

# THE NEW TIMES

*"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free " - John 8:31.*

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## WE MUST RETURN TO OUR SPIRITUAL ROOTS

*Chairman David Thompson at Annual New Times Dinner*

The annual "New Times" dinner, held at The Victoria, Melbourne on Friday September 30, was another manifestation of the vitality and continuing growth of a movement which inspires large numbers of people throughout the English-speaking world, while confounding its critics.

Guest of honour, the Hon. Denis Walker, was given a standing ovation at the end of a moving address of how his good friend the Rev. Fr. Arthur Lewis continued to try to help and to serve the many victims of the betrayal of the little central Southern African nation once known as Rhodesia. Warm applause greeted a message from Mrs. Joan Benson, whose late husband Ivor Benson had so brilliantly presented the Rhodesian and South African dramas in the context of global power politics.

In a strong appeal for a strengthening of the concept of service, service to our God and to our neighbours, David Thompson urged, "Don't let us forget our spiritual roots". Recently appointed Victorian State Director, Terry Rogers assisted the chairman in reading some of the special messages to the Dinner from those unable to attend. New Zealand League of Rights National Director Mr.



*"We must return to our spiritual roots" - Chairman David Thompson.*

Responding to the toast to *The New Times*, proposed by Mr. Graham Lyons of South Australia and seconded by Mr. Ed Wall of Western Australia, Chairman David Thompson said that the high quality of the addresses, including that of Mr. Nigel Jackson, who had most ably proposed the Loyal Toast, were of the very high standard which had become the norm at all *New Times* dinners. David Thompson attacked the cult of efficiency, pointing out that he had no doubt that the Soviet concentration camps were run most efficiently, but at the expense of the human beings enslaved in them.

### 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, either described as public or private.**

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

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

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

Bill Daly brought a message in person, stating how it was always a pleasure to attend a *New Times* dinner. He said, "The association of the New Zealand and Australian Leagues of Rights is a reflection of the two nations' shared heritage."

There was also a message from the Chairman of the New Zealand League of Rights, Mr. Tom Ward and his wife. They have a married daughter living in Victoria.

## LUNCH WITH MALCOLM FRASER

One of the highlights of the dinner was Mr. Eric Butler's reference to what has become known as the "Downer Affair", and a luncheon he had with Mr. Malcolm Fraser before Fraser had gained control of the Federal Liberal Party from the late Sir Billy Snedden. He was only mentioning the incident because pro-Zionist writer David Greason had claimed in the midst of the controversy concerning Alexander Downer's remarks, that Mr. Malcolm Fraser had said in a letter to Greason that Sir Robert Menzies had warned him about the League of Rights. As yet it was not clear what this "warning" was about, and when it was made. But for the public record it should be pointed out that prior to his defeat of Sir Billy Snedden, Fraser and his wife had lunch with him and his wife and two close Western district friends. These friends were present at the *New Times* dinner, and could verify what had taken place.

Eric Butler said that he had taken care to write an immediate report on what had transpired, the concluding line in the report stating, "Malcolm Fraser is not our man." During the meeting, which covered several hours, Malcolm Fraser's main contribution was to ask questions. One of his first questions was, "What is wrong with Jim Killen?" He also asked about Enoch Powell, whom Eric Butler had interviewed during the early stages of the Common Market issue. They did briefly discuss economics, and what might be done about inflation. Fraser did not respond positively to the suggestion that the consumer price discount policy, used with such success during the Second World War, might be reintroduced.

It was only after Fraser's election in 1975, following Sir John Kerr's dismissal of the Whitlam government, that Fraser's strong anti-South African bias started to become clear. He also emerged as a strong supporter of an immigration policy, which was shifting Australia from its traditional roots.

Eric Butler said that one of the most outrageous aspects of the Downer affair was the role of the media. The *Melbourne Age* had reached an all-time low by showing on its front page what it claimed was a photo of Eric Butler introducing Alexander Downer at the 1987 League Seminar in Adelaide. In fact the chairman was Mr. Eric Isaachsen, who later pointed out that he had been a member of the South Australian Liberal party for forty years, and a supporter of the League for thirty years. The *Age's* political "expert" Baker, used the front-page photo to charge that Downer had been caught out telling "porkies". The fact is that it was the *Age*, which had blatantly lied about the matter. A letter from Eric Butler concerning this blatant misrepresentation was not published.

In a brief survey of the League's long record, Eric Butler pointed out that the League was the only anti-Communist movement which had exposed what was now more widely known: that Communism had been the creature of International Finance. He drew attention to the famous works of Dr. Anthony Sutton, who had meticulously documented how the Soviet had been built up by the West. The League had



"We do not have the numbers, but we have the Truth".  
Eric Butler in *New Times* address.

financed a paperback edition of Sutton's classic, *National Suicide*, including the text of Dr. Sutton's historic address to the Miami Republican Party, in which he gave the details of how, at the height of the Vietnam war, the Soviet was using American equipment to assist the Communist campaign in Vietnam. Some Republican delegates at the conference reacted to the Sutton revelations by saying that the campaign to elect Richard Nixon would fail if the Sutton revelations were widely known. The major American media networks had refused to carry Sutton's address.

Eric Butler said that when Alexander Solzhenitsyn had first been forced into exile from the Soviet to the West, he was greeted with welcoming Western media headlines. But the headlines disappeared when Solzhenitsyn started to stress that the West was responsible for the Soviet tyranny. In his famous New York address, *A Legacy of Terror*, Solzhenitsyn charged that the USA even provided the Soviet with loans at a cheaper rate of interest than it provided for its own citizens!

Eric Butler concluded his address by stressing that the future of civilisation was not going to be decided by numbers, but by the quality and dedication of the few. He instanced Shakespeare's presentation of the famous battle of Agincourt in his play *Henry V*. The English were badly outnumbered by the French, but - depicted as "we happy few" by their King, who made a virtue out of their lack of numbers - were victorious.

In the great drama in history, the mob was against Christ But what appeared to be death and defeat was but the forerunner to glorious resurrection.

## EXCELLENT SEMINAR

The League National Seminar on Saturday, October 1, saw the presentation of three outstanding Papers, the first by Eric Butler revealing how there was a hidden agenda, one designed to create a Republican Australia, behind the Regionalisation programme. Mr. Denis Walker said that all monarchists could learn a lesson from what had happened in the Republics of Rhodesia and South Africa.

The third Seminar Paper was presented by Mr. Nigel Jackson, well known teacher and writer. There was a big demand for Nigel Jackson's book, *The Case for David Irving*,

still being given the "silent treatment" by the media. There was also a heavy demand for the Alexander Downer and Council Amalgamation tapes. Total book and video sales were the highest for several years. The National Action conference on Sunday, October 2, was packed with a number of exciting and stimulating reports. Those attending were presented with concrete evidence of the forward planning in depth by League directors. National Director David Thompson outlined an in depth programme for defending the institution of the Constitutional Monarchy over the period leading up to the end of the century. Those privileged to be able to attend the National Action conference were unanimous in their confidence that the League was not only sustaining itself but was progressively increasing its influence throughout Australia. There was special stress on the vital importance of League actionists making use of the League's Social Dynamics Training Seminar. *"Training in depth for the future will determine what that future is to be"*, was the message from the Action Conference.

Those who missed the 1994 League National Weekend missed a deep spiritual feast. But they can always plan to attend next year's National Weekend.

## THE ANZAC PARTNERSHIP

In his message, New Zealand National Director Bill Daly said that friendly rivalry between Australia and New Zealand could not be disputed.

"We are always conscious of major happenings in each other's countries. We in New Zealand are sympathetic when there are disasters in Australia, such as your bush fires. Or when you lose the Melbourne Cup to a New Zealand horse! The very real and most meaningful associations between our two countries are not economic or political. They go much deeper. The fact that we are two independent nations, although sharing a common heritage, ensures that we remain friends and natural allies. If we allow our national identities to be destroyed by those who hate and fear them, then well have lost so much.

Hence the benefit of an occasion like this, which gives a brilliant insight into innumerable benefits we still derive as beneficiaries of a Christian heritage and culture. This Dinner is also an occasion for excellent companionship and regeneration."

## "FEW UNDERTAKINGS MORE HAZARDOUS THAN SEEKING TRUTH"

**From Mrs. Joan Benson, Suffolk, England:**

"As all you friends and supporters of the Australian League of Rights gather together to fortify yourselves in spirit for continuing the battle against the great World Evil under whose imperium we struggle, I offer you a message that I believe my husband Ivor would have liked to send, in his own words:

'There are today few undertakings more hazardous than that of seeking the Truth and communicating it to others - nor any more worthwhile and satisfying than the defence of values that give meaning to life.' God bless you all."



*Nigel Jackson proposes the Loyal Toast*

## "TRUST YOU ENJOY MUCH SATISFACTION FROM YOUR ENDEAVOURS"

**from Mr. Tom Ward, President  
New Zealand League of Rights**

"On this historical annual occasion of the *New Times* Dinner, among your many well wishers, we enthusiastically support and endorse the aspirations, resolutions and achievements of The Australian League of Rights, towards our common goal and for our mutual benefit. We trust you enjoy much satisfaction with your endeavours towards the National Weekend, an exciting evening of camaraderie, and great inspiration, as usual, from outstanding speakers to toasts at the dinner and addresses at the Seminar. Best wishes."



*The Hon. Denis Walker recalls Rhodesian experiences*

# "I...HAVE AN INTEREST IN GENETICS AND PEDIGREES."

**In proposing the toast to the *New Times*, Mr. Graham Lyons said:**

"Mr. David Thompson, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I feel very privileged to have been asked to propose the toast to the *New Times* here tonight.

South Australia, birthplace of the Australian League of Rights in 1946, is my home. Frank Bawden, one of the League founders, was dedicated State Director until his recent death, and Betty Luks now fills that position most capably and inspirationally.

I was introduced to the League, and hence the Christian policy of Social Credit, seven years ago. Indeed the now famous 1987 Adelaide seminar attended by Alexander Downer was my first League function. Afterwards, Roger Foreman, who had introduced me to the League, asked my opinion of the Seminar. I replied that I thought all three speeches - by Downer, Jeremy Lee and Eric Butler - were outstanding and the extensive literature very impressive. However, having endured thirty-three years of standard social conditioning, I expressed doubts about the 'anti-Semitic nature' of some of the publications. All he said was, *'If you have an open mind, you've got a very interesting time ahead of you,'*

Fortunately, I do have a relatively open mind, and time proved him to be absolutely right. I breed stud cattle and consequently have an interest in genetics and pedigree. My League involvement has fostered a further interest, in the pedigree of ideas, the origins and philosophy of Marxism, international socialism, liberalism, materialism, employmentism and any other disasterism, which has afflicted the world during the last century.

But most important has been the glimpse of reality and truth afforded by a study of Social Credit, the brainchild of C.H. Douglas, whose amazing perception becomes increasingly apparent as events unfold in a world enmeshed in a web of deceit woven by the forces of darkness

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- Graham Lyons in Toast to the New Times •*

beautiful idea, and our duty is to send forth this beacon of truth to overcome those destructive forces and steer mankind to safety.

Eric and Elma Butler provide the ultimate examples of inspired dedication to a great cause, and in steadfastly devoting their lives to the service of Our Lord, and the pursuit of Truth, they themselves have achieved greatness - *'in whose service is perfect freedom'*. This toast to the *New Times* is also a toast to the League of Rights, and to Eric and Elma Butler.

If you are like me, you look forward to your monthly edition of the *New Times*, not to mention the *Intelligence Survey*, the quarterly *Heritage* and, of course, the weekly *On Target*. I would be unable to live happily without them, for, as Eric Butler says, there is so much 'meat' there, which cannot be found elsewhere. These publications abound in spiritual sustenance.

For example, the September issue of the *New Times* features a superb article by Mark Mansfield entitled, *"Behind the Green Debate"*. He is apparently one of those rare economists capable of speaking the truth. Modern orthodox economics can be described simply as a facade of plausible lies to conceal the treachery of international finance. But Mark Mansfield has obviously been exposed to Social Credit, and I recommend this article to you all.

I'll conclude with a quotation from the brilliant philosopher, Dr. Joseph Wayne Smith. This is the final paragraph of his book, *The High Tech Fix*. Dr. Smith, by the way, is about to lose position at Adelaide's Flinders University because of his politically incorrect views. Had he been a Marxist, he would occupy a lucrative academic position for life.

This statement summarises our position most succinctly: *'... the technocratic internationalism of the 'New Economic Order' is in direct contradiction to the direction of an ecologically sustainable society. Whilst we have, I believe, theoretical answers to the crisis before us, practical implementation is non-existent. The world is set to move in the opposite direction. The decision has been made by the insane ravaging forces of international economics and the demonic juggernaut of global corporate finance, that the human story shall soon come to an end. Nevertheless, despite the lateness of the hour and the darkness of the coming night, and the temptations of fatalistic resignation, there is a grandeur and meaning derived from a courageous fight for sanity against that which now threatens to destroy us - whatever the odds, and whatever the result . . .'*

## SOCIAL DYNAMICS SEMINAR

This six hour Seminar, presented professionally on video, is essential training for all those who are serious about understanding the nature of the battle to preserve and extend Western Christian civilisation.

Those wishing to do this Seminar should enrol with their State League headquarters, and they will be notified when sufficient students are available in their area. The Seminar fee is \$50 per person, but arrangements can be made for discounts for group bookings.



# “THE REALITY OF ECONOMICS IS PLENTY, NOT SCARCITY”.

from Geoffrey and Elizabeth Dobbs, Bodifyr, Bangor,  
North Wales, United Kingdom

"Dear Friends, Greetings once more to all, and a special greeting this year to Mr. Denis Walker, whom we regard as a friend though we have not so far had the privilege of meeting him.

In April we were delighted to see both Eric and Elma Butler at Bodifyr. To readers of our journal *Home Quarterly* we must apologise very humbly indeed for the long, long delay in the appearance of its last issue. It has been *almost* ready for some time, but you can guess there have been reasons; chaos in several forms has descended on Bodifyr, e.g. total re-wiring, and on us, some disablement. But it will be done.

In last year's message we drew attention to the pseudo-world of electronically imposed, Virtual Reality in which so many are induced to spend their mental lives. Young people are often told by their elders to '*face the facts of life*' by which is invariably meant the bad, not the good. Unfortunately, the mass media seldom let us look away from everything bad. We have to face it all the time, and the nastier it is the more it is thrust upon us. Being fully aware of this, our need is to turn our backs upon it before we begin to get intrigued, and to face the tremendous and good reality of the Creation, compared with which the World's evil is a piddling nuisance. This, among other things, is a summary of the basic policy we call Social Credit.

Of course, with its impact multiplied a million times by the mass media, the power of evil looms vastly over people's minds, and they are liable to forget that wrongness is simply a perversion or inversion of lightness, that is of reality. Wrong cannot exist by itself. It doesn't work. When we are confronted with something wrong, we have to look for the right it has twisted, and assert and restore that; otherwise we may find ourselves fighting that very reality we want to restore.

Douglas's inspiration, which led to the discovery of Social Credit, was his realisation that the reality of economics is plenty, not scarcity. Only then did he analyse the way in which an evil purpose of using money to control rather than to enable life, was inverting the good reality into scarcity, poverty, wage slavery, social conflict, waste and war. Naturally he put forward proposals for righting the wrong, and of course they are seen as quite impossible by those who face towards wrongness as reality.

There were once a lot of people who thought they were Social Crediters because they concentrated on the wickedness of Bankers. So far as we can see the only result is that the major banks now finance openly dishonest criminals and the branch banks, which used to be strictly honest and reliable, are now becoming much less so.

Social Credit is a remedial movement, an aspect of the Religion of Redemption, and therefore of Hope, of the life more abundant. The present Monopoly of Credit is its exact opposite - a religion of irredeemable debt, and therefore of Hopelessness, of Despair - as Douglas indicated, it leads to suicide.

Our electronic masters are constantly persuading us that God is too good to be true! Even a tiny bit of Creation, such as a bit of earth, is an infinitely intricate web of mutuality, of

fitting in together, of benefit by association far beyond our mental grasp. When we face towards it and activate it, the goodness in people far exceeds the evil, though any rapist or murderer will get far more public attention than a thousand ordinary, decent people.

We all have a normal, wholesome instinct to do something about it when actually confronted with blatant wrongdoing. It is preoccupation with the vast hearsay evils of the world that we can do nothing about, which frustrates the will into apathy or futile emotional verbalism. As most of us have found, to build up hope along with the social credit means starting at the bottom with real people in real localities.

Ah well! As always we wish we could be with you, and send our love and best wishes for an enjoyable Dinner and an inspiring Seminar to follow."

## ASIAN MIGRANT SUPPORTS LEAGUE

One of the most encouraging messages to the *New Times* dinner came from Roger Ginger of Quirindi, N.S.W:

"Sorry my wife and I cannot make it to the Annual Dinner, but we will be with you in spirit. To the media and all those who say that the League is a racist, white supremacist organisation, may I proudly associate myself with the League of Rights and all its policies? I am an Asian migrant with no Anglo-Saxon links whatever. Like most other Asian and non-Anglo-Saxon immigrants to this wonderful country, I say let all immigrants assimilate rather than foster division and hatred through the present system of multiculturalism. The Australian League of Rights is one of the few organisations that stands for Australia and Australian values and isn't afraid to say so publicly."

Keep on your good work. Most decent Australians are behind you. Don't be intimidated by the evil forces that are trying to get you down."

## "CAUSING INCREASING CONCERN TO THE ENEMIES OF FREEDOM"

from Ron Gostick, National Director,  
The Canadian League of Rights

"On behalf of all Canadian League supporters, I just want to wish you gathered together at the *New Times* dinner good food, refreshing drink, great fellowship, and a wonderfully successful evening and weekend - reminiscing the past year and preparing for the coming one.

Judging by the current incredible attack upon the Australian League, you must be doing something right; you must be making a deep impact and causing increasing concern to the enemies of Freedom. After all, to them the very thought of responsible government, accountable politicians, and a financial policy that distributes the bounty of a generous Creator without mountains of debt, interest and killing taxation - must give them nightmares.

So, at this great Weekend draw strength from the attacks upon you, expand, build upon your success, and be of good cheer for the Battle is the Lord's, and Tomorrow is ours."

## "I HAVE IN A SENSE BEEN REBORN AGAIN"

In seconding the toast to the *New Times*, Mr. Ed Wall, lawyer from West Australia, said that he had gained some understanding of the Social Credit Movement from his father as a teenager.

"However, up until recently, I was, like most of my profession afflicted by the materialism which pervades it. In the last three years I have in a sense been reborn again, to the great truths, which this movement expounds.

I recently attended a Social Dynamics Seminar and a Freedom Potentials weekend which moved me from belief to conviction, that is one who attempts to live by the Christian ideal; that if as individuals we are going to make any progress in advancing our Divine purpose, of knowing, loving and serving Christ on earth, this will not be achieved to any satisfactory degree until the debt financial system which imprisons us like a cog in the wheel, production for production's sake, is removed, to be free at last to develop our personalities, to spiritualise our lives. It is this truth more than any other, which attracted me to this movement, and it is exemplified in the *New Times*.

As I understand it, the first *New Times* dinner was held in 1946 in the old Federal hotel, and has continued annually ever since, this being the 40th Annual Dinner. People of outstanding calibre have addressed the Dinner: C. Barclay Smith, Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs, Ivor Benson, Patrick Walsh and many others. I was thrilled to be present to hear the brilliant Canadian barrister Douglas Christie speak in defence of freedom of speech.

It is obvious to me as a relative newcomer that this Dinner is not just one of fellowship, the coming together to eat and drink. The significance is far deeper. It is a spiritual and intellectual event, a symbol of the Social Credit Movement . . . In the explosive times which surely lie ahead, if and when I am put to the test, I will not disown this movement. In the long lever of time the truth which this movement expounds will be vindicated."



*This Dinner is "a spiritual and intellectual event". - Ed Wall seconds the Toast to the New Times -*

## "AUSTRALIA HAS KNOWN BETTER TIMES IN THE IMMEDIATE PAST"

from Mr. Charles Steele, Adelaide, SA.

"Many on-going international political programmes which we have observed with increasing consternation over the year appear to be reaching a climax. You know what they are - embraced in the cliché: *New World Order*.

In Australia there is no doubt the core culture and its values - the foundation of which is the Christian Faith - is constantly assailed, now almost on a daily basis. Our way of life is being "re-structured" - like the economy - for arcane purposes, which, naturally, are not explained to the people.

But, at least we are privileged to know why, and that is the challenge which will continue to confront us in our contest with those "principalities and powers" that Christ warned His followers about as the enemies of God's plan for the world. What is being witnessed today is a man-centred or humanist agenda instead - dangerous as we know, but perceived as well meaning by many inherently decent people, which adds to our difficulties in maintaining the Faith to see this battle through, and to hopefully influence them in turn.

Such a gathering as you are experiencing tonight - with comradeship, conversation and conviviality is a way station for reflection, leading to further conviction and action for the cause in the period ahead.

Australia has known better times in the immediate past when it really was a nation. The task we have in the *New Times* ahead is to "get our country back". To make it God fearing, free, independent and prosperous again."

## "NOT ENOUGH DARKNESS TO EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT"

from Laurie and Wanda Teakle, and W. Pettigrew of the Australian Constitutional Education Campaign, Qld.

"Greetings to all as you join in Fellowship tonight, and over the Seminar weekend.

Another difficult year has passed with continuous betrayal of the Australian people by our leaders in the Church, Education and Politics.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Keating, seems to have convinced himself that Australia will become a republic by the year 2000. We have news for him and his comrades; we shall try to follow the Lord in our activities to maintain the Constitutional Monarchical system of Government, which in spite of the bad laws handed down over many years by most of our governments, has given us Liberty, Security and Freedom for more than two hundred years of settlement.

There is still not enough darkness to extinguish the light. With all God's blessings."

# "I PLAN TO COMMENCE THE FIRST AMERICAN SOCIAL CREDIT NEWSLETTER"

from Michael Lane,

Friends of the Tradition, Columbus Ohio, U.S A.

I take to heart your policy to "promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage". The problem is that for most Americans, history begins in 1776. We have forgotten 1587; the founding of Roanoke, whose quatercentennial we recently did not celebrate. Yet these brave early settlers, not the initiators of the First Civil War, are our true Founders. If the Constitution were repealed, the Articles of Confederation would be the law of the land; and if the Articles in turn were repealed, the Colonial Charters. They are still the law behind the law. Yet these things are far from our hearts, and in terms of social credit the United States is a backward nation.

Recent issues of the *Liverpool Newsletter* have fired me with the nerve to do something about this. "A branch," the editors write, "needs be no more than one person (this also has been *field tested*, never mind when) provided that person is not too inhibited to put his/her name and address on a branch letterhead. This, and not money or detailed organisation, our experience shows, is the chief difficulty." They wittily quote, "You are the Branches" and add: "Surely throughout the country one thousand people can be found to make this stand at a cost of a few pounds each? L.N.L. has been doing it for thirty years,"

Having by good fortune come into some money, I plan to commence the first American Social Credit newsletter, *The Tradition*, by January 1995. It will be devoted to the Catholic faith, the Constitution, the Magna Charta, a social credit economy, a nonpartisan executive, and amateur legislature, federalism among the states, and district lines drawn to reflect cultural units.

I am grateful to the *New Times* and *Intelligence Survey* for leading the way, and I will certainly be looking to you for guidance and friendship as I pursue my endeavour.

## A MESSAGE FROM Papua New Guinea

from Arnold and Remo Kalnins of Port Moresby.

"We send you our greeting from Papua New Guinea. We are a small but very dedicated group here in Port Moresby, who admire and wholeheartedly support your work in awakening Australia. Please accept our sincere good wishes for a successful weekend, and God bless you all."

### MONSIGNOR W. BATCHELOR

*It is with deep regret that we record the recent death of Monsignor W. Batchelor of Wangaratta, Victoria. Monsignor Batchelor was one of the earliest subscribers to the New Times. He was unflinching in his support over the years for the New Times and its message.*

### VALE GEORGE WILSON

*The recent death of Mr. George Wilson of Toowoomba, Queensland, shortly after the League of Rights national weekend was, in one sense, a relief to George, his family and his friends, who had witnessed the acute suffering of recent years. Older League supporters will recall with fond memories the solid, commonsense support which George and his wife Olive provided for the League during its most turbulent years. League campaigners always looked forward to the warm reception they received from the Wilson family during their farming days. George Wilson was the authentic "fair dinkum" Australian. Loyalty supported by his wife, George Wilson was the League campaigner par excellence - constantly charged in firing off various types of "rockets". As so humorously recalled by daughter Marlene at the testimonial dinner to me and my wife Elma, life changed dramatically at the Wilson household after George and Olive became involved in League campaigning. George and Olive Wilson were two very special friends and my life is much richer for having known them. George Wilson was generous with both his time and substance, being a regular financial contributor. It was deeply moving to receive a personal letter in response to my opening appeal for the 1994-95 Basic League fund, enclosing a cheque for \$300 and a promise to send another \$200 before Christmas. The tone of the letter and the handwriting indicated that George Wilson was on the eve of entering that peace and quiet he had sought for so long. On behalf of all League supporters, we extend our deepest sympathy to all members of the Wilson family.*

### MR. ARCH FERGUSON

*The death of Mr. Arch Ferguson of Sydney saw the passing of one of the most outstanding pioneers of the Social Credit movement in Australia. Unfortunately Arch Ferguson did not live long enough to complete the history of the Social Credit movement he was working on.*

*Our deepest sympathy to Arch Ferguson's wife, Joyce, who was also active in the early days of the Social Credit movement.*

### "THE ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE"

by Eric D. Butler

Regarded by the author as one of his favourite works, this is a basic book for all those interested in "practical Christianity".

\$4.00 posted from all League addresses.

## A RELUCTANT POLITICIAN

In his *New Times* address, Mr. Denis Walker revealed that he had been very reluctant about going into politics in Rhodesia. "Most times politicians were deceitful. You could never really tell what they were about".

He said, "When selected, political candidates were expected to know everything about everything. Electors should constantly write to politicians, helping them in what is a learning curve . . . We were into a learning curve with the Africans. Rhodesia had a strong Christian base from the grassroots. But the world wanted a Marxist leader. They wanted Robert Mugabe. Mugabe recently said he does not want any more Christian missionaries in Zimbabwe, that there was already enough Christianity there."

Denis Walker said, "None of us believed that the end result in Rhodesia would be what in fact did happen." He revealed that following the takeover by Mugabe, over 20,000 of the Matabele, whom Mugabe feared, had been massacred by the North Korean Fifth Brigade, imported into the country by Mugabe.

One of the final acts of treachery was the unfulfilled promise of \$100 million for Rhodesians who wanted to settle elsewhere. This was one of the promises made by Dr. Henry Kissinger, who told the Rhodesians that the Americans were too war-weary from Vietnam to help the Rhodesians resist the Communist-backed terrorist campaign. Only one-man-one-vote would solve their problems.

Denis Walker told a moving story of how the Christian Group he directed along with Fr. Arthur Lewis was attempting to assist all the victims of what had happened in Rhodesia. As David Thompson said, "Denis Walker is still a man in service".

### KINGSHIP

*The recurring problem of what historians call the Dark Ages - the long bloodstained centuries after the fall of Rome - was that of preventing society from disintegrating because its stronger members could not be subjected to any law but their own passions. What was lacking was a profession of dedicated kingship, pursued by hereditary princes with the power to preserve peace, social continuity and order.*

**Sir Arthur Bryant, in *Set in A Silver Sea***

## SITTING IT OUT

from Mrs. Betty Luks,

South Australian League State Director

"While in the United Kingdom eighteen months ago I had the very great pleasure of staying with a wonderful lady who lives in the county of Essex. Hers has been a life of courage and commitment in the face of adversity.

As a young mother-to-be in the early Second World War years she received a demanding letter from the Taxation Department, which she was quite sure she did not owe. Determined to get satisfaction, she turned up at the Taxation Office armed with knitting needles, wool and a pattern book, and after having asked for a chair because she was pregnant, announced she was not going to leave until someone with the authority to do so, withdrew the claim. Then she sat and knitted. Finally, after many hours and much comment from the passing office staff, the one who had the authority, stormed up to her with the duly signed paper withdrawing the claim.

Mary had resolved to STAND AND FIGHT and not back down. Isn't it time we Australians did the same? Here is my idea:

The women of Australia (we'll be happy, of course, to work with men as well) must organise themselves into teams for each Federal electorate - start with Federal - and on their rostered day, the city women turn up at the local office of their federal politician with a SHORT list of agreed immediate policy changes. Day after day the rostered women turn up and sit in the politicians office until the policies have been implemented.

City and countrywomen have got to find common ground for this task. Countrywomen could write or phone their politician.

As the lead is given -and dear God, how this nation needs good leadership! -I feel sure that more people would join the campaign. This is not a task for the fainthearted or the uncommitted. What is needed is the same strength of character demonstrated by that young war bride all those years ago. Circulate and discuss the idea. Let me know what you think of it.

Finally, as you dear friends gather together in the spirit of friendship and fellowship at the 1994 *New Times* Dinner, I pray that God will bless and keep you all as He recharges your spiritual batteries. I will be thinking of you."

## BASIC FUND MOVES FORWARD

The death of the League of Rights, which has been rather prematurely announced on several occasions over the years, will only take place when insufficient financial support can be provided to enable it to continue. While the League has developed a life of its own, it was not created primarily as an end in itself, but as a means to an end: the establishment of a truly Christian society in which every individual was genuinely free.

It is a service movement, a concept that is alien to many of the League's critics. As we go to press the Basic Fund has moved to nearly \$20,000, leaving \$30,000 to reach the target of \$50,000. All contributions to Box 1052J, G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001.