaking with charming dignity Mrs. Hunt stressed the role of the Queen as a mother. She demonstrated that women can take their place in public affairs without losing their femininity.

In moving the toast to *The New Times*, Canon A. G. Fellows, attending his first Dinner, although a long-time supporter, inspired his listeners with his stress on the necessity for a vision of what society could be if freed from financial shackles. Experience was followed by youth, as 19-year-old West Australian university student David Thompson delivered an address, which gripped every person present. A veteran supporter was heard to say afterwards, "When I heard that boy I knew that my years of endeavour have not been in vain. Our cause is in good hands."

Mr. Alec McPherson gave a most moving address concerning the late Walter J. Carruthers, former Managing Editor of *The New Times* and the man who initiated the concept of an annual Dinner. Mr. McPherson recalled how at the end of the Second World War Mr. Carruthers had applied his great organising ability to establishing a well-organised movement for the advancement of Social Credit ideas. He had played a major role in ensuring that Mr. Eric Butler's talents could be utilised to the maximum. Mr. Butler recalled that the first Dinner, chaired by Walter Carruthers had been held at the old Federal Hotel, Collins Street, in 1946.

BRITISH WORLD CAN LEAD

Guest of honour Mr. Donald Martin, accompanied by his wife Mildred, was given a rousing welcome when he rose to speak. In a stirring address, Mr. Martin dealt with the Common Market battle and expressed his faith that the British world was far from finished. He said, "It is my firm belief that just as the British world helped to lead the way out of the Great Depression so can the Crown Commonwealth co-operation show the way out of the current Great Recession or whatever other collapse which may eventuate."

Speaking of the development of The Crown Commonwealth League of Rights, Mr. Martin said that a "real tribute must be paid to Mr. Eric Butler and his wife Elma without whom much of this would not have started. Certainly if I had not come in contact with Eric Butler and The Australian League of Rights I would never have learned British history—with a difference to that I had learned at school—and received the suggestion that I might return to the United Kingdom to make sure that our Crown Commonwealth concept really worked. While much of the history of our movement is to be found in Great Britain, we have to thank the Australians in particular for keeping it alive and taking it back to the U.K. to join forces with those still holding firm in the Old Country."

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THE FALLEN

After the Rev. David McDougall said Grace at the Dinner, guests remained standing for a minute's silence in remembrance of the following supporters who had passed away over the previous twelve months.

Mr. Viv Guy

Mr. A. J. O'Callaghan

Mr. Fred Nangle

Mr. John A. Malan Mr.

Ken Tavender

Mr. Walter J. Carruthers

Mr. Frank Coleman

INSPIRING AND INFORMATIVE MESSAGES

The large number of dinner messages speak for themselves, reflecting the continuing growth of a worldwide movement. It was appropriate that the first message read was a cable from Miss Marjorie Douglas, Scotland, sending every good wish. This was followed by a cable from Caroline Hicks, Assistant Director of the British League of Rights, and Mr. Don Martin's mother and sister Pauline: "We have got a fight on here but following your example and the leadership by you the light is dawning. We are with you all in spirit." There was a special round of applause for the greetings from the Candour League of Rhodesia, "still holding on bravely on one of the Free World's major front lines", as the Chairman said.

Other messages were:

"RECHARGE YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERY FOR ANOTHER YEAR'S CAMPAIGN"

From Ron Gostick, National Director, Canadian League of Rights:

Dear Friends and Fellow Soldiers,

Once again you are gathered together at *The New Times* Annual Dinner, to meet old friends (and new) and recharge your spiritual battery for another year's campaign for the standards and values we hold essential to civilization.

On behalf of Canadian supporters of our common cause, I wish you a most enjoyable and profitable Dinner and weekend. You'll be interested to know that next month our League, across Canada, is staging a national campaign commemorating the 25th anniversary of The Canadian Intelligence Service, all of which is a part of an expanded programme by the Canadian League this coming year.

And so, as you meet next weekend, we Canadian colleagues shall be thinking of you, wishing you the very best for the coming year, and remembering the example Eric Butler and the Australian League have set and the lead you have given in arousing our far-flung Commonwealth to a sense of reality.

"WE ARE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT" From Mr. Patrick Walsh of the Freedom Council of Canada:

Greetings from Canadian anti-communists! The momentous decisions taken at the 8th Annual Conference of the World Anti-Communist League (W.A.C.L.) in Brazil last April were a tribute to the Crown Commonwealth Leagues of Rights.

Sixty-four nations of the Free World have unanimously charged your dedicated National Director, Eric Butler, with the responsibility of preparing a comprehensive report on how the Soviet Union and the other Communist-controlled countries have been financed from the West, and what steps might be taken by the non-Communist nations to adjust their finance-economic policies to make possible a constructive offensive against the Communist challenge.

We are with you in spirit this evening and both Ron Gostick and myself fondly remember our own participation in previous *New Times* Dinners. The presence of Donald Martin is certainly an added intellectual and spiritual treat and we know that he will be up to his usual high calibre when he makes his contribution to the even-

ing's speeches.

We are looking forward to meeting the leaders of the newly established Crown Commonwealth Leagues of Rights at the forthcoming Ninth W.A.C.L. Conference to be held in South Korea in the spring. We are also awaiting the historic document that Eric Butler will present on this occasion, which will undoubtedly shift history, **"IN DEFENCE OF OUR HERITAGE OF FREEDOM"** From Gary Robinson, Chairman, Ian Smith Community Chapter, Young Americans for Freedom, Toronto, Canada:

It is indeed a distinct privilege to be afforded this opportunity to extend to our Australian friends, on the occasion of this dinner, our sincere good wishes. Your untiring efforts in the defence of our heritage of freedom and liberty, and in particular those of that distinguished patriot of the West, Mr. Eric Butler, are to be commended.

"ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY—A BOOK FOR TODAY"

From Mrs. Beatrice Palmer, Editor of "British Housewives Today"

Dear Friends "Down Under",

There are people alive in Britain today who will never forget what Australian housewives did for British housewives nearly thirty years ago.

When the electors had been conned into dismissing Churchill and Attlee took over, British housewives were enraged to find that, far from rationing being finished, restrictions on the sale of food were intensified. Rations were tighter than they had ever been during the worst hostilities.



South Australian League State Director Frank Bawden makes a point to Mr. Don Martin. Mrs. Mildred Martin listens with interest.

Indignant housewives demanded why the very food, which was needed in British homes, was actually being exported. We were told that international trade must be restored. The British housewives were not fobbed off with this answer, but made themselves felt. And the Australians rose to the occasion. Thousands of food parcels were sent to friends in Britain, containing the free gifts of food, which could not reach us through ordinary trading channels.

Thank you, Australia.

Now once again we are in trouble, both of us this time. Now it is the price of food, not its scarcity. And once again we thank Australians for their firm stand that **consumers** should come first. Premier Joh Petersen of Queensland led the way in demanding that Price Discounts should be given to shoppers, particularly in the beef industry, where this plan would help the producers and stretch the housewives' budget.

The British Housewives' League are following with a three point plan of our own, to be applied to all important items in the cost of living.

We send you our most cordial greetings on the occasion of the League of Rights Dinner, where Don Martin and Mildred are the honoured guests; we look forward to welcoming them home with news of what is happening in Australia, for never before, perhaps, has there been so grand an opportunity for a united front for both of us, in peace time. We have shown what can be done in war. Let us transcend this.

Let us not forget that this gathering tonight, and all the heartfelt greetings and the dawn of hope which is brightening over our beloved motherlands could not have been experienced without the devoted work of one man who showed the way more than 50 years ago.

This evening you have received the long awaited news of the appearance of the new edition of *Economic Democracy* and those who can speak far more authoritatively than I will have much to say of its value. It is a book for today, for all those who are in this campaign, but still more is it a book for the future.

Without it, indeed, we could not have reached the position which we have reached, nor could we retain it for the future.

"CRIMINALS AND POLITICIANS"

From Mr. John Mitchell, the United Kingdom:

In wishing you all a happy gathering may I offer a thought or two?

Have you noticed that criminals and politicians have at least one important characteristic in common? I refer to their common trait of evading the evidence of facts and the conclusions to be drawn from them.

On the other hand our work has shown that politicians are not willing to perjure themselves about either the facts or the conclusions to be drawn from them in order to defend the criminals, whose policies they espouse. I would like to suggest to you that this is the real weak spot in our enemy's position and should be exploited to the

full, with careful attention to the point which Douglas stressed: the great importance of tying back what we do "to the moving events of the world".

Although severely handicapped by our small numbers and the major distractions of the Common Market battle, we are doing what we can to explore this ground; and I can assure you that our experience shows it to be very promising indeed. I hope your guest of honour, our collaborator, Don Martin, will show you some of our 'tools of trade', in particular those dealing with that phase of our strategy which I have dubbed "hammer and anvil", and in which we are in the early stages of exploring.

All strength to your elbows for the coming year.

"THIS IS NOT A BATTLE FOR THE FAINT OF HEART"

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

Greetings to all Australian patriots as you gather again to not only enjoy fellowship, but to rededicate yourselves to the cause of the battle we are all involved in. As that great Russian patriot Alexander Solzhenitsyn has pointed out, we have lost the Third World War and are at present involved in fighting the Fourth World War. This is one war we cannot afford to lose.

It is indeed an honour to send greetings when you have such an important guest of honour, Don Martin. He must be rated as being one of the best examples of the breed of British who will fight to the bitter end again those forces, which are trying to destroy our Christian civilisation.

It has not only been an honour to know Don Martin, but to work with him. He has had two speaking tours of Canada and will be back again next year. But the most satisfying work was the achievements at the World Anti-Communist League Conference in Brazil. It was there that we saw Don at his best as chairman of one of the most important committees of the conference. It was at that conference, where we had representatives of all the Crown Commonwealth Leagues of Rights, that it came home to me that we are not alone in this battle, and that with individuals like Don Martin we will not only defeat



Mr. Edward Rock enjoying the Dinner with Mrs. and the Rev. David McDougall.

the enemy, but will build an even better civilization than we have in the past.

"THE TRUE NATURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY"

From Mr. L. D. Byrne, O.B.E., Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, former adviser to the Aberhart Social Credit Government of Alberta:

Once again it is my pleasure and my privilege to extend to you warm greetings from Canada. I am particularly happy to do so on this occasion when *The New Times* is making Social Credit history by launching a new and unique edition of *Economic Democracy*—Douglas's first book, which, with the able assistance of A. R. Orage and his *New Age*, was the springboard for the growth of the worldwide Social Credit Movement.

When Douglas wrote *Economic Democracy* over half a century ago, world conditions were very different from those existing today. The appalling chaos we see around us in what is left of Western civilisation is due, in a large measure, to the crass stupidity of politicians, economists, industrial executives and others in positions of control, to comprehend the early warning of approaching disaster, which Douglas sounded. The inertia of tradition blinded them to the facts, which he presented—or else the pressures on them to ignore his message were too great to withstand.

It is against the background of the world of those early post-war years of the twenties that *Economic Democracy* should be studied, relating it to the interim and contemporary situations, which, in fact, was developed in Douglas's subsequent works.

I am indeed happy that my good friend and colleague Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs has contributed an introduction and necessary footnotes to this new edition of Douglas's historic work. Although I have yet to see these, I am confident that he has given us the benefit of his not inconsiderable knowledge and insight into the relevance of *Economic Democracy* not only to conditions prevailing in the 1920's and '30's but also to the chaotic world of the '70's.

Douglas's early works were necessarily concerned mainly with exposing the fraudulent economic and financial system, and with pointing the way with the precision of a master engineer to its reform by measures which would ensure a smooth transition to an economic democracy in which "an aristocracy of producers would serve and be dominated by a democracy of consumers". In the next phase Douglas placed the emphasis on the political structure, exposing the inevitable dishonesty of party politics, the irresponsibility of the secret ballot and their inability to serve the rich constitutional heritage of the British peoples, which entitled them to all the benefits of genuine political democracy.

This was followed by the next phase developed by Douglas in which he tore aside the veil of trickery, deceit and every slimy device inspired by the Devil's underworld, to expose a deep-seated international conspiracy to enslave

the nations of the world under an absolute tyranny at which the mind boggles.

On the basis of the stark facts of the world situation it would seem that the international conspiracy has all but achieved its objective of world dictatorship modelled on Soviet Russia. But as every informed Social Crediter knows, between the arch-conspirators, with all the sanctions they control, and their goal are seemingly insignificant numbers of dedicated and determined persons, engaged in arousing people to the peril or their plight and the urgency for taking action against those seeking to enslave them. In the forefront of the growing challenge to the conspirators is the Social Credit Movement and because they appear to be devoid of sanctions, they are treated with contempt by the juggernaut of Finance-Communism.

If the issue were to be decided on the material plane they would be justified in their attitude. However, the issue is not a material issue—it is fundamentally a spiritual issue. As St. Paul aptly put it: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

In the progressive centralisation of power on a world scale we see the policy of Satanism being pursued by the Devil, the Father of Lies, incarnate in those whom he has perverted by a love of power, and whom he has possessed and is using to establish his undisputed rule in this world. That is the true nature of the international conspiracy.

That brings me to the heart of what I want to say in conclusion. Despite all the evidence to the contrary, the Devil-inspired international conspiracy cannot succeed. Its policy is in direct conflict with the Divine Canon—the Law of the Universe,— which is the ultimate sanction, more powerful than all economic, political and military might of this world. And because the Christ-centred civilisation, which we are striving to bring to birth out of the smouldering ruins of our decaying civilisation, is, by its very nature, in harmony with the Divine Canon, there is no human agency, which can prevail against our purpose.

Thus we can go forward in the task to which we are dedicated, sure in the knowledge that to the extent we are faithful to our purpose, firmly rooted in our Christian



Mr. Alec McPherson recounts his personal recollections of the late Walter J. Carruthers.

heritage—with Christ as the focus of our lives and efforts—ours is an invincible cause.

"THE LAMP OF TRUTH IS REKINDLED"

From Roy and Esme Earle, Dalby, Queensland:

Greetings and best wishes for this wonderful occasion of friendship, renewal, and rededication.

We would like to be there to celebrate this moment in time as the lamp of truth is rekindled to be carried back again to every corner of our land to light the way for our many small groups of dedicated individuals with a love for freedom.

While yearly the forces of darkness seem to grow stronger, we must boldly go forward, strong in our faith in truth, knowing we are protected by the whole armour of God, the breastplate, the helmet, the shield and the sword, as long as we keep facing the enemy. It is only by turning our back to the enemy we are unguarded by this armour.

Let us decide tonight that in the coming year we will keep walking in His light, facing our enemy with truth on our side. Then victory will be ours.

"MAY GOD GUIDE YOUR DELIBERATIONS"

From John Belows, Winnipeg, Canada:

On behalf of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian League of Rights, I extend our hand of fellowship to all those patriots participating in *The New Times* Annual Dinner.

Having Don Martin as a guest of honour this year should mark this occasion as another outstanding event, since he will be back to renew old friendships that he made while in Australia not too many years ago.

May God guide your deliberations and inspire all those attending to greater efforts to defeat the evil forces attempting to destroy our Christian civilisation. My wife and I send our best regards to all present.

"REVERSING THE SOMERSAULT TO DISASTER"

From Mr. Paul Fromm, M.A. "Countdown", Toronto, Canada:

I want to take this opportunity to send our very best fraternal congratulations and best wishes to all our Australian friends at *The New Times* Dinner and especially to Mr. Eric Butler. If we in the Christian West are able to reverse the headlong somersault to disaster into which our conspiratorial leaders have betrayed us, it will be, in large measure because of the outstanding work and tireless dedication of heroes like Eric Butler.

On behalf of our readers and my associates on the Countdown Committee, I want to wish you every success in the coming year.

"THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE MEANS SURRENDER"

From Richard F. Batterson and W. Alexander Scott of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada:

All associates of the British Columbia branch of the Canadian League of Rights join in wishing you a successful and worthwhile three days of discussion.

Perhaps at no time since the Second World War has the West faced such blatant threat by totalitarianism. As Helsinki has shown, the spirit of detente means surrender.

If the people of the non-communist nations are to realise their precarious position it will have to be through the efforts of organisations like the Leagues of Rights.

"THE ESSENTIAL REAL FREEDOM"

The following message from Mr. Neil McDonald, a teacher at the Mount Hagen, Papua-New Guinea Technical College, was given a warm round of applause by dinner guests:

Tonight, while dedicated supporters of *The New Times* and League of Rights, meet in the warmth and comfort of The Victoria, I will silently toast your continued growth and influence from a position of isolation and solitude.

I expect to be not far from the peak of the highest mountain in Papua—Mount Giluwe that reaches a height of 14,346 feet.

With two other teachers, one from Melbourne district and one from England, we will be lying beneath a rough bush shelter of twigs and branches, hastily built by two New Guinea guides who will probably talk all night beside a roaring fire.

Outside, the air will be cold and our exposed shelter chilled by heavy fog.

At dawn, we hope to tackle the final assault on the peak, which rises sharply and is a landmark, visible for a long distance from lower levels.

I am hoping my physical stamina will be adequate for the task—because on the 1st June last year, I failed to overcome the rarefied air of that altitude and was exhausted.

Why do people leave comfortable homes to experience the slow torture of physical endeavour? I think the adventurous spirit is inherent in most of us who have sprung from European stock.

The distant horizon is not a fence, but a springboard to be jumped over.

Compelling a person to climb Mount Giluwe would be akin to being sent to the salt mines of Siberia.

But, given the freedom to select a time and method of trying to get there, the task becomes not penalty, but a challenge.

I am fortunate to be able to go and leave Mount Giluwe when I please. If conditions are pleasant, we will be tempted to stay. If we become wet, hungry and homesick, we are free to retreat and contract out of any further suffering.

This is the essential real freedom of which I became acquainted through *The New Times*. Freedom is to choose or refuse—one thing at a time.

This is the freedom which is denied us in political life . . . we are seldom given alternatives offering a means of escape. Instead, the escape routes are sealed before the traps are sprung.

From outside of Australia's shores, I see clearly the worsening of living conditions. Our over-abundant physical capacity is being reduced while an unreal distributive system denies potential consumers access to the volume, which could easily flow in from overseas.

Amongst the smoke and smother, are causes of which *The New Times* is well aware.

For more than 30 years, I have followed their predictions and noted their warnings. I believe that no other political organisation in Australia is more aware of causes and effects than the realists of the League of Rights.

From the tip of my sleeping bag, I offer an austerity toast of pure, unfluoridated mountain water, wishing you a happy evening to recharge your batteries for another active year.

"WALTER CARRUTHERS AMONGST THE 'RELATIVELY FEW' "

The following message was received from Mr. John Johnstone, a former Chairman of "The New Times", unfortunately unable to attend the Dinner because he was overseas:

It is with very real regret that I miss the chance with which to pay tribute to our late friend and colleague, Walter John Carruthers.

Over the 35 years, which I knew him, Walter Carruthers always was the instigator. A kindly and humble man, he displayed the qualities common to all leaders—the ability to work hard himself and influence others to work with him.

He always was a fierce and unrelenting opponent of the Monopoly State.

It was Walter Carruthers' idea to start the Annual *New Times* Dinner. From the first Dinner in 1946 it has become the focal point for all of us to renew friendships, assess past happenings and fan the fires of enthusiasm for future activity.

As Chairman of *The New Times* and the first Chairman of The League of Rights. Walter Carruthers' influence was responsible for many milestones.

He was a prime mover in the Removal of the Means Test Association, whose influence had all political parties accept the principle that ALL individuals were entitled to a pension without a means test. This virtually signalled acceptance (although limited) of the idea of the National Dividend.

This is one example of how agreement of a majority can be obtained by a limited objectives activity.

It is also a lesson that pressure, once an advantage has been obtained, must be unceasing; for, despite the promises of removing the Means Test for age pensioners, the excuse of economic crisis is being used to delay its full implementation.

Walter Carruthers was also editor of *The New Economics* and later *Men and Money* which was circularised mainly to politicians, local government and business circles and fed Social Credit ideas to these sources.

He always knew that, although the key to releasing the community's Social Credit to benefit the individual was the reform of the financial system, the achievement of this was to fight against monopoly in all its forms.

He considered the idea of using limited objectives associations was a powerful weapon for achieving Social

Credit.

Many have seen the truth, which Major Douglas disclosed.

But it is the relatively few individuals who see this truth and do something about it.

Walter Carruthers was an outstanding example of the "relatively few".

DOUGLAS "FORETOLD THE WAY WORLD EVENTS WOULD DEVELOP" From Miss Clara Giddon, Adelaide:

Greetings to all who are in Melbourne for the 1975 historic meeting of The Australian League of Rights. It is a time when the powers of darkness control so many in the seats of power and authority. When expediency prevails instead of truth. When the communist philosophy is accepted by many as the only way in which it is possible for people to live and be happy. It is a time when the press, radio and television are used to corrupt the masses in accepting this as the truth.

Many years ago that great genius Major Clifford Douglas foretold the way world events would develop.

A few able and devoted men inspired by what Douglas said decided to educate people in what was planned for the world. So The League of Rights was formed. Founded on the Christian Faith of Truth and Works.

The League has been responsible for inspiring people in Britain and Commonwealth countries with our way of combating those who would destroy us. Mr. Donald Martin such a splendid disciple and who is with us tonight from Britain.

We now have The Crown Commonwealth League of Rights.

We are a small congregation of people united against those who would destroy us. But never in world history have numbers prevailed against the eternal truths.

We know the attacks on us will grow stronger and shall be prepared for it. I cannot be with you in person, but I shall be there in spirit.

DON MARTIN HAS "INSIGHT AND PERSISTENCE"

From Mrs. Joyce Mew, Chairman British Housewives' League:

A year has passed since I set out on a journey, which took me 5,000 miles around Australia and gave me the great privilege of addressing those present at the 1974 *New Times* Dinner. I remember the whole progress with the utmost clarity and deep sense of thankfulness for a wonderful experience.

The strangely austere landscapes of Australia fascinated me. It has been there, sitting in the sun, for 70 million years while we "Johnny-come-latelys", having been some times at the bottom of the ocean and at other times a part of the mainland, only became an island some 10,000 years ago.

But even more than the country itself I relished the people. Splendid people! So when it was time to go home again I was torn between sorrow at the thought of never

seeing some of them again and joy at having met them even for a short while.

My friend, Don Martin, is well known to you and his great talent for organisation much appreciated. But he has also two other qualities which Solzhenitsyn suggests are vital factors in the present struggle—insight and persistence. "The decline of the West" is patent but it does not yet amount to eclipse. Nor will it while the League of Rights continues to attract men and women of such calibre. They form a link with others of good will throughout the world intent on preserving the Christian ethic.

My sincere good wishes to you all.

"THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT AT THE END OF A DARK TUNNEL"

From Vivian Say, British Columbia, Canada:

As a member of The Canadian League of Rights in Vancouver, British Columbia, I wish to send you best wishes and hearty congratulations on your 29th Annual *New Times* Dinner.

You, dear Australia, are going through a very trying time but there is always light at the end of a dark tunnel.

The whole world is in a deep turmoil and I feel, to a great extent God has been forgotten, for without great faith in Him we will have a hard fight for the Right; but we will win.

We feel most fortunate to have our worthy Mr. Eric Butler come here to Vancouver and talk to us in a most educational and uplifting way; he always inspires us to work harder for the good of all mankind.

So in closing, you have our thoughts and prayers—

"Let us continue to carry up his corpse,
Singing together.

Leave we the common crofts, the vulgar thorples,
Each in its tether."

So carry on valiantly for God, Family and Country.

"CIVILISATION A TENDER PLANT"

From regular "New Times" contributor, D. Watts, Sydney:

Civilisation is a tender plant always battered by unfriendly winds. Perhaps Shelley's hope for the poet can be also for those who toil to cultivate true civilisation:

"Singing hymns unbidden
Till the world is wrought
To sympathy with hopes and fears it heeded not."

"A PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO RESIST THE EVIL FORCES"

From Mr. Eric Boswell, Albertan Provincial Director, Canadian League of Rights:

As freedom of mankind slips quickly into the darkness of the night, and the presence of evil abounds everywhere, it is very encouraging to know that you are meeting here tonight to discuss a programme of action to resist the evil forces and the complete collapse of our civilization. Your theme for this wonderful occasion could not be, in these times, more appropriate than that expressed in the title "Christianity and the Social Order".

"THE SUN NEVER SETS UPON THE CROWN COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE OF RIGHTS"

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

As we accelerate to political and economic crisis supporters of the late C. H. Douglas are invariably experiencing their unique responsibility as our great free enterprise system is systematically being dismantled.

Social Credit—the economic and political policy based upon the Christian philosophy—guides us as we raise the individual above the system so that decentralised policy making becomes the essence of democracy.

It is the policies of Christianity, which elevate truth, and reality that is feared so much by those wishing to deprive mankind of liberty.

Tonight it must be reassuring to know that our colleagues are fighting the same battle in so many places throughout the world. The League of Rights in Australasia never sleeps from the late evening in Western Australia to the new dawn in New Zealand, while the sun never sets over the Crown Commonwealth League of Rights.

FURTHER MESSAGES

Messages were also received from Mrs. Kath Street, Brisbane, Arthur and Midge Middleton (writing from overseas while on world tour), Mrs. Jeanne Sharpe, Adelaide, Keith and Valda Fuss, Toowoomba, Queensland, Erne Radke, Bundaberg, Queensland, Mr. H. Abrahamsen, Geelong, Victoria, Vic. and Beryl Bridger, Brisbane, Wanda and Laurie Teakle, Jondaryan, Queensland, Mr. Tom Crombie, Gosford, N.S.W., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Drijber, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Eric Isaachsen, on behalf of the S.A. division of The Australian Heritage Society, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hollonds, Swifts Creek, Victoria, Sister Hansen, Ballarat, Victoria, Mr. Roy Gustard, Chairman Sydney Council of the League of Rights, Mr. John Trotter on behalf of the N.S.W. division of The Australian Heritage Society, and Mrs. Dulcie Willacy, editor of *Ladies Line*, who wrote, "May all League personnel and each individual supporter be granted courage and unflinching dedication to the cause of good and truth as opposed to the forces of evil and deceit, in this age-old struggle."



"We stand at the most crucial watershed in the long history of man" — Mr. Eric Butler speaks on "The Historic Moment".

"HERE AND NOW I PLEDGE MYSELF TO DO MORE IN THE FUTURE"

In proposing the toast to "The New Times", Canon A. G. Fellows said:

Twenty-five years ago I remember pouring scorn on the suggestions of my father that the world was in the grip of forces quite different from those which appeared on the surface, that government was effected not so much by the "front men", i.e. our elected representatives, as by the featureless "back room boys" of international finance. I remember, too, standing up in Rockhampton Synod to say that, whereas that had once been my attitude, it was not so now. The truth behind national and international events is often stranger than fiction, and there are great numbers of young people today who would be like I was a generation ago, fairly secure in their understanding of the world, and rather taken aback by the truth. The truth can shock, and one's first reaction is to put up one's defences. "It's too impossible to believe," we say. "It's plain crazy." "To talk about conspiracy is paranoiac." One notices a peculiar trait of human behaviour. When the creeping, crawling things are shown up by the overturning of the stone it is the one who disclosed them who is attacked just as much as the vermin. It is almost as though men and women are offended because one has dared to reveal that ugly things exist, and as though they preferred to live without their attention being drawn to them.

The New Times has always had as its motto, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," which are the words of our Lord Jesus Himself. The Jews misunderstood him, perhaps deliberately, and started talking about physical bondage. Later on Jesus said that He was the way, and the truth, and the life, which means that to know Jesus will set us free; not physically free, but spiritually free. The more we come to know the truth about God and man the more we are free to put people and things in their right perspective, free to have a vision of God's plan and purposes, free to see how events shaping up in the world are not disconnected but are simply the result of the breaking of natural law. The truth about the world of international finance, of national and international politics, is part of the wider truth about God. By the light of this truth we are not surprised to see things happen in a certain way. We see significance in seemingly unrelated happenings, we see direction and purpose where on the surface appears chaos. By learning the truth about Marxism and its philosophy and morality we are free in the sense that we are equipped to understand why Communists act in a given situation as they do, why they appear to be contradictory, and why our own people and our leaders are confused.

It has been well said a long time ago, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Vision - that is what we all need. We must be able to see the top of the mountain, to be able to roll away the clouds of confusion, to know exactly what we are aiming at. We need the vision of the Mount of the Transfiguration, by which we can see what God has in store for us, and what kind of "glory" He ever meant for us. We need the vision of what kind of society

could evolve, if only our present financial shackles were struck off. Unless there is vision and an apprehension of the truth as the goal of our efforts, we are in danger of spending our energies on side issues. I suspect that a great number of people know that "something is very wrong", but feel powerless to do anything about it. They resent it, and this is a sad feature of our situation. People are set against people, employer against employee, government against elector, unionist against unionist, each tending to blame the other. I sometimes wonder if some of the vandalism over which we shake our heads springs from a "gut" feeling of the wrongness of our circumstances. People feel trapped and want to lash out. The energy is not channelled in right directions.

Mr. Chairman, *The New Times* helps to bring us a vision. It also has the effect of helping people off the fence on to one side or the other. "Fence-sitting" is popular in some quarters. It allows one to nip off quickly and catch the right bus, to get off on the side of the "wave of the future". You may know the story of Elijah and the contest he had with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Before the contest he said to all the assembled people, "How long will you sit on the fence? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him." We who believe what *The New Times* stands for must try to help people get off the fence. One of our bishops said many years ago that there was in this country a peculiar bird, called a "mugwump", which liked to sit on a fence, and he said that Australia had too many mugwumps sitting on fences with their mugs on one side and their . . . The Premier of my State (God bless him!), said only eight days ago, "The Liberals must decide if they are going to be large L liberals or small s socialists." This is almost a commentary on the approach of the conservatives to the last Federal elections in 1974, an approach so aptly described in the press as "me-tooism". It was an inability to lay down a true conservative approach to the problems of the day; it was a desire to have a foot in both camps.

Mr. Chairman, it is our great privilege to have received some light on the truth through the medium of *The New*



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Times. Lest we imagine, though, that we are the only torch-bearers about today, we must recall what God said to Elijah when he complained that he was the only one left on the Lord's side: "There are yet seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." It is our privilege, then, to try to find these thousands and to help channel their energies in the right direction. It has been a great personal privilege for me to be here, let alone speak and propose the toast to *The New Times*. I could accuse myself, Mr. Chairman, of not doing enough for the cause of truth, and here and now I pledge myself to do more in the future. I invite you all to join me in this and to participate heart and soul in this toast to *The New Times*.

"THE FINEST BALANCE BETWEEN REALITY AND IDEALISM"

In seconding the toast to "The New Times", Mr. David Thompson said:

I would like to repeat a very ancient message that we could perhaps examine. It is part of a well-known passage from the Old Testament of the Bible.

"To every thing there is a season, a time to every purpose.

A time to be born, and a time to die,

A time to heal, and a time to kill,

A time of love, and a time of hate,

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak,

A time of peace, and a time of war."

In my short association with the League, I have come to realise that we don't really live in a time of peace. I am too young to have experienced the First or the Second World Wars, but according to Solzhenitsyn, I am just in time for the end of the Fourth World War. This is not a time of peace, but a time of war. It is a war that we cannot militarily win, because it is not a war at all in any sense that the word was ever used in history. Douglas once remarked that we are never at peace—only the form of war changes. It now consists of a persistent undermining of age-old beliefs and moral integrity, designed to bring about the collapse of the entire Western world. Those who have planned this thing have used deceit, treachery, and increasing violence to achieve their ends. Because of this our own Christian heritage is being threatened more with each passing day.

So what can we do about it? How easy to take the easy way out. Maybe if we ignore the threat of domination, it will go away and leave us alone. But many of us have been ignoring these dangers for long enough, and they certainly have not gone away. So this is not a time to keep silence, but a time to speak and act if we are to preserve our heritage. In past years *The New Times* has said that knowledge is power. I would go a little further tonight, to say that knowledge of the truth is most powerful in the hands of the person who has the ability to apply that knowledge to the best effect. So we must arm ourselves with knowledge, the best knowledge, and learn how to apply it. The League of Rights is the only organisation that can supply and apply the necessary knowledge to

expose and oppose Communism in all its forms.

I think the foundation and binding strength of the League is basically built on two things. The first is faith in God, and the wish to execute His will. The second is the best method of carrying this out; an idea defined by Major Douglas, called Social Credit.

I see the League of Rights as a body providing the finest balance between reality and idealism that this country so desperately needs today. *The New Times* is the efficient expression of this essential balance.

At this point I must pause to say that the atmosphere at this dinner is just fantastic. The warmth, and above all, the optimism of you people seems almost real, like something you can reach out to, and take with you to get you through another year.

I think perhaps we owe a great debt to the people who have dedicated their lives to make the League an organisation to provide us with the power to shape our society for ourselves and our children. The payment of this debt, if we consider it as such, will be measured in how we use the organisation that is the result of the efforts of these men and women. They have made a start, a very substantial start, but the power is now ours. You are the Australian League of Rights. You and the people you live and work with now have the ability to shape the future. The courage to do so must be found in our faith.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, as we toast *The New Times* tonight, shall we take the challenge of the League, and once again go to war? Yes, a different type of war, but war nevertheless.

It is with great pleasure and humility that I second the toast to *The New Times*.

NEW EDITION OF "ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY" A TRIUMPH FOR THE LEAGUE

In replying to the toast to *The New Times* Mr. Lee reminded the audience that it was now 55 years since the publication of the book *Economic Democracy*—the first of Douglas's major works. It was safe to say that the world had never been the same since. It did not mean that the Conspiracy had received an instantaneous death-blow. But with the publication of Douglas's works, and



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the introduction of Social Credit a completely new and unexpected factor was introduced into what had hitherto been an unchecked advance. From 1920 onward, a significant and growing part of the conspiratorial armament had to be deployed in a cover-up operation. Were it possible to produce a graph of subversive progression, it would be shown that the deployment was a growing one, taking ever-increasing effort to maintain.

"SOCIAL CREDITERS ALONE HAVE A CLUE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING"

The following message was received from Dr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dobbs, North Wales, United Kingdom:

Greetings to everyone present from us both.

Recently, we have been reading Lord Longford's biography of the great Duke of Wellington, whose tactics in defeating Napoleon, the first revolutionary conqueror of Europe, have, we believe, a moral for us, and a moral for all who are confronted with an overwhelming tyranny — which, however much we dislike it, has been throughout history a common human situation.

For, make no mistake, it is far too late now to talk about the World Plot, or Conspiracy—words which do not face the fact that most of the forces of government have been captured, and are being used against us. We have suffered too long from the bouncy optimists who dare not face the grim facts of the situation, as well as from the doomsters who dare not face, nor even see the hopeful ones. The lesson we need to learn from Wellington is this: **NEVER fight on the enemy's ground. When he offers battle on his own terms, retreat in good order to your prepared position, and make him attack you there.**

This is what Wellington did in the Peninsula War, and again when he withdrew before Napoleon's Grand Army and formed those famous British Squares just over the hilltop at Waterloo. If there is one good thing about the recent referendum on Britain and the E.E.C. it is that it has at last made abundantly clear what C. H. Douglas told us years ago: that the ballot box, the anonymous numbers-game with people, the numerical feed-back from the mass-manipulation of public opinion is, above all, the enemy's chosen ground—a trap which he is constantly tempting us to enter.

At present we are witnessing not so much a retreat as a rout of the forces, which used to defend a Christian civilisation. Any resistance is always too little, too late, and too far forward so that it is soon outflanked. Today's battle is always lost, it is tomorrow's that we ought to be preparing for, when the enemy has over-reached himself. So far as we can see, Social Crediters alone have a clue to what is happening and should be concerning themselves with the defence in-depth rather than front-line skirmishing.

This is not the place to go into detail, but we suggest briefly that in the material sense we should be preparing now to defend the land, the basis of our bodily survival, against removal from personal to collective ownership;

Mr. Lee said that the intense crisis now apparent throughout the Western world heralded the moment when the truths espoused by Douglas could no longer be bound, however desperate the efforts. Events themselves were forcing one unconvincing lie after another from those whose designs on freedom were reaching a point of finality. For this reason, the League was proud to have available a new edition of *Economic Democracy* straight off the press.

and also against deterioration and destruction by mass pollution and misuse by centralised agencies.

In the spiritual sense, our ultimate bastion is the Christian religion; but this also is impregnable only if it remains unpolluted and retains its Trinitarian balance. And the essential link between these two things: Christianity and the true use of our earthly environment, is what some of us have learnt to call Social Credit. Hence its importance!

This is why we are glad to see the first of C. H. Douglas's books, *Economic Democracy*, published again over 50 years after it first appeared, and honoured to have been entrusted by Miss Marjorie Douglas with the provision of an introduction and other details which have become necessary owing to the change in the very language of politics and economics since that time. Douglas himself once reminded us that this was his prentice effort, and the last of his books that he wanted to see republished; but that was 30 years ago, and on re-reading it we both found that it has a special relevance to our present times, especially in the stress it placed, even then, in 1920, on the criminal wastefulness of our money and employment system, as well as on the prophetic prediction of the inevitability of the accelerating inflation built into it.

Our message is then, that the time is ripe for a revival of Social Credit, not as an interesting theory, but as a necessity for survival, and we hope that this edition of *Economic Democracy* will be a help to that end.



"Sentimentality alone will not stand against the thrust of the enemies of our society. We must know why we support the Monarchy" — Mrs. Noelene Hunt proposes the Loyal Toast.

"THE REAL BATTLE FOR BRITAIN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN"

After expressing the pleasure he and his Australian wife felt at being able to be present at the 1975 Annual "New Times" Dinner, Mr. Donald Martin said:

It is a great privilege to be able to bring a message in person from your kith and kin in Great Britain. I can assure you that the bonds that unite our peoples across many thousands of miles of land and sea are not broken by the divisive policies and statements of politicians.

Soon after our return to Great Britain I quickly realised that I was now fighting in the front line of the battle for our Christian free world society. The campaign to destroy the United Kingdom and thereby fragment the British world was in full force.

Politicians knew that in spite of all the propaganda the British people back in the later 1960's and into the early 1970's were overwhelmingly against our membership of the Common Market. The anti-Common Market campaign over the years had built up a solid demand for a referendum on the subject of Common Market membership before we joined the Community. The politicians therefore said that a referendum was not in accordance with the British way of doing things and all three major political parties rejected the proposition. The electorate was never given a real choice at any general election.

Public opinion remained solidly against our membership of the Common Market right throughout 1973 and up to the end of 1974. At the end of 1974 under the continuous pressure of massive propaganda public opinion was slowly shifted to a pro-Market position from which we never recovered.

Now that the politicians thought they could get the right answer we were now to be permitted—with great reluctance and opposition, particularly from the Conservatives—a referendum on the Common Market. Originally it was to be in October this year, then it was suddenly brought forward to June. Re-negotiated terms were suddenly announced, which as one political commentator put it, was the old Tory terms with two pence taken off. The Treaty of Accession was not even scratched and neither was the Treaty of Rome.

The majority of the Wilson Cabinet recommended the so-called new terms whilst the majority of the Labour Members of Parliament as well as the Labour Party machine rejected them.

A VICIOUS CAMPAIGN

We then began the most vicious, false and highly censored campaign that I have ever seen in my life. Unless I had been involved in it I would not have believed it myself. The vote "NO" campaign was projected as a campaign by communists and extremists, whilst the Common Market was claimed as a bulwark against communism. Any news, which interfered with this propaganda campaign, was kept out of any prominent news position. A big London conference organised by the "Conservatives Against the Treaty of Rome", even although every Conservative Party Member of Parliament who was against

our membership spoke, did not even rate a mention in the main conservative national daily paper *The Daily Telegraph*.

In the closing stages of the referendum campaign large companies issued their employees with special propaganda sheets in their pay packets advising them to vote "YES" and warning them that a "NO" vote endanger their jobs. Big stores like British Home Stores even opened their stores half an hour late so that their employees could go and vote before coming to work. Other big companies like Barclays Bank even sent special notices to their shareholders advising them to vote "YES" and that a "NO" vote could damage their investment.

How under these circumstances we managed to get over eight million people to vote "NO" must go down in history as a great achievement.

Within a matter of weeks of the referendum their whole propaganda line was exposed for the lie that it was, with the results of the Italian local government election proving the Italian Communists to be the second largest party in Italy and the European Commission unveiling its plans for "European Union" or in effect the United States of Europe involving economic and monetary union as well as political union—something most pro-Marketees refused to discuss during the referendum campaign.

The real battle for Britain is about to commence.

A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Since we all here recognise that the essential nature of the battle in which we are involved is spiritual, it is interesting to note how even our religious practices have been changed. Since I am an Anglican I will only refer to my own Church.

My dear wife gave me the book by Sir Arthur Bryant, to which I have referred, for Christmas 1973, and in front of the book wrote a text from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans chapter 8 verse 28 which reads: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Indeed we see how these two are very neatly tied together if we refer to The Book of Common Prayer of The Church of England. In the Communion Prayer we pray, "for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth". Here in the centre of this prayer we find these glorious words: "We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue."

The Alternative Services Series 3 has watered the wording down to just: "Give wisdom to all in authority, espe-

cially Elizabeth our Queen; direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and of peace; that men may honour one another, and seek the common good."

Is it little wonder that all British Bishops recommended a "YES" vote?

This breaking of tradition by our political as well as religious leaders has produced a reaction, which I believe shows the real strength of the British peoples and provides us with hope for the future.

A PROCESS OF REGENERATION

Not only have we seen the growth of such organisations as The Prayer Book Society, but also organisations like the Christian Affirmation Campaign, the National Campaign Against Inflation and also the strengthening of resolve by the British Housewives League and the Anti-Common Market League. I am happy to be able to say that The British League of Rights is working with all of these bodies and others in the strengthening of the grass-roots regeneration of the British world. Our links with the various parts of the Crown Commonwealth continue to grow.

'WE MUST EDUCATE OURSELVES ON THE CONCEPT OF MONARCHY'

—In moving the Loyal Toast, Mr. Noelene Hunt said:

I am deeply honoured to be proposing the Loyal Toast this evening and as I contemplated this toast, in keeping with the theme of this weekend, I thought of the Queen in her role as a mother.

We all know that the family is under attack from many quarters and the best form of defence for those who wish to maintain the sanctity of the family must surely be attack. We must close our ranks against the noisy minority who would destroy the concept of the family as the basic unit of a stable society. We must educate ourselves on the concept of Monarchy. Sentimentality alone will not stand against the thrust of the enemies of our society. We must know why we support the Monarchy.

I was encouraged to see Mr. Thompson, the Victorian Minister for Education, advising that God Save the Queen was to be played as the official National Anthem in schools.

Surely the Royal Family is a symbol of that very family life we are being called upon to defend. Of course they are human beings with human frailties, but they do discipline themselves to public duty and responsibility. In this day and age when the office of Government leaders has been abused to the stage where there is little respect left for the Heads of Government, I was touched to see a segment on television the other night. The Queen's plane had just landed and as the Queen walked across the tarmac there was a group of demonstrators from the P.L.O. The commentator remarked that the demonstrators had all lowered their placards as a mark of respect to Her Majesty. What other world leader today would have been afforded such respect. The weight of public duty and responsibility must weigh very heavily on our Queen and it seems ironical to me that today when so many mothers are rushing into

the workforce seeking misguided liberation from the home, the Queen should have expressed her dearest wish was to lead a sufficiently free existence to enable her to bring up her children herself.

Our Monarch has accepted her responsibility—we must accept ours. We are to become firstly right with God, which will lead to self-discipline, family discipline and then National discipline.

Finally in proposing this toast I would remind us all that we are to pray for our Monarch. As the Bible says in Proverbs 21, "The Kings Heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord. He turns it wherever he will."

Ladies and gentlemen would you please join me in a toast to that gracious lady—our Queen.

TREMENDOUS OPTIMISM

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NEW EDITION OF "ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY" LAUNCHED

Responding to the toast to *The New Times*, Mr. Jeremy announced that the vitality of the Social Credit Movement could be judged by the fact that a new edition of Douglas's first work, *Economic Democracy*, also containing his first published article, "The Delusion of Super-Production", had just come from the press and was being formally launched at the Dinner. The available supplies were quickly obtained by guests, who then had them autographed.

Mr. Lee spoke on the concept of continuity and what was owed to Douglas, the genius who had correctly prophesied what would happen to Civilisation if evil policies of centralisation were not reversed.

The historical note at the Dinner was further strengthened by the presence of Mr. Cedric Haythorpe, who unfortunately had to leave before Mr. Butler spoke. Mr. Butler displayed an early copy of the first Social Credit journal in Australia, *The New Economics*, which Mr. Haythorpe had helped to produce. The issue displayed by Mr. Butler carried a report of Douglas's Melbourne Town Hall address of 1934—"given just around the corner from where we are sitting". Mr. Butler also said he was pleased to see two old friends present from Wangaratta, North-East Victoria, Mr. Kevin Nolan and Mr. Noel Clark, whose late fathers had played a major role in the early history of Social Credit. It was a Beechworth bank manager who, after discovering Douglas in the twenties, brought the subject to the attention of the late Mr. W. Clark, well-known Wangaratta businessman. He then contacted newspaper publisher, Mr. W. T. Higgins, who chaired the Douglas Melbourne Town Hall meeting, when Douglas spoke on "The Monopolistic Idea".

Towards the conclusion of his address, Mr. Butler said that at a time when man was threatened with a collapse into another Dark Age, a small number of inspired men and women could turn threatened defeat into glorious victory. It was on this inspiring note that the 29th *New Times* Dinner moved to conclusion. No one who attended this Dinner will ever forget it.