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"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"

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THE DAWN WILL FOLLOW THE NIGHT

"We are inspired by a faith based on a firm belief in reality. The plight of the world is the result of the attempted defiance of reality. The very chaos and disintegration around us is graphic proof that absolutes do exist. When we humble ourselves to admit this, we can clearly see the way to salvation.

"We do not fear the dark as the lengthening shadows measure the sinking of the sun of our Civilisation. We know that through the night we can move steadily towards a New Dawn."

—Eric D. Butler in address to "New Times" Annual Dinner

The dominating theme of the 1982 Annual Dinner of *The New Times* was a spirit of realism with no attempt to dispute the gravity of a rapidly worsening national and international situation, but also one of continuity and tremendous optimism.

Chairman Jeremy Lee stressed the dimension of faith and hope, a manifestation being the large number of supporters of the Young Australians movement present. This group took two tables and when Miss Christine Schilg was invited to come to the microphone with a message, she urged all present to encourage younger members of the League of Rights families to join.

In opening the Dinner, Mr. Lee extended a special welcome to the guest of honour, Mr. Patrick Walsh from Canada, to Mr. Geoff McDonald, the ex-Communist who had come forward to warn his fellow Australians in the best-seller *Red Over Black*, to Mr. Phillip Butler, Assistant National Director of The Canadian League of Rights, and to Mr. Bill Daly of the New Zealand League of Rights.

When invited by the Chairman to address the Dinner briefly, Mr. Geoff McDonald paid tribute to the League for having provided a platform from which to bring his message on defence to the attention of Australia. A packed League of Rights seminar heard Mr. McDonald say things concerning the Christian Church, which, as one person put it, "should have been said by Christians a long time ago".

The large number of messages from around the whole of the English-speaking world highlighted the growing movement to establish close relations between the Crown Commonwealth League of Rights and similar movements in the U.S.A. In addressing the Dinner, Mr. Phillip Butler endorsed the welcome extended by Canadian National Director, Mr. Ron Gostick, to Australians to attend the international conference in Calgary, Canada, late in October 1983, when it is planned that a number of American groups will be represented, and that the conference will also hear speakers with outstanding international reputations. Mr. Phillip Butler said that plans were under way to offer visitors from Australia and New Zealand a special package tour, taking in places of interest in the U.S.A. and Canada, with the Calgary convention the central feature.

Mr. Lee said he felt it appropriate that the first of the many messages to be read should be that of Mr. L.D. Byrne, O.B.E., the man whom Douglas had entrusted with the responsibility of advising the Aberhart Social Credit government of Alberta. Although retired in Victoria, British Columbia, for many years, Mr. Byrne had continued to serve

the Social Credit movement. A number of generations of Social Crediters had been indebted to Mr. Byrne for his many contributions; perhaps the most important of these being his development of the theme that Social Credit was practical Christianity.

In his tribute to those responsible for *The New Times* Annual Dinner, Mr. Byrne said that dinner was a continuation of the tradition of the early *New Age* dinners in London. *The New Age*, edited by the famous literary figure, A.R. Orage, was the journal which first publicised the writings of C.H. Douglas. The message from Mr. Byrne was greeted with warm applause. We are pleased to announce that a new book by Mr. Byrne on "practical Christianity" will be available shortly.

During his short tour of Australia, primarily to gain experience, and his seconding of the toast to *The New Times*, Mr. Bill Daly of New Zealand impressed with both his youthful freshness and his maturity. It was indeed refreshing to hear a

OUR POLICY

To promote loyalty to the Christian concept of God, and to a society in which every individual enjoys inalienable rights, derived from God, not from the State.

To defend the Free Society and its institutions—private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited, decentralised government.

To promote financial policies, which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities.

To oppose all forms of monopoly, whether described as public or private.

To encourage electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.

To support all policies genuinely concerned with conserving and protecting natural resources, including the soil, and an environment reflecting Natural (God's) laws, against policies of rape and waste.

To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

young man openly confess his Christian faith and stress how he had come to learn the special relevance of Social Credit to that Faith. History was again made at a *New Times* Dinner when for the first time a non-Australian spoke to the toast to *The New Times*. This event helped to emphasise that the central message of *The New Times* is universal.

The continuity mentioned by Mr. Jeremy Lee was also manifest in the toast to *The New Times*, proposed by Mr. Neil McDonald, who told of how he had first been introduced to *The New Times* just on forty years ago, in an army tent on a barren tropical island, where a fellow Sergeant spent all his spare time writing about subjects he had never previously heard about. His fellow Sergeant's name was Eric D. Butler! In his Dinner address, Mr. Eric Butler said that his old army colleague's comments served to demonstrate the primacy of ideas, and how they transcend both space and time.

The major feature of Mr. Eric Butler's dinner address was his claim that one of the greatest tragedies of the present day was that what passed for "progressive education" had cut large numbers of young people off from a literature in which was enshrined those stories of inspiration which were part of the wealth of Civilisation. "We now have mass education to

produce a mass man," he said.

Referring to the unique aspects of the League of Rights, which had grown out of message of *The New Times*, Mr. Butler said that many of its critics had genuinely failed to understand the League because they failed to grasp its undergirding philosophy, the stress on the value of service and voluntary co-operation. Mr. Butler paid a warm tribute to the team of volunteers without which the movement could not operate. These volunteers operated the League's printing presses, and prepared League journals for posting.

Year by year the Annual Dinner of *The New Times* grows in richness of spirit, a reflection of the growth of that unique family to which Chairman Jeremy Lee referred. Many of those present this year were not even born when the first dinner was first held thirty-six years ago. But they are adding to that tradition which has developed over nearly half a century when, in 1935, *The New Times* was born to help serve the Social Credit message. That message, rooted in a message first given to mankind nearly two thousand years ago, is the one hope that Truth will ultimately prevail in the affairs of men.

A WORLDWIDE DEBT OWED TO "THE NEW TIMES"

National Director of The Canadian League of Rights, Mr. Ron Gostick, made the point in his Dinner message that the whole Crown Commonwealth League of Rights movement owes a debt to "The New Times". The many messages from around the English-speaking world were a striking confirmation of the vital role of "The New Times" in assessing national and international affairs against the revelations of C.H. Douglas.

Mr. Ron Gostick's message read:

We in Canada are pleased that Patrick Walsh will be with you in person at *The New Times* Dinner, to convey our support and best wishes for the coming year.

It is the educational work of *The New Times*, over the years, which has paved the way and prepared the leadership for the Australian, Canadian, and other branches of the League of Rights around the Commonwealth. Indeed, we all owe a debt to *The New Times*. Our message and challenge is: **Don't rest for long on your laurels. The free world needs leadership as never before. And the gallant company of dedicated men and women in "The New Times" family is uniquely qualified to give that leadership.**

We have fought the good fight in Canada this past year, with some victories, as Phillip Butler will tell you during his short visit. Three areas of solid advance in our efforts this past year include: The publishing and republishing of vital books

and booklets, and increased liaison with those in this field in the United States and Commonwealth; increased influence within the conservative wing of Canadian politics, and within substantial segments of the news media; and the increasing emphasis on the financial-economic aspects of our overall crisis. Phillip Butler has played a key role in our advances; and Jeremy Lee, during his ten-week Canadian tour early this year certainly had a deep impact and made a major contribution.

I want to take this opportunity to invite all our Australian friends to visit us next year and attend our International Seminar in Calgary, Alberta. This promises to be a most significant event, about which I'm sure Phillip Butler and Pat Walsh will be telling you.

Recharge your batteries this weekend — and on with the battle.

"NUMBER ONE NEW ZEALAND PROBLEM IS PRIME MINISTER"

From Mr. David Thompson, National Director, New Zealand League of Rights, and his wife, Katrina.

A special message to Australian patriots gathered again for yet another *New Times* Dinner. This will be the first time in eight years that I have not been able to be present, and I will miss your fellowship, your friendship, and the inspirational experience that only a *New Times* Dinner can provide.

We are an embattled bunch, it seems, wherever we may be, as the barbarians seek to tear apart the remaining shreds of the fabric that we used to call Christian civilisation. We regret to report that in New Zealand we have been embattled in more ways than one, and Mr. Eric Butler's latest New Zealand tour was a bitter campaign, literally struggling with the agents of revolution every step of the way. It was a credit to a wily campaigner and a faithful servant that he managed to complete the tour at all, ably assisted by my colleague who is with you tonight, Bill Daly.

Perhaps our number one New Zealand problem is Prime Minister Muldoon. Now here is an enemy of high calibre, wily,



"The League family spans huge areas of the globe."

—Chairman Jeremy Lee responds to "New Times" toast

slippery and cunning as he is. His last frantic manoeuvre in trying to get a grip on the chaotic economy is to apply a wages and prices freeze. In the deep south, in the middle of winter, the hardy Scots New Zealanders, already frozen into their over-taxed houses, met this with derision. Prices continue to rise, and the odd wage fiddle is finding its way through the net, which led one canny Scot to comment: "Many are 'cauld', but few are frozen".

As we are intending to make our way home at the close of 1982, my wife and I may be able to greet some of you in person before too long. In the meantime, and on behalf of the New Zealand League of Rights, we bid you greetings, wish you good health, and the time to enjoy it.

Katrina and David Thompson.

"CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS LOYAL GATHERING"

From Athalie Haile, Carmel, California, U.S.A.

From Carmel by the Sea I send greetings and best wishes to you all. My everlasting thanks and admiration to Mr. Eric Butler, his family and representatives for truthful and dedicated information from my treasured *New Times* and The Institute of Economic Democracy, which I get from Canada. I hope to be with you at this auspicious Dinner next year and am already saying Grace! Congratulations to this loyal gathering. God Save the Queen!

"A BEACON TO ALL SERIOUS FREEDOM MINDED PEOPLE"

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

On behalf of the League supporters in Alberta, land of milk and honey, and oil, I send greetings to your most wonderful gathering. Your efforts, programme and your association is a beacon to all serious freedom minded people in the world.

We are most happy to be associated with you all in spirit and trust that many of us will be able to make the pilgrimage to a *New Times* Dinner in the near future — that is just as soon as we hit another gusher — it took the first one to pay the taxes to you know who.

I hope that you haven't worked our great friend and willing worker "Patrick" too hard, because we have a full schedule for him back here in Alberta going night and day — there is a terrific demand for him. I understand that he is well booked all through the West. "Hello" Patrick, are you still with us? — Our best wishes to you, we all look forward to having you with us again — And now to you all we say "May God continue to



"Our daily newspapers provide only smokescreens and confetti."

—Mr. Neil McDonald in proposing toast to "The New Times"

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Bless and guide you in His own way for the continuation of His work".

In closing a word of thanks for sending young Phillip Butler over here. He is doing a great job. Thanks too for Eric Butler and Jeremy Lee, whose labours here in Alberta have been appreciated by us all. They have advanced the work of the League throughout Canada by giving Canadians a new insight into non-party politics.

Our best wishes too to Elma and Eileen who have kept the home-fires burning.

"THE ULTIMATE DENIAL OF CHRIST"

From Mr. Robert Nixon, W.A. State Director of
Australian League of Rights

The fundamental problem of our civilisation today is the lack of appreciation that social order is dependent upon man's acceptance of Divine Law. Social harmony hinges on society subordinating its laws to God's laws rather than our present legal framework, which is increasingly becoming a statutory tyranny with no real purpose other than suppressing free will.

Our present system of law is increasingly becoming the creature of what could be described as the move towards dominion. It is the ultimate denial of Christ and man's purpose to express the will of God by obeying the greatest law of all laws — the law of love.

Your support and the knowledge uncovered by C.H. Douglas is needed for the journey back to dynamic Truth.

LEARNING TO USE TOOLS MORE EFFECTIVELY

Mr. Donald Martin, National Director of The British League of Rights, rang a message through on the morning of the Dinner, pointing out that the genius who inspired the Social Credit Movement, C.H. Douglas, had pointed out that "Good will always be vanquished by evil so long as evil understands its tools better than good". Mr. Martin said that those on the side of good must learn how to use their tools more effectively. "On behalf of myself, my wife Jane, and League of Rights supporters in Great Britain, I send greetings and best wishes to all those gathered at the Annual *New Times* Dinner."

"NOTHING IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE TRUTH"

From Mr. John Belows, Cape Coral, Florida, U.S.A.

I have just finished re-reading the August, 1982 issue of *The New Times* and must say that it is one periodical that really "tells it like it is". I particularly like the references to Major C.H. Douglas and the excerpts from his writings, which are usually a part of your excellent paper.

The article on "Usury" by Sid Goodman in the above noted issue was short but to the point. His comment about hearing the "media cry anti-Semitism" reminds of what St. Paul said to the Galatians in Ch, 4-16 "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" Our Lord and Saviour said "I am the Way the TRUTH and the Life". John 14-6. Nothing is more powerful than the truth.

On this particular occasion of your Annual *New Times* Dinner and League of Rights National Weekend, Denyse and I send our warmest greetings to our friends, Elma and Eric Butler, Jenny and Phillip Butler and to our own Canadian Patriot, Patrick Walsh, who in his inimitable way will expose much of the intrigue taking place in Canada as well as on the International stage.

May God bless all of those assembled at your Dinner and National Weekend; be inspired to continue the battle for the truth and for the great work that is being done through "The New Times" and the League of Rights.

**"ONLY IRATE CITIZENRY HAVE EFFECTED
REAL CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT"**

From Mr. Robert Bartell, Chairman, Board of Policy,
Liberty Lobby, Washington, U.S.A.

Good evening Eric. Warmest greetings to you and your distinguished guests from all of us here at LIBERTY LOBBY. The old expression "hands across the sea" sounds a bit trite but it fits the occasion. If there was ever a time when men of intelligence, perspicacity and common purpose needed to join hands, it is now. The world appears to be falling about us, but of course this is just what our common enemies would have us believe. Things are going bad for us, the patriots, the nationalists, the populists; but they are going very well indeed for the internationalists, the bankers and the multi-nationals.

This trend can and must be stopped. Throughout history only irate citizenry have effected real change in governments and politics (aside from war, of course). So long as the citizen remains apathetic, which he will while he is reasonably comfortable, so long will he fail to feel the tightening noose about his own neck. It is not enough to educate this economic illiterate; he must be motivated. We hope government is doing that job for us as the economy throughout the world continues to deteriorate. Hurt the average guy in the pocketbook and he'll squeal like a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs. Leading this poor soul down the convoluted path of today's economics is a tough and thankless job, but I congratulate you, the Australian League of Rights, as one of the most effective and respected citizen organisations in the world.

I wish I could be there in person. Since I cannot, I raise my glass in a distant toast, nonetheless heartfelt:

*When your outgo exceeds your income,
Your upkeep leads to your downfall.*

**"THE DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
OTHER PATRIOTIC GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD"**

From Mr. Jim Townsend, Editor/Publisher,
"The National Educator", California

"Greetings from Fullerton, California, U.S.A. *The National Educator* would like to extend our good wishes to *The New Times* 36th Annual Dinner. In these times of political and economic uncertainty, it's heartening to us in the United States to see the development of co-operation between other patriotic groups throughout the world. In particular, the Crown Commonwealth League of Rights and those of us in



"Heritage" Editor, Mr. Peter Nixon, proposes the loyal toast.

the forefront of the battle here in the U.S.

"It has often been said that 'all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing'. The truth and wisdom of these words were never more clear. Thus, with these words in mind, I wish you all a successful dinner and seminar, and may it lay the basis for further development in 1983. Go with God."

**"A BODY OF PEOPLE ABLE AND WILLING TO
FACE REALITY"**

From Mrs. Dulcie Willasy, Editor of "Ladies Line",
Brigalow, Queensland

"In this season of party, political madness, we give thanks for the existence of The Australian League of Rights — a body of people able and willing to face reality, to seek sane solutions to the many problems now plaguing our society.

"Had it not been for the efforts of the League leaders and supporters how many people would even have heard Mr. Geoff McDonald lecture on the truth of the Aboriginal Land Rights Campaign? How many people would have studied his book, *Red Over Black*? That book should be in every public library, secondary school and tertiary institution in Australia, along with Mr. Tony McGillick's *Comrade No More*.

"For bringing the truth about the Land Rights campaign to the notice of fellow Australians, the entire nation, with the exception of the traitors within, should be expressing gratitude to the Australian League of Rights.

"May God continue to use His League servants to tell the truth about all the exercises designed to destroy our European, Christian Society. May the ears, eyes and minds of people be opened to understand these Truths and to act effectively in the light of that sound knowledge.

"Greetings to our overseas visitors, our old and new friends. May God grant to those who travel long distances to tell us these truths, good health, strength, loyal support and His loving protection."

**"THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DINNER OF THE
ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD"**

From Mr. Roy Gustard, Chairman Sydney Regional Council
of League of Rights

"Fate in the form on an oil patch on a wet road and a car

HERITAGE AND LEGACIES

This is an appropriate issue of "The New Times" to recall once again the vital truth stressed by the author of Social Credit, C.H. Douglas: that inheritance is the major factor in all aspects of a Civilisation. The true conservative lives in order to bequeath, believing that he has eternity on his side.

The continued growth of the Social Credit revelation through the chaos and disintegration which Douglas predicted as the price man would have to pay for a failure to insist that finance-economic policies reflect Truth, has been a triumph for the principle of inheritance. Nor have Social Creditors drawn upon their inheritance of Faith and knowledge, but numbers of them have bequeathed part of their material substance to the furtherance of the Social Credit vision. Without these bequests the League of Rights would not have developed to its present stage.

In making their wills, supporters might consider bequests to enable the League of Rights to grow into the future. The official address of The Australian League of Rights is 273 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

accident has prevented me from being present to break bread with guests. I had looked forward to meeting once again Mr. Phillip Butler and Mr. Patrick Walsh. However, we will be welcoming Mr. Walsh to our Sydney Dinner following his New Zealand tour. We live in critical days, but the light being held aloft by the League of Rights continues to draw increasing numbers searching for the truth. Our book sales continue to rise. In spite of traditional Sydney antipathy to Melbourne, we hail Melbourne as the host city for the most significant Annual Dinner of the English-Speaking World. Best wishes to all those present."

OTHER MESSAGES

Messages were also received from Mr. Martin Klix of Crane Prairie, Alberta, Canada, formerly of Silesia, East Germany, forcefully displaced to West Germany in 1946, moved to the U.S.A. in 1951, to Austria in 1971, to West U.S.A. in 1971 and finally to Canada in 1979 "in search of a new homeland".

Chairman Greg Robinson of the University of Toronto Chapter of Young Americans for Freedom expressed pleasure in extending to friends "down under" fraternal greetings.

Honorary Chairman Thompson of The Freedom Council of Canada cabled greetings, stating, "We are grateful for the leadership and inspiration given by the Australian League of Rights. Your guest of honour is Canada's number one patriot".

A message phoned through from the Manitoba branch of the Canadian League of Rights said, "We cannot be present in person but are in spirit. The writings in *The New Times* are an inspiration to members in Canada, and many politicians are now questioning conventional political and economic policies even if they don't say so. Let's give them hell until it hurts".

A cable from Mr. Malcolm Ross, author of best-seller, *The Web of Deceit*, and wife Nicole, from Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada: "We share your dreams of freedom from economic and moral enslavement made possible by Christ who came to destroy the works of the Devil and to give us the life more abundant. Our best wishes to Patrick Walsh, Phillip Butler and all our friends down under."

Wanda and Laurie Teakle of Jondaryan, Queensland, sent best wishes. "Endeavours are being made to keep the light burning while the darkness grows with the passing days. We recall Christ's words . . . St. Luke 16.8: 'for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light'."

Mr. John Conway of Baralaba, Queensland, wrote "The next best thing to being present at the Dinner is to send my best wishes and prayers that God may bless all of those present. I am sure you will all come away from it morally strengthened and ready for the battle."

Mr. John Allard of Myrtle Bank, South Australia, who sent best wishes, observing that "Our Western world's decline is only too easily seen in my profession, where the decline is accelerated by do-gooders, by naive theorists, and by weak leadership that follows what seems to be the current fashion, the whole manipulated by very hidden destroyers, the real insane".

Mrs. Barbara Treloar, author of *Fleeced*, to be followed by *Something to Beef About*, sent best wishes.

Mr. Reg Watson of Hobart, Tasmania, sent best wishes on behalf of all Tasmanian supporters.

Mr. Stephen Styles of Canberra wrote, "I deeply regret that because of heavy commitments on the land I must miss this year's *New Times* Dinner. I hope that the dinner will, as

usual, be an outstanding success, and that the National Weekend will inspire more troops to fight the war in which we are engaged."

Nell and Barney Browne of Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, wrote that they were present in spirit "and proud that our great Christian Patriot Patrick Walsh is honoured guest this year."

Mr. John Kolasky of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, expressed regret that circumstances and distance made it impossible to attend in person. "May those present receive further inspiration and courage to carry on the fight against universal injustice and tyranny."

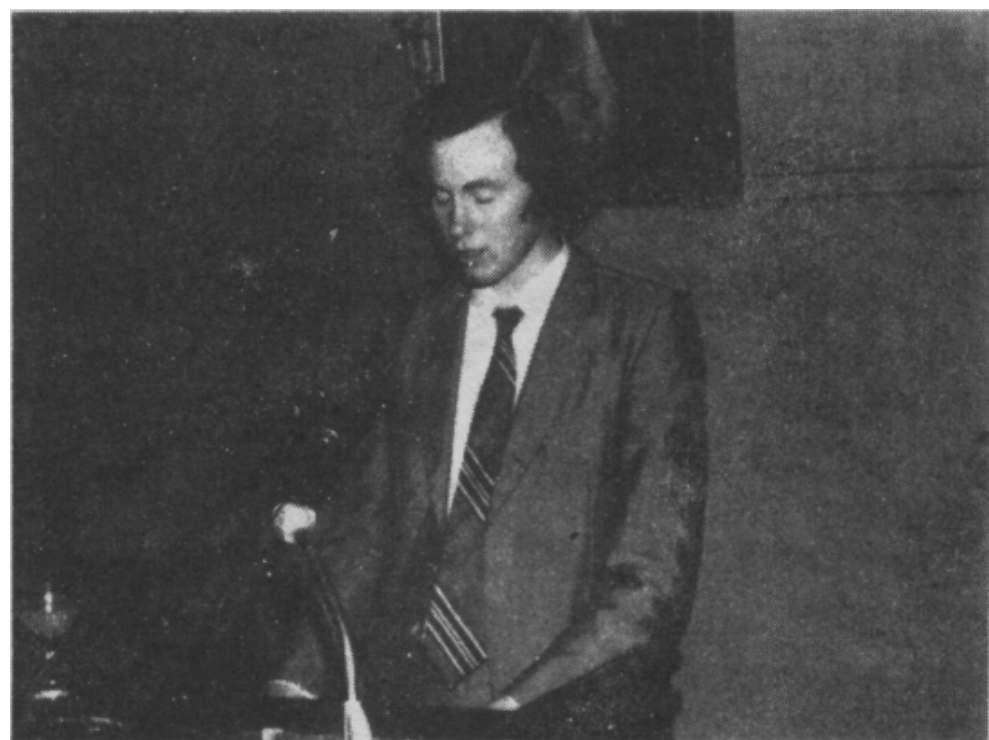
EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY

Writing in *The Alberta Experiment*, (1937), Douglas dealt with the core of the democratic concept:

"It is not too much to say that the practical aspect of all modern social problems is bound up with the overriding problem of an effective democracy. If we cannot face the issue squarely, we cannot hope for anything but the succession and multiplication of crises, which now are almost our normal existence. The issue can be stated without difficulty. Either the normal desires of the community when they are capable of realisation are entitled to recognition and satisfaction, and the whole machinery of government exists to that end, or they are not. If they are not, there presumably exists somewhere an alternative set of desires of which the government is the representative. If this is so, we ought to know it, and we can then face the prospect of resigning ourselves to a life conducted as a school, by Masters of superior intelligence, whom it would be foolish as well as impractical to resist, on the one hand; or, on the other hand, we can judge from the chaos from which we are suffering that, whatever the risks of democracy may be, they are preferable, and, indeed, insignificant, as compared with those to which we are submitted under the control of our task makers.

"A democratic Parliament is therefore from its inherent nature an assembly of representatives, not of delegates.

"It is concerned with impressing the will of the people upon the institutions of industry, agriculture, and commerce, and that will can only be concerned with results. Methods are for experts, and popular election is an unsound method by which to appoint an expert."



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—Mr. Bill Dalv of New Zealand, seconding the toast to "The New Times"

A WARTIME INTRODUCTION TO "THE NEW TIMES"

In proposing the toast to "The New Times", Mr. Neil McDonald said that it was now exactly forty years since he first became acquainted with the journal and Social Credit. The introduction had come on a small island in the Torres Strait, almost midway between the top of North Queensland and Papua New Guinea.

Mr. McDonald went on to say:

"On that dry tropical island I shared a tent with three other young sergeants. One of these, Eric Butler, was almost a complete stranger to me. However, we did have one thing in common. With the daunting prospect of being away from home for several years, we had not only crew cut our hair, but had shaved our heads.

"I recall how it took Eric Butler only one day to reveal his power of initiative. He first captured the available floor space with an influx of crude furniture. An upturned shipping crate became a writing desk. An empty wooden box, which had contained tinned food, provided a chair. Sergeant Butler then grabbed our sole hurricane light so that its fitful glow provided a pool of light for the desk, but only a shadowy circle for the other occupants. A major problem was the mass of flying insects lured by the light from outer space.

"In the evenings when there was no heavy excavation work or gun drill, most of the soldiers would talk, play cards or write short letters. There wasn't too much to write about, and letters were censored. But, by contrast, Eric Butler wrote and wrote and wrote in almost illegible longhand, which even the censor, was unable to decipher.

"But what has this to do with *The New Times*? Well, Eric Butler's lengthy letters were addressed to his wife of only a few months. After a hard day's work on her family's dairy farm in Western Victoria, Elma Butler had to type the scribble into an article for a paper called *The New Times*. A few weeks later Eric Butler would receive a copy of *The New Times*, with his name on the byline.

"I must confess that at first I couldn't really understand it, but the message seemed interesting: that a military victory would not necessarily achieve the goals for which we were fighting. Then I heard for the first time about Social Credit and its author, C.H. Douglas. I read some of *The New Times* and glimpsed at some definitions. Mr. L.D. Byrne said, 'Social Credit is the belief inherent in society, that its individual members in association can obtain the result they desire.'

"C.H. Douglas said in *The Tragedy of Human Effort*, that 'The general principles which govern associations for the common good are as capable of exact statement as the principles of bridge building and departure from them is just as disastrous.'



Miss Christine Schilg outlines what Young Australians are about and invites younger members of League families to join.

"Over the years I have noted that *The New Times* has accurately exposed the causes of the political problems we daily wrestle with and names the villains responsible. Our daily newspapers provide only smokescreens and confetti. Yet, occasionally there are clues, which reveal that nothing political happens by chance, that there are organisations, which seek to determine our worsening fate. Through *The New Times* I learned of these organisations, the London School of Economics, and the Council on Foreign Relations, to name only two of those providing training grounds for those seeking to establish World Government.

"As a result of my years of reading *The New Times* I grasped the truth of the following statement made many years ago by a British Prime Minister, Lloyd George, a statement which I am sure you will all agree is just as applicable to our state today: 'You cannot navigate a great ship through uncharted seas, full of submerged rocks, in tempestuous weather, with a scratch crew of third-rate mariners whose sole qualification for their post is that they are also mutineers.'

"Readers of *The New Times* are a privileged group with access to truth denied to others and I regard it as a great privilege to propose this toast."

LOOKING BEYOND THE TRAPS OF ABSTRACTIONS

In seconding the toast to *The New Times*, Mr. Bill Daly of New Zealand said: "It is a feature of history that in times of crisis there comes forward individuals with that rare capacity to look beyond the traps of abstractions and to provide a clear vision of reality.

"In our own century, one that should have reflected the hope and security of a Civilisation rooted in Christianity but has instead seen disaster follow disaster, such an individual did come forward. The tremendous contribution that C.H. Douglas provided to the world was his ability to present reality in a simple manner and style that few others have been able to commend.

"As a young Social Crediter, and one with a Catholic upbringing, I am often drawn to Douglas's own description of Social Credit as the policy of the Christian philosophy. That brief statement demonstrates the simplicity with which Douglas was able to present his argument.

"But while it is true that Douglas was able to see clearly the cause of the economic and political problems facing man and how these could be rectified, his advice was largely rejected during his own lifetime. Not because he was wrong but because what he said was too simple.

"History records that often the greatest ideas contributing to the advance of man have been the least complicated. For hundreds of years the world's top physicians grappled to find a cure for scurvy. Yet it was the simple Indian people of North America who were able to show that scurvy was just a dietary deficiency and easily rectified. Even then that truth was rejected by the experts and many years were to go by before Europe was forced to accept it.

"When Douglas made the observation that the earth contained great abundances of natural resources along with ample productive capacity and therefore was capable of providing increasing security and freedom, provided we submitted ourselves to that ultimate authority of God which is embodied in Natural Law, he was rejected as a "heretic, just as those who had pointed out that scurvy was not a disease were once regarded as heretics.

"This was because Douglas made his observation in a

period when man had convinced himself, that despite the tremendous abundances of natural resources, the world really was a poor place because there was a shortage of money tickets, thus poverty and insecurity were quite normal.

"But just as events eventually forced the truth about scurvy to be accepted so also are events since the First World War forcing an increasing acceptance of the truths which Douglas spoke about. Increasing numbers are having to realise the fallacies of the collectivist theory of full employment, international trade, continuous industrial growth and political centralisation.

"*The New Times* is a vehicle for realism, not only carrying the warnings of Douglas and other realists but like a light-house showing the direction to new times. It gives me great pleasure to second the toast to *The New Times*."

LEAGUE CONTINUITY

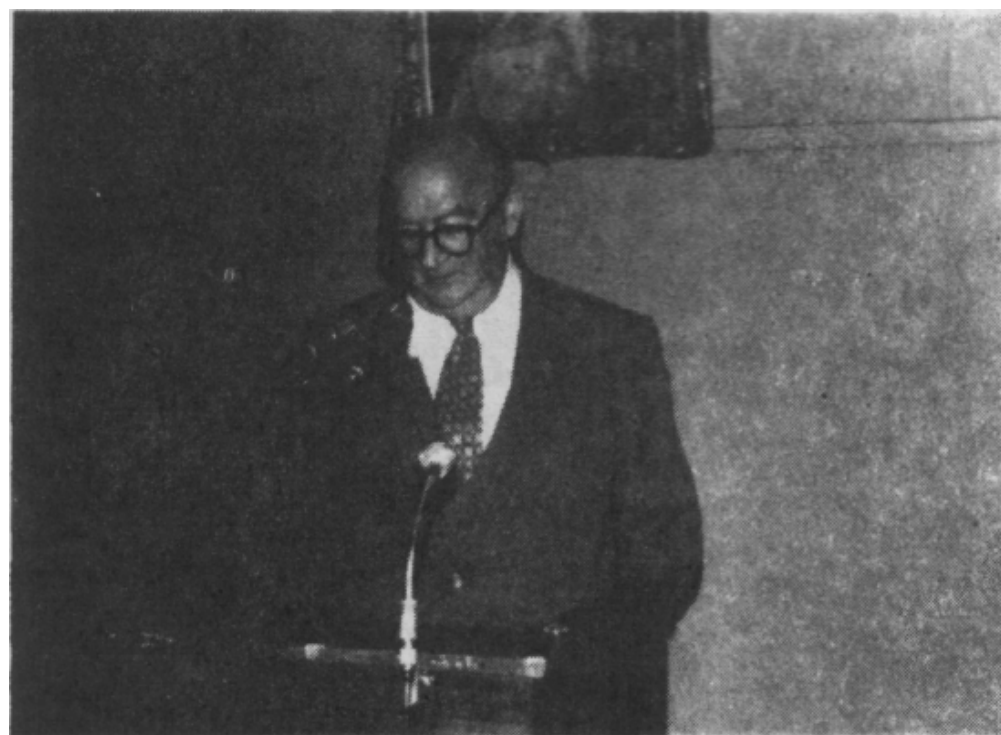
Replying to the toast to *The New Times* the Chairman, Mr. Jeremy Lee, pointed to the fact that the League exists and grows in three dimensions; firstly time, highlighting the fact that continuity has shaped the present position. The enormous efforts of supporters right through most of this century are just as relevant to current progress as those of the moment.

Secondly space; the messages to the dinner highlight the fact that the League family spans huge areas of the globe — from areas not all that far from the Arctic Circle such as Canada's Fort St. John, to centres not all that far from the Antarctic, such as Invercargill in New Zealand.

Thirdly, in the dimension of faith and hope, summarised in the name of the dinner itself, *The New Times*. Through time and space, candles of sanity, hope, cheerfulness and application are beginning to shine more brightly as the scene gets darker.

Douglas warned that there was such a thing as a "critical moment". It was a mistake to believe this moment was a static phenomenon, signposted and time-encapsulated. The factor of a critical moment appeared in many action programmes, and often slipped by without recognition. The gift of discernment, sharpened by the three dimensions of League existence, was necessary to take an increasing advantage of accumulated 'critical moments'. Action and reaction itself was an organic process, often mistaken for predestination, now a major weapon in the armoury of Evil.

Mr. Lee expressed the feelings of many in especially welcoming the influx of young people, a new development in



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—Mr. Patrick Walsh

many parts of the world. They were the architects and social engineers of the future, and the unfolding drama of time, space and faith still offered unlimited scope for builders rather than destroyers.

A "GALLANT COMPANY"

In his Dinner address, Mr. Patrick Walsh commented briefly on his impressions of his fourth Australian tour, which he said was the most satisfying. He was particularly impressed with the growing number of young people who were becoming involved.

In concluding his address, Mr. Walsh said, "We in that gallant company of the Crown Commonwealth League of Rights never pretend to know all the answers or all the solutions. However, we have seen that vision of a better world outlined by C.H. Douglas, a vision enshrined in that practical Christianity which is the philosophy of Social Credit. Douglas often used that illuminating Biblical quotation concerning how every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and none shall make him afraid.

"But the most important thing about a vision is that once having seen that vision you remain faithful to it through thick and thin. So with Divine Guidance and purpose we will see the spirit of man rise above and beyond the welter of economic chaos and materialism.

"It is always in this spirit and the incomparable atmosphere of fellowship, that at each Annual *New Times* Dinner we pledge ourselves anew to the Good Fight and rally once more into the breach to tackle the forces of darkness and wickedness in high places. And so it is with this Christian challenge that we recharge our spiritual batteries and resolve to fight today so that tomorrow we will emerge victorious."

In 1948 when Israel was forming itself into a state we witnessed a curious situation in which the Russians and the Americans — the super-antagonists — joined hands. Together they managed to dislodge the British from the Middle East; and together they acted as midwives in the act of birth of Israel.

Isaac Deutscher,
The Non-Jewish Jew.

The Development of World Dominion

By C.H. Douglas

This work consists of a remarkable series of comments made by the author of Social Credit, in "The Social Crediter." As the drive to create the World State emerges more openly with every day that passes, this work sheds an increasingly brilliant light on how Civilisation has been brought to its present desperate plight. The penetrating scope of the wide range of comments demonstrates the great genius of the author. This is a handbook of permanent value for those who wish to oppose the submergence of the individual person into the collective. It is indexed in such a manner that the reader can quickly turn to any subject with which he is concerned. He will find that every comment will assist him to preserve his sanity in the prevailing madness, and indicate what is necessary by the individual to prevent himself from being used to serve the purposes of others, instead of his own.

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DEPRESSION BECAUSE WITCH DOCTORS ARE POINTING MONEY BONE

The following is the complete text of the Dinner message from Dr. Geoffrey and Elizabeth Dobbs of Wales, United Kingdom:

What ho, friends! Our message this year is one of good cheer. The poor-old-Britain-she's-had-it Brigade has been getting some nasty shocks recently, haven't they? And not only from the Falklands victory which showed what our chaps can do when they try, including the dockyard and supply workers. There have been the Royal Occasions, following on the Queen's Jubilee and the Queen Mum's 80th birthday — the Royal Wedding and the Royal Baby — each one of them seized upon by the silent majority who so seldom get a word in edgeways, to show what they think of the never-ceasing moaning, whingeing talkers with a huge demonstration of goodwill, loyalty and commonsense.

The message from these is that the spirit is still there. Indeed, it keeps busting out all over! And not only on these great public occasions, either. If crime and violence and subversion have been having a field day so also has the guts to deal with them. Though every dirty deed gets ten times the publicity, a careful look at the papers, including the smaller items and print, brings to light an astonishing amount of real courage and decency and sometimes heroism, quietly emerging all over the place.

Recently a man named Clarence Bedford tackled a gunman, putting himself between the gun and the threatened victim, and died for it. But there are many other cases where the criminal is resisted and chased or held, and of course our policemen and women continue to keep the Queen's peace, sometimes at the cost of death or crippling. There are girls and women in local post offices fighting off robbers and chasing them down the street, and even pensioners over 80 taking classes in self-defence with their umbrellas and walking sticks! Whatever you hear about it, it's still not an easy country for criminals. There is too much healthy social credit around!

Did you read about that young riding instructor, Diane Lockett, who was on her horse near Hyde Park, right in the middle of London, when she saw two muggers attacking a woman in the street? Did she scream, or faint, or write to the papers that it was a scandal and the Government ought to do something about it? Not Diane! She charged, cloppety clop, straight at the muggers who were scared out of their wits and ran, frantically trying to escape this equestrian Nemesis. Imagine the scene: buses and cars screeching to a halt, the two thieves running for their lives with Diane thundering along behind them yelling 'Stop thieves!', pursued in turn by the lady whose handbag had been stolen and had grabbed a taxi. Follow that horse, toot toot! Finally the muggers were cornered by the horse against a wall and properly copped, and the lady got her handbag back. Wow! Actually, Miss Lockett turned out to be a Canadian; but it's the same breed, isn't it? Decadent my foot!

Yes! But what can the spirit and actions of ordinary people do against the Great World Plans of the Stinkerbergers (or whatever name they are operating under this week)? The answer is: everything! For that is where the real clash of policies occurs, not anywhere in the power-hierarchy. The Falklands Affair is a good case in point, showing every sign of their Dirty Tricks Department at work, especially in the Foreign Office, which has been trying for seventeen years to 'do a Rhodesia' on the Falklanders. But it went badly wrong, didn't it! Now we have the illusion of Argentina as a faithful ally fully exposed, a weak British base in the South Atlantic transformed into a strong one, the man who organised the surrender of Rhodesia forced to resign, and the patriotism of the British people stirred out of its sleep.

And who achieved all this in the face of the World Plotters and Planners? Primarily, a handful of very ordinary Islanders who insisted on staying British, plus the awareness of the politicians that the British public would not stand for a second betrayal. Indeed, they would not have stood for the first one

had the Rhodesians not been successfully provoked into forswearing their allegiance to the Crown and the United Kingdom, which divided loyalties and lost them the backing of most of those who did not know the facts through personal contacts with Rhodesia. But for people staunchly British to be handed over to foreign invaders — No! It wouldn't do! Something was stirred up in Australia and New Zealand, too, wasn't it? We haven't forgotten the prompt and total economic sanctions (as compared with what the E.E.C. did) and the release of the *Invincible* and the N.Z. destroyer, also. A welcome sign of the reality of the Crown Commonwealth concept.

COMPENSATING FACTORS

We are all now aware of the evil policy of those who aim at World Power, and grateful to those who keep an eye for us on their dirty intrigues — so long as they can stand the smell! But their inaccessibility and control of the media give a false impression that they are invulnerable, omnipotent, and bound to win, and obscure the compensating factors, which are:

1. Those who aim at Monopoly are always in conflict with each other, and their divisions may sometimes cancel each other out. A house divided against itself cannot stand.
2. There are advantages in the fact that we ordinary citizens don't mix socially with the Stinkerbergers. (One shouldn't be snobbish, I know; but dammit! there are limits!) By the time their policy reaches us it has had to pass through a long chain of power and fear and ambition and careerism and bribery and blackmail, through people who fancy they control other people who flatter themselves they control others, who try to control others, and soon, until it reaches the little twerps who actually try to control us. But these, even if self-selected for twerpitude, are approximately human, and can be dealt with on a personal basis. In other words, this is where the real conflict of mind lies, at the level of ordinary living, dealing with people who, whatever they are employed to do, when they get home are still people with a common interest with the rest of us. For us the pyramid of power is inverted. The policy of Stinkerbergerdom has to diffuse all the way up from the depths until it reaches the relatively sane level of everyday life, where we have to contend with it.

3 The third point in our favour is that the oppression we suffer (short of a totalitarian police state) is entirely imaginary. The whole world is sickening in a Depression because the Witch-Doctors are pointing the Money-Bone at



One of the two tables of Young Australians at Dinner.

us. The effects are indeed real, but depend entirely on the belief in bone-pointing magic. There was a time, in the 1930's, when the Social Credit Movement was making big inroads on this superstition. What was done then can be done again, especially as technology has now given people more leisure from their money-masters.

In conclusion, we are both pretty busy now helping Mrs. Palmer to carry on her monthly journal *Home*, formerly called *Housewives Today*, which is just completing its 35th year of publication. The name was changed a year ago, both to broaden the readership to include men, and to appeal to all those who put the primacy of people in their homes above all other interests, which is, of course, a way of presenting Social Credit policy at the level of everyday life.

We both send our love to everyone at the Dinner, and to any friends who have not managed to get there; and our very best wishes to you all for a successful year to come.

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

The Annual National Action Seminar of The Australian League of Rights, held on Sunday, October 3, saw actionists from all over Australia coming together to hear a series of reports and to participate in discussions on the coming twelve months. Invited at the conclusion of the Seminar to give his impressions, Mr. Patrick Walsh summarised with the comment, "on my four trips to Australia and New Zealand I have learned more about organisational techniques than in all my twenty years as a union organiser . . . The concept of the League as a service movement and what the individual can do flies in the face of the collectivist mob mentality inherent in trade union work..."

One of the most encouraging features of the Action Seminar was the report on the vital role played by the League in giving direction to the successful anti-Sales Tax campaign. It was pleasing to have the Editor of *Heritage*, the quarterly magazine of The Australian Heritage Society present, to stimulate interest in a most vital aspect of League activities.

ANNUAL SEMINAR BIG SUCCESS

In opening the 1982 Annual National Seminar of The Australian League of Rights, the National Director of the League, Mr. Eric Butler, referred to Alexander Solzhenitsyn's address, "A World Apart". Mr. Butler said that it was now



Mr. Phillip D. Butler, Assistant National Director of The Canadian League of Rights, thanks Australian League of Rights for its co-operation in facing the Canadian crisis.

beyond dispute that societies everywhere were being split and fragmented, that a state of open revolution was fast developing. It was therefore appropriate that the League's National Seminar should direct its attention to the subject of revolution.

Mr. Jeremy Lee, National Secretary of the Institute of Economic Democracy, appropriately gave the first Paper, demonstrating in a most comprehensive manner how orthodox finance-economic policies had produced a worldwide situation in which all forms of revolutionary activities could flourish. One of the most explosive aspects of the situation was the of the vast and expanding army of unemployed.

Mr. Lee demonstrated that the total debt structure throughout the world was now so great that nothing but worldwide catastrophe loomed ahead under present financial policies. The West was desperately trying to keep its economies operating by massive loans to the Communists. But the Communists were also having problems in attempting to service their debts. The plight of the Third World nations was now quite hopeless.

Mr. Lee said that as the situation worsened, the New International Economic Order and World Government was being offered as the only salvation. But all programmes for still further centralising power were doomed to accelerate the break up of Civilisation. The speaker outlined the type of policies necessary to avoid the threatened break up.

"LAND RIGHTS"

Mr. Geoff McDonald added further documentary evidence to that provided in his *Red Over Black* to demonstrate the long-term Communist strategy of exploiting the Aboriginal "land rights" question, stressing that the defence of Australia was involved. Mr. McDonald made a hard-hitting attack on the World Council of Churches for helping to support a revolutionary programme, which had nothing to do with the best interests of the Aborigines, or with Christianity.

Mr. Patrick Walsh demonstrated in his Paper that he has few peers in the world concerning knowledge and understanding of the Marxist revolutionary movement. He traced the history of the Marxist programme for exploiting the indigenous peoples of the world, and how to establish and operate "front" movements. "Let our friends do the work", said Communist leader Dimitrov.

At least one press columnist made a sneering reference to the League Seminar, but to its credit the ABC, both on television and radio, gave an accurate report with an interview with Mr. Geoff McDonald before he gave his Paper. The League always informs the media of its major Seminars so that it cannot claim that it has not been informed.

The Seminar was well attended, with extra chairs being necessary during the afternoon session. Literature sales were massive and new subscriptions to League journals taken. National Director Eric Butler described the Seminar as "an outstanding success".

ENTERING THE KINGDOM

"As the Kingdom of God is within each individual, access to the Kingdom is available NOW. Regeneration of Civilisation must start with regeneration of the individual. The development of the Kingdom of God can start now with individuals seeking to use their initiative, in association with others who are also 'practical Christians', to resist whenever possible the policies of evil. Refusal to act is a failure to strive to enter the Kingdom."

—Eric D. Butler in *Releasing Reality*

THE "FAVOURABLE BALANCE"

USA exports to the Communist bloc of nations during 1981 totalled \$(US) 6.5 billion, while the USA imported \$(US) 2.9 billion worth of goods, mostly raw materials, handcrafts, or goods made in Western plants. According to prevailing economic wisdom, the USA therefore achieved a "favourable balance of trade" amounting to \$(US) 2.9 million. The reality is that the Americans were forced by orthodox finance-economic policies to subsidise their Communist enemies.

EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY

Writing in *The Alberta Experiment*, (1937), Douglas dealt with the core of the democratic concept:

"It is not too much to say that the practical aspect of all modern social problems is bound up with the overriding problem of an effective democracy. If we cannot face the issue squarely, we cannot hope for anything but the succession and multiplication of crises, which now are almost our normal existence. The issue can be stated without difficulty. Either the normal desires of the community when they are capable of realisation are entitled to recognition and satisfaction, and the whole machinery of government exists to that end, or they are not. If they are not, there presumably exists somewhere an alternative set of desires of which the government is the representative. If this is so, we ought to know it, and we can then face the prospect of resigning ourselves to a life conducted as a school, by Masters of superior intelligence, whom it would be foolish as well as impractical to resist, on the one hand; or, on the other hand, we can judge from the chaos from which we are suffering that, whatever the risks of democracy may be, they are preferable, and, indeed, insignificant, as compared with those to which we are submitted under the control of our task makers.

"A democratic Parliament is therefore from its inherent nature an assembly of representatives, not of delegates.

"It is concerned with impressing the will of the people upon the institutions of industry, agriculture, and commerce, and that will can only be concerned with results. Methods are for experts, and popular election is an unsound method by which to appoint an expert."



Mr. Geoff McDonald, author of the explosive book, "Red Over Black", pays a tribute to The League of Rights for its vital contribution to the defence of Australia.

"THE ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE"

By Eric D. Butler

This study of the Christian roots of English constitutional developments, with the stress on the value and uniqueness of each individual, is essential background reading for those concerned about the growing attacks on the Australian Federal Constitution. The importance of Magna Carta, English Common Law, and the limiting of the power of governments, clearly outlined.

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THE WEST'S MISCALCULATIONS

"I might just as well not have hurried, for we are on the threshold of events which will themselves irrefutably convince the West of its own miscalculations."

— Alexander Solzhenitsyn

MAGNA CARTA (1215 AD)

Some relevant extracts:

10. If anyone shall have taken any sum, great or small, as a loan from the Jews, and shall die before this debt is paid, that debt shall not bear interest so long as the heir, from whomever he may hold, shall be under age. And if the debt fall into our hands, we shall take nothing save the chattel contained in the deed.

11. And if anyone dies owing a debt to the Jews, his wife shall have her dowry, and shall restore nothing of this debt. But if there shall remain children of that dead man, and they be under age, the necessaries shall be provided for them according to the nature of the dead man's holding; and from the residue the debt shall be paid, saving the service due to the lords. In like manner shall be done concerning debts that are due to others beside Jews.

20. A freeman shall only be amerced for a small offence according to the measure of that offence. And for a great offence he shall be amerced according to the magnitude of that offence, saving his contenance (means of subsistence), and a merchant, in the same way, if he falls under our mercy, shall be amerced saving his merchandise. And a villein, in the same way, if he falls under our mercy, shall be amerced saving his wainnage. And none of the aforesaid fines shall be imposed save upon oath of upright men of the neighbourhood.

28. No constable or other bailiff of ours shall take the corn or other chattels of anyone except he straightway give money for them, or can be allowed a respite in that regard by the will of the seller.

38. No sheriff or bailiff of ours, nor anyone else, shall take the horses or carts of any freeman for transport, unless by the will of that freeman.

39. No freeman shall be taken, or imprisoned, or disseized, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any way harmed, save by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land.

40. To none will we sell, to none deny or delay, right or justice.

45. We will not make men justices, constables, sheriffs or bailiffs unless they are such as know the law of the realm, and are minded to observe it rightly.