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YOUNG "STILL FIND REASON TO BE PROUD"

One of the most moving events at the 1990 Annual Dinner of The New Times was the presentation made to the guest of honour, Mr. Bruce Ruxton, O.B.E., by Miss Jodie Maurer, who told the visibly moved Returned Servicemen's leader that in spite of large gaps in their knowledge about the past, there were young Australians who still had a feeling of pride and were looking for answers to problems. They wanted real leaders like Bruce Ruxton.

The Annual Dinner was another great spiritual feast, a manifestation of that unique atmosphere generated when League of Rights supporters meet together. Those attending a New Times Dinner for the first time agree that it must be experienced to fully appreciate the significance of this event. The Dinner was chaired by NSW State Director of the League of Rights, Mr. David Thompson. Everyone was delighted that David Thompson was able to bring his wife Katrina and recently born son Jonathon to the dinner.

The consistently high quality of the toasts at New Times Dinners was maintained, while Mr. Bruce Ruxton did not disappoint an audience, which gave him a standing ovation when he arrived at the Dinner. He was quick to develop Jodie Maurer's comments concerning Gallipoli and presented a vivid and moving word picture of how a military defeat had become a growing legend. In his concluding remarks he launched a strong attack on Australia's immigration and multi-cultural policies and said that the Australian people must be given the opportunity to have a say concerning their future.

"THE FEW"

In his address Mr. Eric Butler stressed how the course of history had always been affected by the dedicated few. Epic feats of great courage had always been inspirational. He recalled how when he went to school McCaulay's *Lays of Ancient Rome* were read with most knowing by heart how single-handed Horatius kept the bridge leading into Rome. Shakespeare had described as a "happy few" the relatively smaller English army that faced the French at the Battle of Agincourt. It was "the few" of the airforce, which played a decisive role in breaking the back of the German bombing attacks on London during the Second World War.

Mr. Brian Griffiths, Victoria, proposed the toast to The New Times, which was seconded by Mr. Murray Pope of Western Australia. The Loyal Toast was proposed by Mrs. Jan Pope, who made special reference to the Queen Mother and her long years of service.

League of Rights National Director Eric Butler was clearly astonished and slightly embarrassed when told that before he addressed the Dinner, he was to be presented with the war medals he had never taken the trouble to collect. It was thought to be the first time in Australian history that the military medals of a Sergeant were presented to him by a Private!



Eric Butler belatedly receives war medals

There was the usual large number of messages from around the nation and from overseas.

HIGH QUALITY OF SEMINAR PAPERS

The uniform quality of the three Papers presented at the National Seminar was outstanding, with all three speakers being teachers representative of a tradition, which, sadly, has been badly eroded in recent years. Dr. Fred Toben presented a Paper, which told the story of a young German immigrant growing up and obtaining an education in a nation not yet fragmented by multiculturalism. Presented in impeccable English, the Paper was a reflection of Dr. Toben's wide experiences, both in Australia and overseas, and deep scholarship.

Mr. Nigel Jackson's paper was perhaps one of the most challenging ever presented at a League of Rights National Seminar. It reflected great intellectual and moral courage. A senior English teacher at a well-known Melbourne Public School, Mr. Jackson said that traditional freedom of speech was being seriously threatened by the current immigration and multicultural policy. Courteously but courageously he mentioned a number of prominent Australian conservatives who were either failing to have important issues discussed, or were actively preventing rational discussion. Mr. Jackson mentioned his difficulties with Dr. Robert Manne, currently editor of the conservative intellectual



Bruce Ruxton a "hero" - Jodie Maurer.

journal, *Quadrant*.

Amongst those Nigel Jackson challenged to face the implications of new revelations concerning the alleged Jewish Holocaust was the distinguished Roman Catholic commentator and philosopher, Mr. B.A. Santamaria, pointing out that as yet Mr. Santamaria's *News Weekly* had failed to publish any reference to the Leuchter Report, a scientific report showing that the buildings in Poland allegedly used for gassing millions of Jews, could not possibly have been used for that purpose.

However, it must be recorded that in the issue of *News Weekly* of October 12 immediately following the Seminar, a letter by Mr. Nigel Jackson, in which he mentions the Leuchter Report, is published. It is not too much to say that Nigel Jackson is a man who is slowly but surely helping to change the intellectual climate concerning the subject of history. His Paper was a treat in more ways than one, and will eventually be published in full.

"THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OF OUR HISTORY"

from Mr. Ron Gostick, National Director,
Canadian League of Rights.

Warmest greetings from High River, Alberta, on behalf of all League supporters in Canada. Wish we could be with you at your New Times Annual Dinner and Weekend, as we were three years ago.

Conditions on the Canadian scene have greatly deteriorated this past year, as our country convulsed in constitutional controversy, open hostility and violence with our Native Peoples, and

"THE TIME IS NOW"

League of Rights veteran Keith Oldfield, and his wife Verna, of Nhill, Victoria, apologised for not being able to attend the Dinner. He wrote:

With the world rapidly approaching the Gadarene slope with truth being successfully presented as lies by the media, with Satan's lies being presented as truth by same media, it is of paramount importance that the Annual League of Rights Dinner continues to provide a venue wherein Christians and Conservatives can meet for a few brief hours and have fellowship with those of like mind.

Our opponents bang the drum that we flourish in times of adversity (particularly in the rural areas they say) and of course they are absolutely correct; we do flourish in times of adversity. However, they, because of their philosophy attribute some sinister methods and motives to our successes.

Our role should be to see the truth of their contention: that we flourish in times of adversity and apply that truth by each and

Mr. Barry Tattersall, former Principal of Canaan College, a man with a distinguished teaching background, provided a fitting climax to the two previous speakers. He provided a brilliant synopsis of the system of government, which Australia inherited from the United Kingdom and how it had been perverted. Barry Tattersall was emphatic that no genuine education was possible which was not rooted in Christianity. He outlined the practical steps he took as an Independent, which in a short campaign gained him 15 per cent of the primary vote at the last Federal elections.

All three Seminar Papers were video and audio taped, and are available.

Reports and other presentations at the National Action Seminar were of the highest quality. Some major new initiatives were reported upon, one highlight being a report by Libertarian John Bennett concerning the NSW and West Australian anti-racial vilification legislation. Large numbers of the special October issue of *The Intelligence Survey*, the basic document for initiating a national vote on the immigration and multicultural issues, were taken away. One actionist took sufficient *Surveys* to ensure that Canberra was adequately saturated immediately.

The League's National Secretariat met during the Friday of *The New Times* Dinner and subsequently announced the biggest offensives in the history of the League. Book selling activities are to be intensified and other activities increased. It was agreed that this required an increase in the League's Annual Basic Fund, which has been lifted to \$73,000.

The 1990 National Weekend of the League of Rights has passed into history, but its effects will long continue to influence the future. The "League Family" was further strengthened, with old friendships deepened and new friendships made. In a world of dramatic changes, deepening crises, and horrendous events, the League of Rights remains firmly "on course".

incredible increases in taxation. All of which has begun to awaken some of our people. Indeed, it is the rising disenchantment of the public with all labels and brands of party politics, which is opening the way for our message.

As we enter this last decade of the 20th century, we face the greatest challenge of our history, and I sense that our Leagues around the Crown Commonwealth will be at the forefront of the battle, perhaps the small but decisive factor in defence of civilisation and our Christian Heritage.

We Canadians join you in spirit this festive weekend. Enjoy yourselves, have fun, and be sure to get your batteries re-charged - because we'll certainly be working your Eric and Cedric next months when then get to Canada!

everyone re-doubling their efforts to take the real truth to the masses whilst they are in the most receptive frame of mind — the time is now — we may not get another chance!

Fred and Gwyn Codner of Queensland sent best wishes, writing, "What the New Times has stood for since its first issues through depressions, wars, recessions, periods of rotten, corrupt governments, etc., has been like a blinding light of hope and promise and will eventually pierce the long period of darkness that we all have known. ..."

Veteran Social Creditor Les Prosser of Sydney expressed regret at not being able to attend, observing that "Crisis is again facing the world in the Middle East and may decide that fate for good or evil for all people if an all-out war eventuates Whatever happens, there will be a clearing of the muddied waters...."

THE QUEEN MOTHER - A TOUCH OF GOLD

The Loyal Toast was moved by Mrs. Jan Pope, of Cranbrook, W.A. Although long-time League supporters, Mrs. Pope and her husband, Murray, were attending their first *New Times* Dinner. Following a long tradition unique to the *New Times*, Mrs. Pope's toast was accompanied by a short address-

This is a very moving occasion for Murray and I as this is the first opportunity we have had to attend this special night in the Calendar of Events of the League of Rights and Social Credit movement in Australia.

On the 4th August this year, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, celebrated her 90th birthday. In her ninety years, she has witnessed more changes than at any other time in history, technologically, socially and economically.

She was born at a time when travel was more leisurely, by the mere fact that it took longer to get anywhere and no doubt this time was used for reflection and worthwhile thoughts. People born at that time were untouched by the daily happenings in other parts of the world and were participants of more gracious pastimes; or were they? On reading about the family of her father the Earl of Strathmore it would seem that much of the fun and sparkle we see even today in our Queen Mother, grew from the 'enchanted childhood' she had as she played in the gardens at St. Paul's Walden Bury and Glamis Castle with her brothers and sisters and the responsibilities she took upon herself as she grew.

The Prince of Wales said of his grandmother on her eightieth birthday: "Ever since I can remember, my Grandmother has been the most wonderful example of fun, laughter, warmth, infinite security and, above all else, exquisite taste in all things. For me, she will always be one of those extraordinary, rare people whose touch can turn everything to gold — whether it be putting people at their ease, turning something dull into something amusing, bringing happiness and comfort to people, or making any house she lives in a unique haven of coziness and character."

The stride forward in technological change since 1900 has brought the world into our lounge rooms and we know of the destructive elements of television on our families. But one of the few benefits has been the opportunity to get to know our Queen Mother and the Royal Family more intimately. They have become our 'Royal Family' as we see them going about their daily service and duty to the people of the Commonwealth and other parts of the world.

The ninetieth Birthday Gala Performance on television recently showed us the celebrities and audience, led by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, all joining to sing a specially commemorated song for the Queen Mother, followed by a most rousing "Happy Birthday" with all the sincerity and love you could imagine. And yet, to see her still participating in Royal duties and meeting 'old folk' who are younger than herself, she is loved and cared for too by



Mrs. Jan Pope praises Queen Mother in Loyal Toast.

ordinary people. She has achieved with genuine charm and caring concern, what all the politicians and statesmen in the world would love to achieve, the total admiration of all who meet or see her.

What a wonderful example and support she is for Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip and their family and in turn, we, her loyal subjects. Under that guidance, our Queen Elizabeth II has managed to fulfill the range of obligations, to be monarch and mother, to move from the glittering State occasions in London to the streets of small towns. That she has these qualities means that she is a very remarkable woman, one who has made the second Elizabethan Age of the British Monarchy as important as any that have gone before.

When speaking about the Commonwealth in her 1962 Christmas message, I feel Queen Elizabeth's words have a meaning for us all this evening in the troubled times which we have known would be upon us in Australia and throughout the world. She said, "In the ideal of the Commonwealth, we have been entrusted with something special. We have in our hands a most potent force for good and one of the true unifying bonds in this torn world. Let us keep faith with the ideal we know to be right"

I ask you to join with me in wishing our Queen Mother many more enjoyable years, and to toast her daughter and our Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Second.

BRUCE RUXTON HERO TO THE YOUNG

In making the presentation of a leather overnight bag to Dinner guest of honour, Mr. Bruce Ruxton, Jodie Maurer said:

It is indeed an honour to have been asked to make this presentation to Mr. Ruxton. I am not sure I deserve such a privilege, but I do know how much the younger generation of Australia appreciates what Mr. Ruxton has done for our great country and what he continues to represent.

Young people today are not given much to feel proud of; my generation has grown up without the true teaching of our heritage, our history, what this great nation has been built on. You could say we have grown up in almost total ignorance of these things, and as everything that occurs in this world is a direct consequence of something which has occurred before, (cause and effect) who might think the future looks bleak. But does it?

You know even with this large gap of knowledge missing from young people's lives, *they are still finding reason to feel proud*. Hundreds of young Australians are flocking to Gallipoli every year. They can't really explain why, but they feel proud of their country.

With this pride we are looking for answers, reasons, leader-

ship. And all of these things are being found from this man Mr. Ruxton. He is in the eyes of the young a "hero". Now, I don't know if this is due to Mr. Ruxton's way with words or maybe it is because he was a star on the "Steve Vizard Show", or maybe it is because he is filling that gap of knowledge.

Mr. Ruxton — unlike our politicians — has pride in this nation, and strength and courage to stand up and say what we are feeling, what we know to be true. He knows the causes of war and has seen the effects better than any politician in this country today. Mr. Ruxton is providing true leadership that is so desperately lacking and although you may not see it, we love this man and what he is doing.

So on behalf of the younger generation of Australia, thank you, Mr. Ruxton, for caring.

Now, I would like to present this gift as a token of appreciation from the League of Rights and its supporters for being here tonight and speaking to us.

A LEGACY OF TRUTH

The Toast to the *New Times* was seconded by Mr. Murray Pope. With his wife, Jan, and two sons, Mr. Pope runs a farming property in the Great Southern district of W.A. In seconding the toast, he made the following remarks:

It is truly a great pleasure to be present at the 1990 New Times Dinner and to meet fellow Australians on the Eastern side of our vast country.

I regard it as a privilege to say a few words in seconding the toast to the *New Times* so ably proposed tonight by Brian Griffiths.

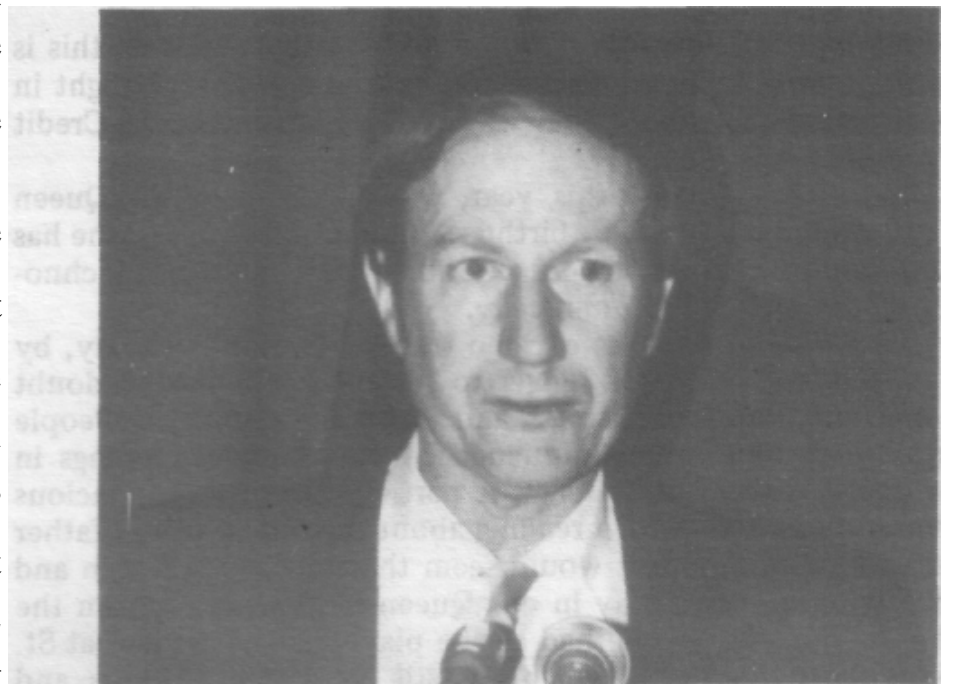
It has no doubt been said before in the 44 years since the first *New Times* Dinner was held that we live in troubled times. There is no argument that there is an age-old conspiracy against the free and independent individual and the effects of that conspiracy can now be seen everywhere. I don't have to elaborate that point to a gathering such as we have here tonight.

The effects have manifested themselves in almost every aspect of our daily lives, which can be confusing and disruptive as well as very fearful to those who do not understand the background. This fear and confusion must be replaced with faith that truth will prevail.

The quote under the heading of the *New Times*: "*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*" is a constant reminder to me of the struggle which goes on within us all. Knowing the truth can eliminate almost all the confusion about the problems and dilemmas facing the world today. Truth cannot be destroyed, only smothered and obscured, or distorted by propaganda and brainwashing. The freedom of the human spirit to search for truth can never be suppressed.

The attempts to do so are being pushed ahead with the Race Vilification Bill in NSW and over in Western Australia we have the "Racist Harassment and Incitement to Racial Hatred" amendment to the Criminal Code. These are designed to suppress and stop the distribution of material the League of Rights produces.

We cannot be sure how far these attempts will go, and I often wonder how devastating it would have been for us all if the truth of the *New Times* had been suppressed over the years. May we resolve to ourselves that such a possibility is never allowed to occur.



Murray Pope seconds New Times toast.

It is appropriate that we acknowledge tonight the tremendous contribution of service to us all by C.H. Douglas and all those who have laboured through the years to alert us to the fact that if we move away from truths, it is a recipe for disaster.

This is a legacy and gift, which has been passed on freely to anyone who is prepared to make the search and is the reason we are here tonight.

May we all draw strength from the fellowship and spirit of belonging to a special group of people and when we return to our homes and families, know that all over this great country, there are others of a like mind to ourselves.

On this special occasion, it gives me great pleasure to second the Toast to the *New Times*.

"ANOTHER YEAR OF SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE"

John and Leon Nietschke of South Australia sent the following message:

Greetings to all at the National Weekend. "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing". This well-known quote is certainly as true today as ever as the many unfortunate events taking place in our country and the world are sadly seen to confirm. But the Gospel of God's great love in Jesus Christ and the message of the League has kept alive the flames of freedom and hope and offer the only opportunity for the regeneration of society. We join with you in thought and spirit over the National Weekend and then in another year of sharing the knowledge and "doing".

OTHER MESSAGES

A number of supporters phoned messages. John and Yvonne Devine of Tongala, Victoria, wrote, "How appropriate that Bruce Ruxton is special guest of honour and guest speaker on this historic occasion. May his message be carried forward and Australia saved before our beloved country is fractured beyond repair".

Michael and Kym Dreckow of South Australia apologised for not being able to attend the Dinner because of family commitments, one being the wedding of Kym. "However, we will be with you in thought and we pray that the weekend will be a spiritually uplifting occasion for all supporters."

Graeme and Jan Williams sent congratulation to the League "for the many years of achievement and growth. As the West sinks ever deeper into moral and financial bankruptcy, the

League's encouraging message to the English-speaking world has never been more heartening and the times never more auspicious for increasing its influence."

Pioneer Social Crediters Arthur and Midge Middleton, involved in the Social Credit movement since 1932, said that although they could not be present in person they would be in spirit. "We have attended 21 times for which we are grateful. We send best wishes for the coming weekend."

Robert Bell of Horsham sent an appropriate message in the form of a substantial financial contribution. Alf Pinwill of Gayndah wrote, "Be guided by God's Truth and Reality, plus the courage and determination of Bruce Ruxton and the final victory will be achieved."

Peter Davis of Port Lincoln expressed regret for not being able to attend, but said, "The continuing inspirational initiatives of the League are today the only sparks of hope in a world of increasing despondency and despair.... May God guide us through these times."

Jim Cronin of South Australia sent best wishes, as did Alan and Ron Ellis of Warra, Queensland. "The Keith Wrights and the Ron Boswells come and go but while ever the League faces up to reality and upholds the Truth. ... it must continue to expand its influence throughout the community."

Mr. Jeremy Lee wrote: "To all those assembled at the New Times Dinner, and especially guest-of-honour Bruce Ruxton, whose fearless voice has struck a chord with so many Australians — my very best wishes and hopes for this period ahead,

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which will offer so many opportunities in the midst of the imminent chaos."

Mr. Bruce Slade wrote from Berry:

Please add my name to the list of those who cannot attend this year's New Times Dinner, and who realise something of the value of the work performed by The League of Rights and its supporters.

While I recognise that God has the ultimate authority, He has given mankind the opportunity to choose and say as Joshua said many long years ago, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Obedience to God and His Word is not a matter of sitting quietly by as our enemies take control and claim the right to dictate for a perverted form of injustice and idolatry. We must form an army of power in the strength of our God.

May you all enjoy the Feast of the New Times Dinner, in physical, mental and spiritual forms, and be refreshed to continue the fight for God and Truth.

VOTING ON AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE

The League of Rights National Weekend witnessed the launching of the most ambitious programme in the history of the League - a national vote on immigration and multiculturalism. This national vote is endorsed by RSL leader, Bruce Ruxton.

"*New Times*" readers can assist in getting this campaign 'off the ground' by helping to distribute the special October issue of "*The Intelligence Survey*", which contains a "voting form" on page 8.

Bulk prices, including postage: 30 for \$5.50; 100 for \$15; 1000 for \$100. All orders to P.O. Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001.

KEEPING THE ANZAC SPIRIT ALIVE

Mr. Bill Daly, National Director of The New Zealand League of Rights said that it was important that Australians and New Zealanders kept the Anzac spirit alive. "We are people of the same background sharing a common heritage. In an increasingly dangerous world it is

imperative that we have the closest cooperation without losing our national sovereignties". Bill Daly says that he is planning to attend next year's New Times Dinner with a strong New Zealand contingent.

DOUGLAS WARNED... TO BEWARE WHEN THE USA AND THE USSR ACT TOGETHER

As usual, the Dinner message from Dr. Geoffrey and Elizabeth Dobbs in North Wales, was the first to be read:

Dear Friends.

Our enjoyable and very worth-while tour in Australia in February and March is still very much in our minds, and especially the very great kindness and care with which we were received by old friends, everywhere all round the country from Brisbane to Perth, and the many interesting and stimulating discussions we were enabled to have.

On the long flight home we had plenty of time for thinking. How ironic it is that the closer, in human terms, we, in Britain and Australia, get to each other, the more the politicians try to separate us and alienate us from each other. Modern technology, in the form of the jumbo jet, has put us apart by only about 30 hours of guzzling, drinking and dozing in mildly cramped discomfort, a lot closer than London and Edinburgh in the days of horse transport, not to mention more comfortable. In the days when distance on the other side of the Earth was a tremendous barrier to contact there might have been some excuse for trying to merge Britain with Europe and Australasia with Asia; but not now.

Never before has it been possible for families and friends in the two countries to meet and enjoy each others' company at least as freely as they used to when living merely in different parts of Britain, (not to mention the instant telephone link) and it is quite absurd that we should be treated as 'foreigners' in each others countries when we are more bound up together than ever in our history, by personal contact as well as heredity, culture, law, language and loyalty to our common Sovereign. Most people in both countries are subconsciously aware of this, but only the League of Rights is consciously trying to encourage and strengthen this vital link, which is one of its special merits.

The travel link between us, however, is tenuous. Virtually, it is only the Boeing jet made on the West Coast of the USA, fuelled

by oil most of which comes from the Moslem Middle East, providing 'economy' class cramped seats for most of us with First and Business Class for government officials and agents of Big Business, also mostly paid for by us through taxes and prices. If we do not want a world in which international travel is limited to the agents of government and finance it is up to us to make all possible use of the present means of personal travel and to encourage its diversification and oppose its monopolisation as much as possible.

And now we have the war drums beating again, largely about that oil upon which so much of our civilisation is based. At present it is a war of words, lots of mutual abuse and name-calling to work up the war-mob-psyche. Saddam Hussein is compared to Hitler — fairly enough — both of them ruthless, wily, murderous stinkers; but as we know well, it is not 'all that man!' They both needed building up to create the crises so essential to the promotion of World Government. What we notice is that the ritual abuse is always followed by a declaration that this is a great opportunity to consolidate a really effective World Order, with teeth! ('All the better to bite you with, my dear!') And strong debt-pressure is being brought on the USSR to send at least a token force to join the multinational forces opposing Iraq.

We are no pundits on world affairs, but the great advantage of being social creditors is that we have been warned beforehand and are not taken in or panicked by these predictable events. Douglas warned us many years ago to beware of the day when the USA and the USSR act together and when communism and capitalism merge. It looks as if that day is now approaching, but fortunately there are always counter balancing factors. '*The best-laid plans of mice and money men gang aft agley*', as the poet almost said, and in the end, poets often know better than Planners.

With our love and very best wishes for an enjoyable dinner, a stimulating seminar and a most successful year afterwards.

from Geoffrey and Elizabeth

FAITH AMONG THE NATIONS

Dinner Chairman, Mr. David Thompson, State Director of the League for New South Wales, responded to the Toasts to *The New Times*. The following is an edited account of his address:

The difference between the kind of men who proposed this Toast to the *New Times*, and those who serve in party politics seems to become more marked every year. The contrast is to be found in attitude and motivation. Take a Party like the Liberal Party as an example. They no longer seem to expound a philosophical base of any kind. The party collectively forgets what it once believed. It seems to exist merely to gain power, and it seems interesting to speculate that if they ever achieve power again, whether they will remember what they wanted it for?

Most political parties now confuse *leadership* with *activity*; it seems more important to *occupy* the Parliament, rather than achieve anything useful. The result of this confusion, of course, is the acceptance of such proposals as the multifunction polis. It is suggested that the MFP represents *progress*, but seldom is 'progress' defined in useful terms. 'Progress' implies movement, but movement in which direction? Movement towards which end — freedom or slavery? It hardly seems to matter to some, provided always that *movement* takes place. This is a clear confusion of means with ends, is a symptom of philosophical vacuum, and must be regarded as a form of sin.

To some, progress is measured by material achievement. It appears that the Japanese would be a people to apply such a measurement, as they lead the pursuit of technological innovation to a degree that is pathological. But does such material progress satisfy the spirit? Consider the living conditions of the Japanese in any one of dozens of great cities. Living conditions by our standards are almost primitive; housing in many parts of Japan consists of tiny quarters, packed with gadgets, but without sewerage amenities, and sometimes even running water!

TECHNOLOGY OR VISION?

Last year when I was in Tasmania, I stayed with a dairying family, who also ran a hostel for back-packers. My hostess told of one night when her husband, having been out to see a calf, burst into the house, in great consternation, asking what had befallen their group of Japanese back-packers, whose bodies he had just seen strewn around their lawn in the dark. She calmed him, laughing, and explained that they were just looking at the stars! He was dumbfounded to learn that, coming from such an intensely settled country as Japan, where the night sky was always lit by a number of cities and towns, Japanese children had never really had the chance to see the stars. Outback Australia was a revelation to them, because despite the lack of 'gadgets' the standard of living and pace of life was so different from that in Japan.

Technology is essential — as a mechanism for a purpose. To live in the pursuit of technology destroys the spirit eventually. Australians, confronted by proposals for such things as a multifunction polis, may soon have to decide whether they wish to be governed by technocrats, bureaucrats and 'planners'. Shall we submit Australia to this, or shall we strive to balance such pursuits with pursuits of the spirit; shall our children in the future become mere automatons, who have never seen the stars?

SERVICE OR POWER?

One of our more perceptive journalists in the last year made the comment that in the environmental debate, trees had no intrinsic significance. They can only gain true significance from their *service* to man, be it in providing beauty, shade, fruit or timber. In a similar respect, perhaps human life gains its true significance from such qualities as love, faith and courage — used in the *service* of their fellow man, as Murray Pope implied.

The second of Christ's great commands was to love thy neighbour, *as thyself*. Such is the ultimate service. Surely Christ's ministry was the epitome of *service* — even to the point of total sacrifice. Although he spent only about 3 years in his earthly ministry, the measurement of time is insignificant alongside the *results*. Should we not measure the occupation of public office by results and service, rather than by time? It is only values — not



Mr. David Thompson responds to New Times toast.

effort — that determine the results.

FAITH IN ACTION

There is no more certain test of resolve than hardship or conflict. The Middle East crisis is a demonstration of faith in action among nations. The West is confronted not only by an Iraqi military threat, but by the faith of Islam being applied. Islam has a *policy* — irrespective of what we think about it — and Hussein is acting that policy out. We may abhor it, but this is faith in action, and represents a formidable force.

On the other hand, Judaism also has a policy, which is being applied by the Zionists in Israel. When the policies of two fundamentally different faiths clash, the result will be conflict of an intensity that is hard to imagine.

But what of the West? In what do we believe? What force of faith has driven us to send troops to the Gulf? Is it Christianity? Clearly, it is not. There was a time when Islamic nations had a deep respect for a Christian West, but now dictators like Hussein hold us in contempt, not because we are militarily weak, but because our faith is weak. The West believes in technology, but perhaps Saddam Hussein knows that a force driven by a faith, be it Islam or some other faith, is eventually superior to a force driven by a machine. Technology cannot subjugate values, even the less perfect values of Islam.

The only long-term answer for the West is to recover our faith; to return to the basic values that once made us a force. We of this movement therefore have a role to play; not only in looking to our own personal faith, but in insisting that Australia as a nation develops Christian policies. Without them we are incapable of withstanding the barbarians that not only seek to attack us from without, but the barbarians that seek to occupy our very Parliaments and councils. Ladies, and gentlemen, that is the challenge of the future — to develop a Christian policy for this nation. Let us take our part.

GREETINGS FROM IVOR BENSON

A last minute message to the Dinner was received from the distinguished South African journalist and writer, Mr. Ivor Benson, who apologised for the lateness and brevity of his message as he was on the eve of leaving for Washington U.S.A., to deliver a Paper at an Institute of Historical Review Conference.

FREEDOM AND POWER

The Toast to the *New Times* was moved by Mr. Brian Griffiths, of Shepparton, in Victoria. Mr. Griffiths, who comes from a family of publishers, is an outstanding exponent of those truths for which *The New Times* stands. The following is the text of his address in moving the Toast:

Thank you Mr. Chairman. . .

The leading vehicles of social conscience, our mainstream media outlets, often refer to our individual rights and freedoms but rarely do they progress to the Christian aspect of the associated responsibility of our actions.

Freedom and power are incompatible . . . One has power at the cost of someone else's freedom.

Power in the hands of the few can replace the freedom of the many. Conversely, if an individual or group of individuals achieves greater freedom, so also does another individual or group lose power.

When we see marchers or demonstrators calling for "Power to the people", they are in reality calling for freedom or protesting about the loss of yet another freedom.

It is a natural emotion for any individual to seek and retain freedom, and the "will to power" is also a God-given inheritance. While this situation appears to present us with two natural instincts in absolute conflict, the Christian revelation provides an insight, where certain freedoms may be given over or shared and others cannot.

Self control is the key in the administration of both freedom and power . . . "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesars and to God that which is Gods."

We in Australia are losing freedoms as governments and bureaucrats gain more and more power by many and various means.

Those that have had the privilege of studying the writings of C.H. Douglas can understand the instinctive battle for power. We may not like the inevitable loss of freedom, but at least we understand it.

Politicians enjoy taking freedom away from individuals, but then uncharacteristically they appear to willingly give up their newly obtained power to forces further up the dung heap.

Thus we observe in astonishment as our government willingly gives away national and individual freedom soon after having taken that freedom from the Australian people.

In recent years we have witnessed the awesome situation where the specific constitutional power of an Australian state over its water resources was given a new status by the High Court and termed an "External Affair".

Canberra used this Court decision to take over the State's powers regarding a waterway in Tasmania, but then immediately gave this power away by their signing of yet another United Nations Convention.

Surely we have in Australia, people with enough wisdom and intelligence to be able to deal with our own affairs such as wilderness and conservation etc.

We are told in every newspaper, radio and television release that these people in Canberra are of such brilliance (usually in their own opinions), yet the apparently simple task of wilderness conservation is something that is beyond them. Their self-confidence is so low that even a gaggle of cut-throats and oppressors in New York is better equipped.

"Give us more power", they tell us, "and we will solve all of your problems".

What they do not tell us though is that our politicians are nothing more than whimpish transferee clerks when it comes to

or some other alien force.

The main target in this exercise is the freedom of the individual and we are giving up this freedom with little more than a whimper, and at a frightening rate . . . "giving up" is not quite accurate. Our individual freedoms are being taken from us . . . for our own good of course!



"Remember those who have served" —

Brian Griffiths toasts *New Times*

power, and they immediately hand it over to the United Nations

The latest United Nations convention soon to be ratified by Australia has the term "Rights of the Child", which means loss of rights when translated from double-speak.

The convention grants neither rights nor freedoms, except to that un-Godly monster. . . the United Nations.

Parents who live by the Christian ethic are conscious of their responsibilities in the upbringing of their children. To lose this vital responsibility to guide their children through the developing years is tantamount to an attack on Christianity.

So, where are the Christian Churches whilst this attack is being carried out? Well it appears that most of them are siding with the anti-Christian attackers . . . "By their fruits you shall know them".

The Labor Party are openly anti-Christian, but the Coalition parties claim to have Christian loyalties . . . so where does the Coalition stand on the Rights of the child? With a few individual exceptions the Coalition supports this anti-family law.

Is it not our Christian duty as parents and voters to stand and speak out? In this case as in most other laws that attack Christian values, we get that terrible feeling of aloneness. But does that aloneness mean that we should cut and run from the battle? . . . Not on your Nellie!

Today we are amongst friends in the Social Credit movement, and it is this association that gives us the mettle to stay in there fighting.

It gives me great pleasure to propose the toast to *The New Times* .

GROWING UP IN NON-MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA

by Dr. Fred Toben

The following is part of Dr. Toben's League of Rights National Seminar Paper.

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On the 22nd November 1984, the Prime Minister, Mr. Bob Hawke, appeared on National ABC talk-back radio.

I managed to get a call through to him, and I asked Mr. Hawke the following:

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My question focuses on your foreign policy and relates to the internal system in our country.

I'd like to clarify your position on what I consider a hypocritical stance being adopted by your government on

the Australia-South Africa policy.

We oppose apartheid in South Africa, yet we're introducing it into Australia in a very subtle way through the land rights legislation, and I believe that this hypocrisy is an example of Australia being at an advanced stage of corruption.

After a brief pause Mr. Hawke replied:

Well, Dr. Toben, that line of reasoning, which even with my intellectual agility I find impossible to follow, but I'll give you what I think are the appropriate comments.

There is no hypocrisy and no vestige of hypocrisy in this matter. I don't know whether your question assumes that there is some justice in what's happening in South Africa. I hope you're not assuming that. But let me make it clear what the position of my government is in regard to Apartheid and its practice in South Africa.

I find it, and my government finds it abhorrent, without qualification, that you have a systemized basis of denying to the overwhelming majority of the population in South Africa, simply because they are black, a denial of the rights available to the minority in that country.

They are persecuted in a way which is absolutely abhorrent. It's systematized and they are denied their opportunities as human beings in a way which is just totally abhorrent.

I wished to remind Mr. Hawke of the situation prevailing in other all-black African nations. I couldn't get a word in, and he continued:

There is no similarity. You would require the most distorted sort of logic to relate that systematized abuse of rights to what's occurring in this country in regard to the question of land rights.

Let me make these points.

In 1967, the people of Australia, I guess you were here at the time, the people of Australia, by an overwhelming majority in a referendum in 1967, said this — that they didn't want to leave the question of Aboriginal affairs and Aboriginal rights any longer as the exclusive preserve of the States, and by one of the largest majorities ever, in a referendum put to the people of Australia, they said the National government, the Federal government, should have a constitutional responsibility in this area.

I tried to interject so as to ask him about his refusal to put immigration matters to a referendum, without success, and Mr. Hawke continued:

Now, that was a clear decision of the people of Australia and in response to that decision of the people of Australia, in a referendum, let me remind you which was put to the people of Australia not by a Labor government but by a non-Labor government. The non-Labor government said to the people of Australia, the Federal Parliament must have rights to legislate in this area — the non-Labor government — and then, when that was passed by the people of Australia in response to a non-Labor government referendum, the government of my predecessor passed legislation, land rights legislation in regard to the Northern Territory, which gave effect to the will of the people in 1967, that the Commonwealth should legislate.

Again I tried to ask Mr. Hawke another related question, without success, and so he continued:

Now what we are doing is to say that in consultation with the States, with the miners, with the farmers and with the Aboriginals, we will move to give effect to the desire of the people of Australia, expressed in a referendum.



"We learned about our new country - through poetry" -
Dr. Fred Toben at Seminar.

Now, that is a position where the whole of the people of Australia were consulted as to whether in fact there should be a legislative power in the Federal parliament. It was done by a non-Labor government, a non-Labor government has acted on it and a Labor government is going to act on it.

Now, there are the full democratic constitutional processes, and as I say, it requires the greatest distortion of logic imaginable to try and equate that in any way with the situation in South Africa.

At this point the radio presenter cut in and thanked me for my call.

So, a month before Christmas, the Prime Minister of Australia told me that "it requires the greatest distortion of logic imaginable" and, despite his own "intellectual agility", he could not follow my argument — that the land rights issue was carving up Australia into a number of different tribalistic homelands, i.e. creating ethnic Apartheid on the Australian continent.

Perhaps I should have there and then hung my head in shame and pleaded with Mr. Hawke to forgive me for my foolish thinking. Somehow, though, he simply failed to convince me; his criticism of my point of view seemed rather empty and trivial.

Six years on, I still maintain that our national unity and national well-being is threatened by the land rights issue.

I would have thought that if areas of Australia are exclusively reserved for Aboriginals, then the next logical step is for such areas to declare themselves independent of the rest of Australia — in the manner in which Prince Leonard of Hutt River Principality; near Geraldton, did two decades ago.

Interestingly enough, it was only recently that a member of Mr. Michael Mansell's group re-entered Australia on an Aboriginal Nation passport. Take note, not an Australian passport, but an Australian Aboriginal passport. The explanation offered by Customs permitting this obvious political stunt, was that any Australian citizen can enter the country without a passport, so long as some means of identification is produced to prove the person's Australian citizenship status. So it appears, that the Aboriginal passport is a *fait accompli* and *de facto* national status.

For me, the land rights issue is, obviously, the other side of the multicultural coin. Both issues are fracturing the unity and strength of our country.

I wonder — in whose interest is it to see Australia divided like that?

I do not think it is desirable to have autonomous Aboriginal nations within Australia — as is happening in Canada with the Mohawk Indians in Quebec or the Sioux Indians in the U.S.A.