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BUTLER TESTIMONIAL DINNERS REFLECTED VIBRANT AND GROWING LEAGUE MOVEMENT

The recent series of Australia-wide testimonial dinners for retiring League of Rights National Director, Mr. Eric D. Butler, and his wife Elma, were an inspiring reflection of a vibrant and growing movement. Eric Butler said that while he appreciated the many generous comments made concerning his services to the Social Credit Movement, not only in Australia, but around the world, it was he and his wife who had been the main beneficiaries. "We are two of the richest people in the world", he said, "rich in friendships; rich in the experiences we have had in serving a movement which offers the only hope of regeneration for a sick and dying civilisation."

Apart from the large numbers who attended the testimonial dinners, there were numerous apologies and messages from those unable to attend. There were messages from the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand. Several politicians, including the former Queensland Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, expressed their regret at not being able to attend, but sent messages of goodwill.

Although this special issue of *The New Times* has been enlarged, it has proved impossible to publish all the messages received at the dinners. Many of those being published have had to be edited. But a complete set of all messages has been presented to Eric and Elma Butler, along with a large number of photographs. These will be on display at the Douglas Memorial Hall at "Runnymede" on major League occasions.

Mr. Eric Butler made it clear in his dinner addresses that his retirement as National Director did not mean that he and his wife were abdicating from the battlefield. He intended to give his successor, Mr. David Thompson, every possible support in his new role as Advisory National Director, and to continue lecturing and writing as long as it was physically possible. For years there had been speculation in anti-League circles that the League would fade away as a major force. "The truth is", he said, "that the League of Rights' influence in Australia has never been greater, that it is at the centre of a grassroots ferment throughout Australia, and that this unique movement has seen the development of a growing army of most outstanding younger supporters. David Thompson is a credit to himself and to the movement, which has produced him. I know he will be given the same loyal and dedicated support I was given over a lifetime."

A BRIEF SURVEY

In a brief survey of the history of the Social Credit movement in Australia, with particular reference to the establishment of *The New Times* under Mr. Tom Moore, Eric Butler touched upon some of the highlights of the developments of the movement. He rated the successful establishment of The Australian Heritage Society in 1971, a specialist division of the League, as one of the major landmarks. He had always been impressed with the statement by C.H. Douglas, that the basic cleavage in society was cultural. Effective defence and development of a nation's

culture was essential if a nation was to survive. The open attack on the Constitutional Monarchy and the campaign to establish a Republic had brought to a head a clash between two diametrically opposed concepts of national life. The Australian Heritage Society was now being called upon to provide effective leadership in a battle, which would have implications beyond Australia. The first shots in the coming battle had been fired with Prime Minister Paul Keating's demand that the traditional Australian flag must come down as soon as possible. This has been followed by an attack on the Monarchy.

Eric Butler recalled the stormy start to the Heritage Society,

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 people of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

launched in Melbourne in September, 1971. An intensive campaign had been conducted in an attempt to wreck the Seminar, with a Zionist-inspired attempt to persuade a distinguished panel of speakers not to speak, with the Victorian Attorney-General, Mr. George, (later Sir George) Reid declining to appear at the last moment, but still allowing his prepared Paper to be read. Eric Butler recalled how he discussed the situation with an old friend, the Hon. Sir Reginald Sholl, former Justice of the Victorian Supreme Court, and later Australian Consul to New York, U.S.A., who readily agreed to open the Seminar, taking the opportunity to suggest that people take with the proverbial grain of salt what they heard through the media about the League. A well-known journalist who covered the Seminar wrote that the critics of the League had to accept the fact that it was here to stay.

VITAL ROLE OF HERITAGE SOCIETY

Over the past 21 years the Heritage Society had been in the forefront of the defence of the Federal Constitution, the Constitutional Monarchy and the Australian flag. The quality of *Heritage*, the quarterly magazine of The Heritage Society, had been progressively improved. Eric Butler said that the Paper he delivered at the 1971-founding seminar of the Heritage Society, *The Essential Christian Heritage* and subsequently republished in booklet form, was one of his favourite pieces of writing.

Every testimonial dinner had its own distinctive character, with a wide range of speakers presenting a diversity of viewpoints and recollections. There were many humorous stories, some slightly embellished. Eric Butler said that it was not quite true that after reading *Economic Democracy* in one night in a Victorian country centre, he had jumped on his push bike the next morning to ride to Melbourne and present himself as a teenage boy to *The New Times* office ready for action! But it was true that in his early days he had pushed a bike for more miles than he cared to remember, in the cause of Social Credit.

Speaking at the Perth Dinner, Mr. Murray Jorgensen, the first Editor of *Heritage*, and still involved with its production, recounted his first stay at "Runnymede" as a youth. Elma Butler had tried to teach him to dance, had introduced him to health foods, while Eric Butler had invited him to help with the marking of his lambs, staggering him with the statement that "This is a job we have got to get your teeth into"! Caroline Hicks, the god-daughter of Miss C.M. Douglas, daughter of C.H. Douglas, now living in Australia, related her own experiences growing up in the Social Credit Movement in England and the big impact that Eric Butler had when he started to visit the United Kingdom regularly for some years.



Mr. Phillip Butler, who proposed Loyal Toast at Melbourne dinner, also paid a tribute to his parents on behalf of the rest of the family.

WARM TRIBUTE FROM CEDRIC JACOBS

The Rev. Cedric Jacobs, O.B.E., the distinguished West Australian Aboriginal leader, author of *Healing a Divided Nation*, attending the Perth dinner with his wife Margaret, spoke with deep emotional feeling as he told how he had come to know Eric and Elma Butler. It was with a feeling of some trepidation that he made his first visit to "Runnymede", only to find that he was soon treated as a member of the family.

Although it had been requested that there be no presents at the testimonial dinners, some dinner organisers managed to bend the rules a little, with the South Australians presenting a sample of typical South Australian "goodies", including well-known South Australian wines and fruits, while at the Inverell, Northern NSW dinner, there was a presentation of a portrait of Eric Butler by well-known local artist, and League supporter, Lance Peacock. The South Australians also presented a painting.

Speaking at the Horsham dinner, Mr. John Paine paid tribute to Eric Butler as a teacher, telling one of Eric Butler's stories about the man who bought a donkey for his children, having been assured by its previous owner that it was a most obedient animal. But the new owner found the next morning that the donkey completely ignored him, even shouting being of no use. He felt he had been the victim of blatant misrepresentation and rang up the previous owner to tell him so. But he was assured that there was nothing wrong with the donkey and that he would be around immediately to demonstrate this. Upon arriving he picked up a piece of hardwood and started to hit the donkey around the head, causing the new owner to protest, "Why are you doing that? You told me that this animal was most obedient!" To which the previous owner responded, "That is correct, but you must first get his attention!" John Paine then presented Eric Butler with a polished piece of local red gum hardwood, from some of his attentive donkeys!

Unfortunately Mrs. Elma Butler broke her ankle in a fall just prior to the Adelaide dinner, which, however, she attended. She was forced to miss the Streaky Bay dinner, but Eric Butler assured those present that he and his wife would make a visit as soon as practical. Mrs. Butler attended the final series of dinners, Sydney, Armidale, Inverell and Toowoomba on crutches and has since returned to full-time duties at the League's national headquarters in Melbourne.

With the exception of the Perth Dinner, National Director David Thompson attended and addressed all testimonial dinners. The notes of his address are published elsewhere in this issue.

"FREEDOM WEARS A CROWN"

by John Farthing

This is a masterly assessment of the true value of monarchy — underneath the pomp, ceremony and trappings of ancient tradition, is a practical, relevant institution. Although written from the Canadian perspective, John Farthing has an excellent grasp of British constitutionalism equally applicable to Australia.

This edition includes an excellent introduction by Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen, in which he highlights the impact of Christianity on our system of government. It also includes a penetrating appendix by Professor D.P. O'Connell, an expert in international law, in which he defends the role of Sir John Kerr in dismissing the Whitlam Government in 1975. This highlights the importance of the reserve powers of the Crown in a time of crisis.

If the future of the Australian monarchy depends upon a decade of debate about its worth, then John Farthing's book is an invaluable tool in its defence.

\$12 posted, from all League book services.

BRINGING ABOUT POLICIES WHICH WILL REFLECT A TRULY CHRISTIAN SOCIETY

Space limitations have prevented the reporting of all the varied addresses given at the Butler testimonial dinners, although most were audio taped and are available. There was, for example, the highly dedicated Tom Fielder at the Murray Valley dinner, stressing the value of Eric and Elma Butler's service to the Social Credit cause, veteran supporters like Keith Oldfield and Alan Kroker at the Horsham dinner, the capable and charming Mrs. Betty Luks at the South Australian dinner, the ever-reliable Don Auchterlonie with his dry sense of humour at the Gippsland dinner, and many others. But running through them all was how Eric and Elma Butler were motivated primarily by the service concept. In one of his addresses Eric Butler pointed out how Douglas had stressed this matter, one of his favourite (although unfinished) writings being entitled *"In Whose Service is Perfect Freedom."*

What came through clearly at the series of Testimonial dinners was that there had organically developed in Australia a strong sense of a Social Credit family, which Eric and Elma Butler had played a major role in fostering. This theme was developed by Mrs. Jan Pope at the first dinner, in Perth, and as her address was a type of synthesis of what many other speakers said, we are publishing the full text of her address, with our cross-headings. Jan Pope is a farmer's wife, has two sons and a daughter, and is also a highly qualified woman in book publishing. Her address was as follows:

"I would like to say how pleased I am to have an opportunity to pay tribute to our two dear friends who are our guests of honour this evening, Elma and Eric Butler. Tonight we can let them know just how special they are to us all and how we appreciate what they have done together for us.

"Murray and I have had the privilege of sharing a friendship with this extraordinary couple for almost twenty years and like many of you, feel that they are part of our family, and we are part of their very extended family.

"Eric Butler has visited us all on many occasions and he knows our children, our individual interests and has shared many of our ups and downs. Elma hasn't been able to visit very often but she has always made a place in her life for us all and more importantly, a great sacrifice of her time with Eric.

"For all those years we heard about the hospitality of Runnymede and it wasn't until 1990 that we were able to ex-

perience this for ourselves, and Murray was able to return again last year for that special weekend in October. Eric and Elma Butler are wonderful hosts and it is easy to feel at home as soon as you arrive, a large houseful of guests treated like family coming home for a special occasion.

"DRAWING STRENGTH FROM ONE ANOTHER"

"An occasion to make a personal acquaintance with people we have heard of or spoken to over the telephone and who have become close friends with one theme running through our lives which binds us together. There is no doubt that this bond makes us a formidable force, drawing strength from one another.

"Isn't it strange that when the telephone rings now-a-days and you take a call from a perfect stranger who shares a concern, there is a deep-seated feeling that they have found a group of fellows who have a vision of how things could be — and after the introductions, are no longer strangers. We can talk seriously about the problems, laugh at the fruitless attitudes of some of our 'leaders', and feel that bond of caring for one another and being interested in what is happening in their lives and their contributions to a better future.

"Knowing this is happening all over Australia should give Eric and Elma Butler a wonderful sense of fulfilment, knowing they have made a great contribution to the education and given a sense of direction to so many people.



Present League National Director David Thompson, surveys the big audience at the Toowoomba Queensland Dinner along with local Regional Chairman John Brett, and Eric and Elma Butler.

"The great service which they have given to this country cannot be tallied because their counsel has made a different impact on each one of us. In our own ways, wherever and however possible, we have all made our own contributions, taking encouragement and knowledge from the vision which they have been able to bring to fruition. Through this movement, which they have nurtured for fifty years or more, we have all had opportunities to rise to heights and make achievements, which we may not have otherwise done.

"This movement of service to our communities and country is not mandatory, has no compulsion other than that which we place on ourselves. We have all learnt to make the most of our individual talents. The League of Rights doesn't have a monopoly on the knowledge of what has gone wrong, or what the solutions are, but I think it does have a monopoly on that intangible feeling of belonging to a group of people, sometimes with quite diverse backgrounds, who have a common objective, a respect for one another which is quite unique and an underlying support which is always there.

"An 'equal opportunity' programme was well entrenched in League circles, long before it became the catch-cry of the liberationists — it is so well entrenched it could not be called a programme — it was a fact. Where there has been a need and an ability to fill the need, the person who took on the responsibility was in many instances a woman, and so the League is a true partnership of many couples and individual men and women who have taken heed of the example set by Eric and Elma Butler.

AT 'THE HUB'

"Yesterday, daughter Chrissie came across a fax message addressed to "The Hub" and she asked where that was. On looking it up she found the words: centre, axis, focal point, heart and nerve centre and at once realised who we meant. There are some of us who have had an opportunity to pay a visit to 145 Russell Street, and there we found Elma at the nerve centre, directing and redirecting incoming and outgoing messages, with a finger on the pulse.

"While Eric has been away on tours, perhaps we haven't given as much thought as we should have to the work which is left for you to carry on with. Panton Hill is not within walking distance of Melbourne, and four days a week it requires a drive of 10 minutes or so by car and lengthy train trip each day into the office, a very early start to your day which is always a busy one. Each week there is the responsibility of *On Target*, book sales and



Chairman of Melbourne Dinner, Mr. Cedric Turner, welcomes League veteran Mr. Jim Marsh, editor of "On Target", and Mrs. Dorothy Hedley, the oldest "New Times" supporter present, to say a few words.

a great deal of mail which needs responding to, as well as telephone calls. Runnymede also needs your attention when Eric is not there and we have witnessed your own style of farming which is unique.

"On behalf of us all, Elma, I would like to say a sincere thank you for those times when you have been left to return to an empty home after a day's work in Melbourne and cope with what needs to be done on the farm. You've probably lost count of the numbers of months each year that you do carry on, on your own while Eric is interstate or overseas and we want you to know that we appreciate it.

"Over the years you have welcomed many of the younger generation of League offspring into your home for a stay of a few days or a few weeks and there they have had an opportunity to be part of your life and gain an understanding into what makes the League what it is.

A SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE

"It is a special group of people, all playing their part in a co-operative where we can all use our talents whether it be speaking tours, letter writing, studying, organising, or in a supportive role. Our one common objective is to bring about a better world, and I am very confident that we are gathering momentum.

"I trust that as you both embark on your journey around Australia over the next few weeks, you can accept that what you have contributed has been of tremendous benefit and you can enjoy a feeling akin to 'parental pride' as you see the progress which has been made by this wonderful movement as a nurturing ground for those who want to be actively involved in bringing about policies which will reflect a truly Christian society."

QUOTES

"One evening while mosquitoes and moths hurled themselves at the hurricane lamp in our army tent. Eric Butler handed me a copy of *The New Times*. For the first time I read wisdom instead of usual media distortions. Eric told me a little about Major C.H. Douglas and Social Credit — the belief inherent in society that its individual members in association can obtain the results they want'.

"Over the years, back in civilian life, I have seen Eric Butler become a dynamic driving force — writing, speaking, spreading Social Credit through the Australian League of Rights which he helped to establish....And always supported by Elma who has never relaxed from her earlier date with destiny — a working day from dawn to dusk."

— Neil McDonald in Melbourne dinner address.

"There isn't any doubt that Eric Butler could have been Prime Minister if it was his inclination to do so. Join a political party; claw your way to the top. That is what politicians are all about todayIf you read Hansard you will know that Parliament as it is today is a charade, a mockery; a place where nothing matters except the 'numbers' game — dominated by the Party system. What the League has produced (under Eric Butler's guidance) is a return to basics — a return to the Christian principle of Magna Carta. Numbers do not count. It is the individual, the spiritual unit, possessed of the spiritual power of Truth, that is the strength of the League."

- - Mr. Cedric Turner, chairman of the Melbourne dinner.

A SOCIAL CREDIT MOVEMENT, WHICH FOLLOWED DOUGLAS

One of the most perceptive of the Testimonial Dinner messages came from Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs of North Wales, and his wife Elizabeth, both closely associated with the early development of the Social Credit movement. Commenting on the Dobbs' assessment of his role in the Social Credit movement, Eric Butler said it was important to pay a tribute to those early Australian Social Crediters who grasped the wisdom of Douglas's political advice and who had given him support as one in whom, in spite of his youth, they had confidence, to lead a national campaign. The message from Dr. and Mrs. Dobbs read:

It is one thing to write an appreciation of someone whose writings and reputation one admires, quite another to do so for such old and valued friends as Eric and Elma. For us to go on about what they have done for Australia, and for Social Credit in Australia, would be just silly. It speaks for itself. But perhaps we may be better placed to appreciate what they have done for Social Credit worldwide, and for maintaining the link between patriotic people of the Crown Commonwealth and of the English-speaking world.

The Social Credit Movement was born at the end of the First World War, which itself had done much to undermine the basis of our Christian civilisation. But there was still enough of it left to allow Douglas's ideas to spread spontaneously, and in Britain for his initiative in politics to be tested and proved by those who elected to do so, up to the second outbreak of massacre and dictatorship. This reduced the Movement in Britain to a scattered remnant (though an active one) while in Canada and New Zealand it was diverted into the dead-end of party politics.

Since that time the taken for granted assumptions on which the government in control of our societies were based have been changed from Christian to atheistic or pluralistic, with no common belief or morality, except for those implicit in monetary control by debt. The prospect in the post-War world which had never heard of Douglas, for the small remnant seeking realistic Christianity in the form of Social Credit looked extremely grim, until we heard from an Australian visitor (Miss Greig) that in Australia, under the leadership of a "brilliant young man named Eric Butler", a Social credit Movement which was following Douglas's lines and had rejected the party approach, was flourishing and attracting the young as well as the older people.

That news alone gave hope and strength to the whole Movement, even before many of us had met Eric on his travels, and before we, in particular, had been privileged to meet him many times, and Elma too sometimes, as visitors at our home, once or twice in Canada, and to receive their wonderful hospitality at 'Runnymede', which has become like a 'home from home' for us, among many others; and here we must pay a quite awestruck tribute to Elma. How on earth she manages in addition to the office work is beyond our understanding!

When there we soon realised that we are at the focal point of an 'association' of people, not an 'organisation', but of people joined together by friendship (a form of love) based upon their personal qualities in pursuing a common policy — a living example of the social credit.

Of Eric it may be said that nothing becomes him more than his decision to retire from executive leadership to an advisory capacity, now, not only while in good health and ability, but while his successor, David Thompson, is at 37, in the very prime of life. Another example of the good judgment and wisdom, which we have for so long taken for granted from him.

It is just as well that we cannot possibly follow up our impulse to attend in the flesh all, or even any, of the testimonial dinners, but we shall be there in the spirit! What we can send is out love and our gratitude to Eric and Elma, and our very best wishes to them for their very partial and no doubt very active retirement. Giving correct advice is no light task! And finally, we would join you all in expressing our confidence in the new Director of the League of Rights.

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"A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE"

One of the most moving tributes paid to Eric and Elma Butler came from Mr. Tony Maurice at the Sydney Dinner. He said, "When I started to think what might be said about this remarkable couple lots of words with significant meanings started to spring to mind ... I think the word 'Service' came to me first — not just a token service but a lifetime of dedicated service to God, to their country and their fellows. This Service is backed by a knowledge and wisdom and understanding of rare and outstanding quality which gives them a great perception of human events. All this is driven with a tireless energy, which would be the envy of any marathon runner. Their great enthusiasm and never-ending encouragement has been an inspiration to countless numbers of friends and supporters. Their hospitality is legendary and the opportunity to visit Runnymede is something I look forward to with great excitement and expectation . . . Eric . . . is a true leader, one who leads by example — one who wishes to serve, not dictate. There is no need to elect men like Eric Butler to a leadership position because they are self-evident and accepted.

"I well recall a Queensland supporter saying several years ago that Eric Butler will be recorded in history as the Samuel Pepys of Australia — I myself think Pepys dwindles into insignificance compared to Eric whom I believe will be recorded as Eric D. Butler, the great Australian who gave to and served his country and his fellows more than any others in the twentieth century."



Mrs. Jean McPherson congratulates Elma Butler after presenting her with a bouquet of flowers. Widow of the outstanding Social Criterer the late Alex McPherson, she is a dedicated Social Criterer herself.

"A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF THE INCREMENT OF ASSOCIATION"

New League National Director Mr. David Thompson, who attended all but the West Australian Testimonial Dinner, offered the following thoughts in his addresses, which in themselves reveal something of the outstanding calibre of the man who has succeeded Eric Butler.

We gather tonight to pay a tribute to this remarkable couple, without whom few of us would have formed the close relationships that we have. Theirs is a partnership that has endured for half a century in the service of their country, and this unique movement.

What a partnership this has been! Eric and Elma's marriage was forged in the heat of one of the most destructive conflicts the world has ever seen. Within days of their wedding, Eric was posted to the islands north of Australia to command a gun crew defending the northern approaches. Elma did not see him again for 20 months, as the future of Australia hung in the balance.

Eric's war service was not confined to military service — he was also deeply involved with the political debates of the day, and regularly sent his own dispatches, through the military censors, back to Elma. Her task was to translate Eric's writing, and lodge his material with journals like *"The New Times"*. In addition, she was forced to face the prospect that, although her husband was away serving with the armed forces, politicians like Dr. H.V. Evatt were seeking to count him disloyal, and even intern him!

I believe that the early years of their marriage must have set the pattern for their whole lives. While the form of warfare has subtly changed since 1945, their service has never ceased, but simply changed in emphasis to meet newer challenges. The military discipline under which they have served seems to have seldom relaxed. Over the years, Eric has attracted a wide range of loyal friends, and an impressive array of enemies. The humanist and former communist, Phillip Adams regards Mr. Eric Butler as the most dangerous man in Australia, a tribute that nevertheless ignores the formidable contribution of his wife. Even a broken ankle did not prevent her from travelling widely to attend the final series of Testimonial Dinners.

With the dramatic collapse of the Berlin Wall, and the moral force once exerted by the Marxist/Communist religion all but vanished, the future would appear much more secure. But optimistic hopes that the world is safe from tyranny are badly misplaced. Far from the world being a safer place in which to live, it becomes ever more dangerous.

Here in our own country, we face continually diminishing freedoms, and as we seek to protect its last shreds, we search for a "fellowship" in which to serve. That fellowship, in the form of this movement, seems numerically few, but of substantial quality and steadfastness. Those of us for whom it is a privilege to serve in that fellowship, meet to acknowledge that it is to us, and those like us, that Eric and Elma have dedicated their lives.

When I had the chance to travel to other parts of the Commonwealth, I have observed that while "fellowships" have developed to resist the tyrannies of power, few have the depth of resources, or understanding that we enjoy here in Australia. I believe this is mainly due to the service of Eric and Elma Butler, and the colleagues they have managed to inspire and weld into a movement capable of resisting the threatened tyranny.

In many respects, it may be easier to serve effectively in military warfare, rather than the type of psychological war in which we are now locked. In war, the enemy is more easily recognised. The silhouette of a soldier crossing a ridge gives a clue to his identity; the shape of aircraft, tank or warship determines whether it is friend or enemy, and the required action is clear. In the war of ideas, however, the enemy is much more difficult to identify, and a yardstick with which to measure ideas and policies is essential. The school of study known as Social Credit has

provided this yardstick, and it has had few exponents of the calibre of Eric Butler. History may record that his greatest contribution has been keeping alive the knowledge and study of Social Credit, and its practical application in the struggle for freedom. And if ever there was need for a practical example of the increment of association in action, it must be the teamwork of Eric and Elma Butler.

Those who have known and worked with them for much longer than I, will recognise the qualities; vision, dedication, humility, charity, optimism, humour, energy . . . Such qualities, in the service of Christ, are a tremendous credit to them, and a challenge to us all.

If Australia is to survive as a free country, I believe it will be largely because people like Eric and Elma Butler, and their colleagues in the Social Credit movement have grasped St. James' dictum that faith without works is dead. They have shown us how to apply the truths of Christianity in the service of the nation. History will judge their effectiveness, and we are only entitled to judge them by the standard that Christ Himself set — "by their fruits ye shall know them".

If you are unsure of where to find the fruit of Eric and Elma's half-century of service, simply look around you. *We are the fruit*, and it is what we do that will determine what happens to our country. The most appropriate tribute to Eric and Elma Butler is the determination to follow their example in the service of Truth.

HUMILITY

During one of the last Butler testimonial Dinners, Mrs. Elma Butler was heard to say in answer to a query as to how she was enjoying the dinners: "I keep looking for this Elma Butler they keep talking about, but I cannot see her. All that I have done is a job that had to be done, and to support my husband as best I could."



First speaker at Melbourne Dinner, Mr. Neil McDonald presented a vivid picture of his fellow Sergeant Eric Butler spending hours writing war-time articles for *"The New Times"* in a tent in the tropics with the aid of a hurricane light.

'ONE OF THE GREATEST PATRIOTS OF OUR TIMES

From Canadian League of Rights National Director, Ron Gostick, and his wife Wanda.

Just a few lines from *The True North Strong and Free*, on this occasion marking the relinquishment by my friend and colleague Eric Butler, of the responsibilities of directorship of the Australian League of Rights.

Canadian friends and supporters of the League will forever owe a debt of gratitude to Eric and Elma Butler.

Eric first came to Canada about thirty years ago, before there was any League of Rights in Canada. I met him at the Montreal Airport for the first time, and it was the beginning of a long and close friendship, indeed fellowship, in a mission of service to our countries and common stream of history.

Eric deserves the deepest gratitude and support of not only the Australian people who cherish and intend to preserve their Christian roots and heritage, but also the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and beyond who have learned and benefited from Eric's wisdom, and his knowledge and readiness always to explain and teach and bind back to reality. We, in Canada, who got to know Eric, are the beneficiaries.

In stepping down (or is it "up"?) from national directorship, which he has served with such diligence and distinction since the very founding of the League, it is reassuring to all of us that he has been able to hand the mantle of leadership over to a young man of such sterling character and talents as David Thompson, whose leadership qualities themselves are a tribute to Eric and the League as well as his parents.

But Eric is not 'retiring' from the League or the battle. He is merely accepting a new role; and his help and advice and support will be a tower of strength at David's side — hopefully, for many years to come.

Eric's gracious and charming wife Elma — indeed their family (Phillip played a major role in the development and growth of the League in Canada) — also deserves our deepest thanks for keeping the home fires burning during Eric's long campaigns throughout Australia and abroad.

We Canadians in the 'front lines' remember Eric at this time with love and very deep affection, as one of the greatest patriots of our time — one of the great defenders of our heritage and custodians of our freedom.

It's been a great privilege to know and work with Eric over the years. Our very best wishes and fondest hopes for his continued rugged health and happiness as he accepts his new role and duties. And we'll be looking forward to his next visit to Canada.

COLLEGE GIRL PROPOSES LOYAL TOAST

An outstanding feature of the Horsham Dinner was the proposing of the Loyal Toast by college student Julie Petering, daughter of Wimmera League supporters. After saying what an honour and privilege it was to propose the Loyal Toast, and raising the question of how long will we "be allowed to have a Loyal Toast", Julie went on to say that two important events had recently been celebrated, Easter and Anzac Day. While Anzac Day should not be compared with Easter, which celebrates the death of the Lord and His victory over evil, it "is still symbolic of a sacrifice made so that good may conquer evil." Julie raised the question of those who fought to preserve the Australian way of life realising that that fight would continue. She referred to the attack on the Flag and Monarchy, pointing out that the Monarch was also defender of the Faith. "I wonder how many of our Australian leaders know what defender of the Faith means." Not surprisingly, Julie Petering was warmly applauded for the manner in which she proposed the Loyal Toast.

"ERIC BUTLER BROUGHT TRUTH AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD"

Mr. Donald A. Martin, National Director of The British League of Rights, wrote of how it was now 35 years since he came in contact with Eric and Elma Butler as a young man when he was in Queensland, where he had lived from 1956 to 1970. "The occasion of our first meeting was at the Winter School of Political Science organised by the Queensland Young Liberals. The theme that particular year was 'The problems of survival in an apathetic world'. Eric Butler's subject dealt with the growth of international communism. Right from the first lecture by Eric Butler, missing pieces of the jigsaw puzzle of national and international politics started to fall into place for me. As the months and years went past, not only was Eric Butler able to add more pieces to the jigsaw puzzle, but he was able to produce other parts of the larger picture which had previously been obscured . . . I would not have volunteered to return to the United Kingdom to re-activate the British League of Rights, if it had not been for the Crown Commonwealth concept constantly advocated by Eric Butler and The Australian League of Rights We have no doubt that Eric Butler's message will continue to be given for many years to come."

A MUSICAL NOTE

Guests at the West Coast, Streaky Bay, South Australia, dinner were entertained with some traditional music. One of leaders of the now nationally known Rural Action Group, Mr. Bill Carey, accompanied Mrs. Josephine Ridgway on the organ as she sang. The dinner was chaired by Mr. Jim Cronin of *Bankwatch* fame.



Australia's leading and most influential libertarian, Mr. John Bennett, praises Eric Butler for his courage and tenacity.

"THE MAINSTREAM CHURCHES HAVE BEEN...INFILTRATED BY REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS"

The following is the major part of the address to the Toowoomba Dinner by the Rev. Canon A.G. Fellows, in proposing the toast to the Australian League of Rights.

From its inception the League has been vilified and attacked from many sides. This shows that it is hitting the spot! Attacks would naturally be expected from some quarters, but they have come from those in the so-called conservative side of politics and life who should know better, including one headline-grabbing Queensland Senator of very recent notice. Hostility has come from politicians, journalists, media presenters, the Zionists, feminists, and some members of the clergy. Some opponents know very well what they are doing, others are caught up in the present moment of small 'l' liberalism, and they see a bus coming and think that's the one they should catch if they want to get on. Some are the "useful idiots" of which Lenin spoke, the unwitting tools of those who have a very different agenda. Behind much of the opposition lies what can be loosely termed the money power.

A long time ago, when a messenger brought bad news, he was likely to be killed. Much the same happens today, for people turn on the League when it draws attention to unpalatable truths. Some think it incredible that there could be a conspiracy behind the facade of national and international affairs. Others prefer not to have the even tenor of their ways disturbed, even though there is a suspicion that all is not well and that there are some white ants working away. This kind of reaction has been the lot of devoted full-time and honorary League workers.

But the League has persisted and grown, and it is not for nothing that this Dinner is being held in Queensland. For, as it is said in other quarters, Queensland *is* different, is it not?! The League's grass-roots approach and activity has borne fruit in this State, and it has demonstrated the power of ideas which can catch on and strike a spark, igniting men and women into action. I understand that this is basically the tale of Mr. Eric Butler, whom we honour tonight, and who once read C.H. Douglas and has been a different man ever since. It would be fitting to mention here the late Jack Harding, of Rockhampton, of blessed memory, who was absolutely indefatigable in his crusade with others in drawing attention to the loss of freedom and initiative through the money power. It is not unfair to say that the League has been a kind of underground movement in promoting the truth, for normal media outlets are closed to the League's objectives.

One unfortunate aspect of the media's approach to current affairs is the very limited time given on radio and television to interviews. Time and again the "presenter" (not a very felicitous word!) says, "We'll have to leave it there", or "We're running out of time".

And there's no depth to it. Many years ago a noted Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, John Oliver Feetham, referred to people who read the *"Reader's Digest"* as having "grasshopper minds". I suggest that today's current affairs programmes are ministering to the "grasshopper mind" approach to national affairs. Now the League with its abundant books for reading is helping people to look at many matters in some depth.

The purposes for which the League exists are as relevant now as they ever were. To begin with, the move to centralise power continues. Its most blatant example is the use of the External Affairs power in the Constitution to override other plain clauses in the Constitution, and to use United Nations Conventions to make laws, which may or may not be for our good, laws which have not been debated by our Parliament. Then there is the multitude of regulations made by Ministers and bureaucrats, who have the force of law, and P.P. McGuinness on Tuesday last

in *The Australian* has drawn attention to an astonishing number, which, although they must be tabled in the Senate and may be overturned there, are too many for proper consideration.

Secondly, there is an increasing dependency of the individual on the State, exacerbated by a moral decline, and worse — a readiness to become so dependent, with all that means for individual freedom and initiative. Allied to this is the increasing debt burden, both private and public.

Thirdly, there is fresh attack on the flag and the monarchy, and the move for a republic by the year 2001. Motives for these changes are various, but to date we see a terrible superficiality about it all. We must not allow ourselves to be cut off from our roots, for we can be more easily manipulated, and must wonder at this hidden agenda. The idea that we are here, that history doesn't matter, and that the present is all that matters may be appealing to younger members of society whose proper education in these affairs has been lacking. But, as Bishop William Stubbs said in the prologue to his 3-volume *"Constitutional History of England"*, "the roots of the present lie deep in the past, and nothing in the past is dead to the man who would learn how the present comes to be what it is."

Fourthly, quite apart from the above, there has been set in motion a review of our Constitution to culminate in the year 2001. The utmost vigilance is required to see that there is not a sell-off of basic liberties.

The mainstream Churches have been so infiltrated by revolutionary ideas that they are, by and large, incapable of drawing attention to the threat to individual freedom, which in the past the Gospel had fostered. However, as God reminded Elijah in his day, there are yet 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal or worshipped him, and the League has drawn and will continue to draw on them to work for its objectives.

In conclusion, I would give my personal tribute to Mr. Eric Butler and his wife Elma. I have been privileged to work with him, even to getting dishonourable mention in K.D. Gott's book, *"Voices of Hate"*. He has put his own stamp on the League and a remarkable era has ended. May God bless his new role, and the new Director and the continuing work of the League.



Veteran Queensland League supporter Keith Fuss brought all his old army skills into play in his meticulous organising of the Queensland Dinner and firm chairmanship. His wife Valda ably assisted him.

"BY ANY MEASUREMENTS THEY ARE GREAT AUSTRALIANS"

A former Assistant National Director, and in recent years Chairman of the Christian Alternative Movement, Mr. Edward Rock, offered the following thoughts at the Melbourne Dinner:

To paraphrase the greatest man in English letters, William Shakespeare, "*We come not to bury Eric and Elma, but to praise them,*" and there are no two other Australians who are more deserving of praise. We cannot measure the extent of the contribution these two people have made to the survival of all that is best that we have inherited from Christian civilisation in this country. By any measurement they are great Australians.

Recently after reading yet another contribution from Eric's pen I was moved to sit down and write a brief note in which I made the above points. The history of our Australian nation would have been, and will be, vastly different if this one man, so ably and fearlessly supported by his wife, had not risen like a Phoenix from the ashes to stand head and shoulders over his contemporaries where it comes to sustaining long forgotten truths and principles which undergird Christian civilisation.

John Donne, famed English poet whose immortal words told us "*no man is an island*" and therefore society must hammer out those principles, which ensure mutual compatibility with freedom and justice, also wrote the lines,

*Though truth and falsehood be near twins,
Yet truth, always the elder is.*

The concept is clear. Truth always comes first, with falsehood baying like the hounds of hell on its heels. The banner of truth has to be carried forward by fearless souls who can be assured that the agents of falsehood, presenting a creed almost imperceptibly the same, will ever seek to destroy the truth. For truth to survive, clear unambiguous leadership is essential. That, in my opinion has been the role of Eric Butler, a role whose effectiveness was largely made possible by a wife who gave him one hundred percent support.

Over the years we have been assaulted by one issue after another, often confusing, with satanic design masked by false appeals to the best in human nature. I can never recall one instance when Eric Butler has not been able to go to the heart of the matter and unmask the evil intent behind the appealing facade. That is true leadership, and we gather here tonight to praise and honour him for a contribution as great to the ongoing of Christian civilisation as has been made by any other individual.

It is fitting to observe that with his customary foresight he has passed on the reins of this tremendous task to a young man more than capable of accepting them. We convey to both David Thompson and his wife Katrina, our best wishes, our prayers and our support to sustain them in the coming years, for what Eric and Elma have done is part of God's design, and will ever be carried forward by his faithful servants.

"THE STORY OF ERIC AND ELMA BUTLER"

In an apology for not being able to attend the Melbourne dinner, Michael and Josephine Renehan wrote: "We wish to thank you both for all the excellent work you have done and continue to do — in all the various fields of endeavour in which you have applied your talents. The history of the League of Rights is really the story of Eric and Elma Butler and what they have done for others.

"I can recall as a young man of 12 or 13 hearing Eric in my parent's drawing room and wondering at his positive attitude to the economic and social problems around us at that time; the message is still the same today and the same people are passing it on."

"WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH ADMIRATION AND RESPECT"

From Ivor Benson, well known South African journalist, author and political analyst, editor of "*Behind the News*".

To mark ERIC BUTLER's retirement as National Director of the Australian League of Rights:

We are not surprised to learn that Eric Butler has found it necessary at last to lay down the burden of leadership of the Australian League of Rights — the great wonder is that he could have endured so much stress and strain for so long.

Eric can now go into what can, for him, be only semi-retirement with the secure knowledge that he is known, and will be remembered with admiration and respect, all around the English-speaking world where he has spoken.

Praise for heroes of the truth like ERIC AND ELMA BUTLER could hardly be more eloquently expressed than in the immortal words of John Milton, and by few is it as much deserved:

"Servant of God, well done! Well hast thou fought the better fight..."

"Perhaps one day a history will be written that will accurately state the magnificent contribution you have made to the well being of Australia."

— Ron Maurer in message to Queensland dinner.



"He has stood in a time of ruining for our folk,
He has held the pass when others fled and ran,
Or turned their coats or sold themselves for fame
Or gold and ease and the power of fleeting hours.
He has faced the enemy down and stayed defeat."

Senior English teacher and poet Nigel Jackson reads his "*Quartet for Eric*" at Melbourne Dinner.

SPIRIT OF MONARCHY

"For myself, I was never so much enticed with the glorious name of a King, or royal authority of a Queen, as delighted that God hath made me this instrument to maintain His truth and glory, and to defend this kingdom from peril, dishonour, tyranny and oppression. There will never Queen sit in my seat with more zeal to my country, care to my subjects, and that will sooner with willingness yield and venture her life for your good and safety than myself."

— Queen Elizabeth I, on dissolving Parliament in 1601.

"AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL TO FOLLOW"

Mr. Eric Boswell, Assistant National Director of The Canadian League of Rights, writing on behalf of himself and his wife Theresa, said that meeting first with Eric Butler in Edmonton about 28 years ago "added much to my life and an understanding of the world in which we live. It was during a later visit to Canada that I met Elma when she accompanied Eric and I realised then that there was a great woman behind a great man Eric Butler and I travelled a few thousand miles across the West together. I look back now and think what a great experience it was for me to have Eric as a travelling companion. His vast experience and knowledge helped me gain the confidence I needed in our work.... I feel that Eric and Elma Butler have been one of the great moving forces for good in the Western world. Our chances of succeeding in this battle for freedom are much more enhanced now that they have led the way; we are much better prepared to meet the challenges which lie ahead"

"The value of the work of Eric and Elma Butler can never be estimated".

- David Kitto, Adelaide.

"When I first met you, Eric, about 20 years ago, I was shaken by what you told us, particularly as I had been warned against you, and the League of Rights, by people whom I had always respected, but who didn't know what they were talking about; they hadn't met you nor had they heard your message. . . . All I can say is thank you for what you have taught me. Not only does that mean your spoken words and writings but for the deeper understanding of the truth which you showed me, thus enabling me to better assess what is really taking place behind the smokescreen of today's news. Without the knowledge gained from your teachings, it would be well nigh impossible to comprehend the enormity of the problems facing mankind at this time."

- Max Taylor in message to Armidale dinner.

"A TALK THAT TURNED MY WORLD UPSIDE DOWN"

Mr. Bill Daly, National Director of the New Zealand League of Rights, described in his message to the Butler testimonial dinners how, in 1979, he was persuaded to attend a meeting addressed in Timaru by Eric Butler: ". . . at the end of his speech I had at least two dozen questions, but I never asked any of them because I had no idea where to start. The talk had turned my world upside down. I was left with a dilemma. After more than ten years of schooling, half a dozen years of keen interest in party politics and regularly following the daily news and minor associations with a couple of politicians, I was now being told I had known nothing about political realities. When I discussed some of Eric Butler's comments with a local MP, he told me not to believe everything I heard or read. I took the advice and then discounted 90 percent of what this MP had ever said!

"This was the beginning of my association with Eric Butler and the League of Rights, an association I have the greatest pride in advertising. The.... years of association with Eric Butler as colleague and friend have only served to increase my admiration

of the man, of his energy, dedication and incredible sense of service. He has been the power unit of a movement that has done more than any other to promote and defend that body of Truth called Social Credit. It was Eric Butler's Introductory Course on Social Credit that gave me the first sip of this incredible yet simple Christian revelation. I have marvelled ever since at the extraordinary amounts of energy and resources spent by governments attempting to solve man's economic problems by applying ever more complicated 'solutions'. It is as if men, when cut off from truth, fall for the error that theory only has value if it is ambiguous and difficult to understand...

"It would be difficult to describe Eric Butler to someone who has never met him. I see him as a true Christian realist, always hopeful, never despairing, an inspiration to others and he never hesitates to alter a tactic if another approach is more suitable. And through everything he does he retains a great sense of humour. And that I believe is the final mark of the hopeful Christian, working in the certainty that Truth will Always out."

VIDEO OF QUEENSLAND DINNER

While all Butler testimonial dinners were audio taped, with cassettes being available, the organisers of the Queensland dinner at Toowoomba had this function professionally videoed, a copy of which was later presented to Eric and Elma Butler. This dinner brilliantly captured the atmosphere of all the dinners, with addresses by a wide cross section of speakers, including Queensland State Director, Mr. Chas Pinwill, and former - now professional - League speaker Mr. Jeremy Lee. National Director David Thompson moved a toast to the Butlers. Mrs. Barbara Treloar, author of several well-known books on the Australian rural scene, paid a gracious tribute from one who had been privileged to enjoy the famous Butler hospitality at "Runnymede".

As at all dinners, there were many anecdotes and legends recalled, with a spirit of good humour running through them. The address by Mrs. Marlene Tosh, daughter of veteran Queensland League supporter Mr. George Wilson, was a classic of its kind, reducing the audience to tears of laughter. Marlene Tosh said she was delighted to be introduced as one who would speak for younger supporters, now being 40! Recounting the trying experiences of growing up in a League of Rights family, she told how Eric Butler had assisted her at University, when she had no difficulty passing in economics, simply giving answers completely opposite to the economics taught by Eric Butler. Marlene Tosh is a successful businesswoman on the Queensland Gold Coast.

Mr. David Malan, author of a number of Social Credit booklets, and a son of one of the first Social Crediters in Australia, the late John Malan, provided a most informative background picture of the Social Credit movement and his meetings with Eric Butler. Outstanding addresses also from Toowoomba Regional Chairman, Mr. John Brett, Mr. Rod Morgan, and recently appointed Assistant State Director, Mr. Tony Symonds. The toast to the League by the Rev. Canon A.G. Fellows is a real "gem". We cannot recommend too highly this video recording of a major piece of League and Australian history. It will be viewed and re-viewed over the years to come.

The video of the Queensland Dinner provides a moving picture of the very soul of the League of Rights movement. Obtainable from all League addresses for \$20 posted. This video provides a most inspiring spectacle of the League family as it really is.

A LITTLE REMINISCING

In his Melbourne address, Eric Butler said he would allow himself the luxury of a little reminiscing. What did he think of politicians generally? He said that from his long experience, standards had fallen over the years. There were far fewer "characters" than in the past. The highly centralised party system had destroyed individuality. He had greatly admired and enjoyed a close friendship with Sir Wilfrid Kent-Hughes, who had stressed that Canberra was an "evil" place, and "warned me to forget any thoughts I might have of trying to go there".

Of all the politicians he had interviewed. Enoch Powell had impressed him the most. "He was a genuine genius, and it was a great tragedy that he never became a British Prime Minister."

He still had a taped interview with Sir Roy Welensky, the Prime Minister of the Central African Federation, destroyed by the "winds of change" programme for Africa set in motion by Prime Minister Harold MacMillan. The interview had taken place in a Kensington hotel room with Sir Roy still in his pyjamas. "Sir Roy spoke a lot of sense and bluntly said that he preferred British Labour politicians to the Conservatives. The Labour politicians honestly attacked from the front, while the Conservatives stabbed in the back. Events confirmed his warnings about what would happen to the British Commonwealth."

He had interviewed Ian Smith on a number of occasions, but could not rate him highly as a statesman. Eric Butler said that the Rhodesian story might have been different if the late Lord Graham, the Duke of Montrose, had been Prime Minister. "I had a lot to do with Lord Graham and greatly admired him". Eric Butler said that he had interviewed Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker twice and felt he was far superior to any Canadian Prime Minister since.

Eric Butler recalled how in 1962, after campaigning in the United Kingdom on the Common Market issue, he had visited New Zealand and tried to persuade Prime Minister Keith Holyoake to spearhead a campaign in the UK against the Common Market. "Such was the feeling for New Zealand in the UK that Holyoake would have swept the country. But I failed to move this little man, little in every way. He was not a man of great vision".

GEMS FROM DOUGLAS

"The essence of a genuine democracy is personal responsibility, not collective irresponsibility."

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"The claim that centralised monopolies are efficient, which seems to deceive so many people, is directly opposed to the nature and history of monopoly, which is always to restrict delivered output and to raise prices."

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"... centralisation is one of the easiest forms of organisation to arrange as distinct from its efficient operation and is, in fact, the only form which a mediocre and untrained intelligence can grasp."

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"There are as many definitions of 'democracy' as there are men; yet, in fact, the key to democracy is to reduce a problem to the limits of interest and understanding of those concerned. That is to say, democracy is not so much a question of the mechanism of voting (although that is not of negligible importance) but rather a vigorous exclusion of matters for which the franchise is too wide:

and at present the number of persons who think they understand everyone's business, but cannot manage their own, would suggest very simple electoral issues."

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"The comprehensive Utopia is the result of the organised centralisation of the will-to-power. Its defeat and our escape from it cannot be by way of alternative Utopias of the 'planned' variety, but by the organic growth resulting from its progressive decentralisation."

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"There is no such thing as an effective national responsibility - it is a pure abstraction, under cover of which oppression and tyranny to individuals, which would not be tolerated if inflicted by a personal ruler, escape effective criticism."

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"... no civilisation can survive which will permit members of an alien culture to settle within its borders in order to make the exploitation of grievances, real or fancied, into a highly lucrative profession."

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"To argue that the best way to stop war is to abolish nationality is exactly the same thing as to say that the best way to stop fighting between individuals is to abolish individuals."

INTRODUCTORY SOCIAL CREDIT TRAINING COURSE

Consisting of eight lectures prepared by Eric Butler at the conclusion of the Second World War, this course may be done through correspondence under highly qualified tutors. The charge is \$20, which includes the provision of notes. Contact Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne.

Having completed this course, the student may then move on to the advanced Social Credit course conducted by Mr. Vic Bridger of Brisbane. This is the equivalent of a University course and successful students are presented with an appropriate Diploma. Those equipping themselves with a thorough knowledge of Social Credit are not only then equipped to act as Social Engineers in society, providing their fellows with realistic advice concerning political action, but are also better equipped to protect their own affairs.

SPIRIT OF MONARCHY

"This is the heresy; that majorities can do no wrong, that there is no higher truth than the transient opinions of contemporary majorities, and that there is no higher law than the ambitions and manoeuvres of the persons they are persuaded to elect.

"Since the centre of men's worldly allegiance must be beyond the reach of their worldly passions it must be founded on, it must be consecrated to, the realm of the spirit. It must be bound to the truths that are more than the private and passing opinions of persons and crowds and to the laws that are above their wishes and their impulses.

"This is the universal essence which Queen Elizabeth II represents for all mankind when she is recognised, is sworn, is anointed and is crowned." - Walter Lippman, *New York Herald Tribune* on the coronation of Elizabeth II, June 2, 1953.

CAN WE HOLD THE LINE?

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES -
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The highlight of the Australian League of Rights year is the National weekend in Melbourne, starting with the Annual New Times Dinner (this year on Friday, October 2) followed by the National Annual Seminar on the Saturday afternoon and evening.

The theme of this year's National Weekend will meet the challenge of the moment — the threat to the Flag, the Constitutional Monarchy, the National Economy, to the very future of traditional Australia.

Can we hold the line — politically, constitutionally, economically, culturally? The League guarantees a panel of three brilliant speakers. Details later.

Bookings for the *New Times* Dinner (\$30 inclusive) should be made immediately. Organisers reserve the right to decline any applications.

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RESISTING NEW IDEAS

"If anyone advance anything new which contradicts, perhaps threatens to overturn, the creed which we for years respected and have handed down to others, all passions are raised against him, and every effort is made to crush him. People resist with all their might: they act as if they had never heard nor could comprehend; they speak of the view with contempt, as if it were not worth the trouble of even as much as an investigation or a regard; and thus a new truth may wait a long time before it can make its way".

- Goethe, the famous German poet.



Mr. Edward Rock, former Assistant National Director of the League of Rights, now Chairman of the Christian Alternative Movement, describes Eric and Elma Butler as "great Australians".

BOOKS BY ERIC BUTLER

THE ENEMY WITHIN THE EMPIRE. The author's first major work, published at the outbreak of the Second World War. A best seller of its kind. Now republished with a short introduction by the author.

A DEFENCE OF FREE ENTERPRISE AND THE PROFIT MOTIVE. Commissioned by a group of Melbourne businessmen shortly after the Second World War.

CONSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS TO SERFDOM. A primer on the subject of constitutionalism, of how all-human activities are governed by the concept of some type of constitution.

THE RED PATTERN OF WORLD CONQUEST. With an introduction by one of Australia's most distinguished diplomats, Sir Raphael Cilento, this major work ran to several editions and was widely recognised as an excellent introduction to the subject of International Communism.

CENSORED HISTORY. Described by an American authority on subversion as a brilliant synthesis of modern history, with particular reference to Western financial support for the Soviet Union.

DIALECTICS. A masterly outline of the "law" of dialectics as exploited by Marxist-Leninists.

SOCIAL CREDIT AND CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY. An outline of the philosophical roots of the policy known as Social Credit.

THE ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE. One of the author's favourite pieces of writing, outlining the influence of Christianity on the development of British constitutionalism through Magna Carta and other events.

RELEASING REALITY. Published in 1979 to commemorate the centenary of the birth of C.H. Douglas, this is a comprehensive introductory work to the views of Douglas on a number of basic issues.

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL. The significance of Christ's and St. Paul's teaching about money.

IS THE WORD ENOUGH? The author claims that too many Christians engage in futile disputations about the meaning of words while ignoring Christ's advice to be "doers of the Word". "Faith without works is death".

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE OF RIGHTS. While answering his critics such as Phillip Adams, the author outlines aspects of modern Australian history generally ignored. "Fascinating and most revealing" writes one reader.

Several other works by Eric Butler are out of print. Information concerning the above may be obtained from Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne, 3001, or in Australia from all League of Rights State addresses.

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