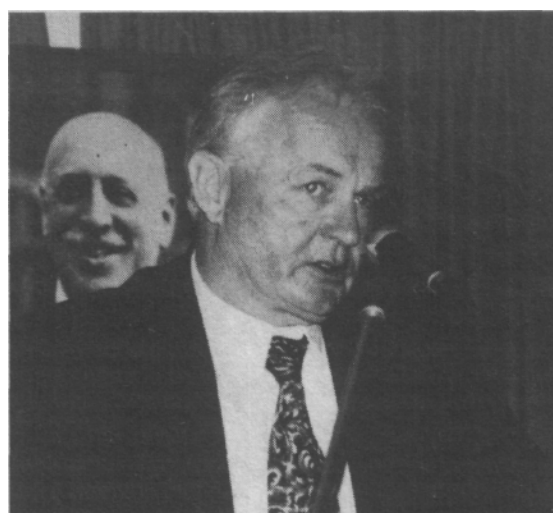


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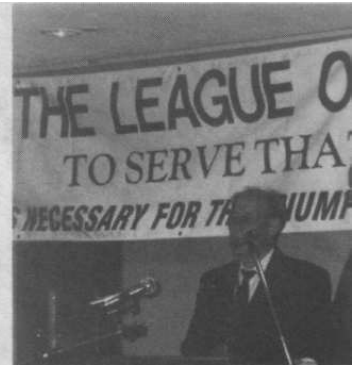
"I am attending this Dinner because I believe in freedom of speech. I will not be dictated to where I can speak."
Graeme Campbell, M.H.R. for Kalgoorlie, our Guest of Honour at the 50th Anniversary Dinner of the League of Rights on Friday, 4th October 1996



Tom J Moore



Tom Cleary, Robert Nixon & Tom Fielder



Eric Butler & Donald Martin - Nat



Mrs. Betty Luks proposing the Loyal Toast at Dinner



Jeremy Lee



Eric Butler with Rita & Maurice Lloyd - long Queensland. League Victorian State Director Ter

Mrs. "Midge" Middleton - oldest supporter present



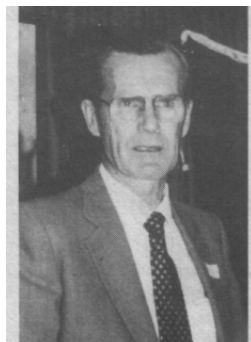
David Thompson, Phillip Butler & Chas Pinwill talking with veteran Queensland supporter Robert McKenzie



Reflections - Chris Ashton



Eric D Butler



Eric Boswell - Canadian League of Rights Assistant Director - brings message from Canada



Graeme Campbell with younger supporters

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HISTORIC LEAGUE OF RIGHTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

"With failing hands we pass the torch" - Eric D. Butler

In the final address at the first of the events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the League of Rights, founding director of the League, Eric Butler, stressed, *"We are part of a history which reaches back over thousands of years."* In the words of Lord Tennyson in his poem *"Ulysses"*, *"we are a part of all that is past!"* We are the heirs to a Civilisation rooted in the great Greek and Roman Civilisations, out of which Western Christendom grew. Eric Butler concluded his address quoting John McCrae's famous First World War poem, *"In Flanders Fields"*: *"With failing hands we pass the torch. We have kept the faith and pass the torch of Truth to those who are to follow."*

There was a record attendance at *The New Times* dinner, with the organisers unable to meet all the requests for dinner tickets. In welcoming the guests, Chairman David Thompson, Australian League of Rights National Director, stressed that those attending were an extremely privileged group. Loud applause and cheering greeted the news that the guest of honour for the Dinner was the Independent Federal M.P. from West Australia, Mr. Graeme Campbell. Mr. Campbell was given a standing ovation at the conclusion of his dinner address outlining his vision for a regenerated Australia. As an introduction to his address, he said that he was attending the dinner primarily because he believed strongly in freedom of assembly and speech. There were heavy demands on his time, but he was attending the dinner on a matter of principle to demonstrate to certain groups that they could not dictate to whom he could speak. *"If we do not exercise our right to freedom of speech, we will soon lose it"* he said.

Every Australian State was represented at the Dinner, as were all members of the Crown Commonwealth. British League of Rights National Director, Mr. Donald Martin, who had been closely associated with the League of Rights in Australia before returning to his native United Kingdom, brought greetings from the British front. In a masterly paper, *"The Second Battle for Britain"*, Don Martin gripped the attention of the large Seminar audience on the Saturday. He also made a distinctive contribution to the lively Action Seminar on the Sunday. He left little doubt that the fight to retain British sovereignty was still being fought.

Mr. Eric Boswell, Assistant National Director of the Canadian League of Rights, brought a special message from Canadian National Director, Mr. Ron Gostick, who was unable

OUR POLICY

To promote service to the Christian revelation of God, loyalty to the Australian Constitutional Monarchy, and maximum co-operation between subjects of the Crown Commonwealth of Nations.

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.

to attend because of health problems. In a videoed message, Ron Gostick outlined the news that the book on Social Credit by pioneer French-Canadian Social Credit teacher Louis Even had, with the blessing of the local Roman Catholic Bishops, been translated into Polish; also that Louis Even's basic book, *This Age of Plenty*, had been translated into English and was now being widely sold right across Canada. It was announced at the Melbourne weekend that arrangements had been made to import supplies of the Even book into Australia. Ron Gostick's videoed message is available to any individuals or groups who may wish to see it. It will also be included in the wide range of League memorabilia being brought together in the Douglas Memorial Hall at "Runnymede".

Arrangements will be made for future displays at the Douglas Memorial Hall of the vast collection of League material.

Mr. Bill Daly, National Director of the New Zealand League of Rights, not only brought a message from New Zealand, but briefly reported on a tour of Western Europe during which he met with leading Social Crediters in the United Kingdom. He brought sad news of the grave illness of veteran Social Crediter, Geoffrey Dobbs, who had asked him to convey his best wishes for the work of the Australian League of Rights. Mrs. Elizabeth Dobbs rang Eric Butler during the week following the Centenary weekend to inform him that her husband had passed away peacefully. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue of *The New Times*.

Bill Daly said that as he travelled throughout Europe, the thought had struck him of how impossible it was for the advocates of a United States of Europe to bring their ideal to reality. A German peasant with whom he had stayed was rooted in many centuries of history. His family had lived on and worked the same plot of land for such a long period of time that it was impossible for him to envisage himself as part of some vague international community.

The culture of these people was the major stumbling block to the creation of a Western European super-state. Bill Daly effectively disposed of some of the widely publicised myths concerning the alleged New Zealand "economic miracle". A number of New Zealand League of Rights supporters attended the anniversary weekend along with Bill Daly.

Inspiring Historical Display

A major feature of *The New Times* Dinner and other events during the Anniversary Weekend was the impressive display of material covering the half-century history of the League. We agree with those who said that even the weekend was not adequate to absorb the massive display of material covering 50 years. The small committee responsible for the display has subsequently established all the material in the Douglas Memorial Hall at Runnymede, where visitors will be able to examine it at their leisure. No other political movement in Australian history can point to such an impressive display of achievements. This display will be an inspiration to future generations of Social Crediters.

The specially produced menu for *The New Times* Dinner, providing a short history of the League of Rights, and including a complete list of the founding members of the League present on October 31, 1946, along with a list of all guests of honour at *New Times* dinners, will certainly become a prized collector's item. A small number of the menus in excess of dinner requirements were printed, and these are available from the League at \$6 posted.

Also produced as a unique souvenir of the anniversary was a croft of port wine by a Victorian firm, which specialises in the production of such souvenirs. Strikingly inscribed with gold lettering, the croft displays the logo of the League, its history and a complete list of all those who have been guests of honour at *New Times* dinners. Only a limited number of this souvenir have been produced, which sells for \$35. All profits from the sale of this souvenir go to League of Rights funds. Until exhausted this souvenir will be available at all League functions. Arrangements can be made to supply League supporters unable to attend League meetings or seminars.

Three outstanding and topical Papers were presented at the League Seminar on Saturday, 5th October. Port Lincoln Mayor Peter Davis spoke on how to restore representative government. In the course of his paper he suggested that the term "*monoculturalism*" be used as an alternative to "*multiculturalism*" and other terms.

"A DEDICATION THAT FEW CAN ACCORD"

Message from Don and Louise Johnson, Winnipeg, Canada

Congratulations Eric on the 50th Anniversary of the "Australian League of Rights". Your fastidious energy and desire to make this world a better place to live in, is a dedication that few can accord. To those who have heard you speak and address the massive indiscretions our so-called leaders have perpetuated against us, we are truly thankful.

Salutations on your 80th year. You have been blessed and encouraged by your lovely wife Elma and your two sons. We hope you will enjoy the blessings of life and love for many years to come.

ERIC BUTLER PRESENTED WITH DOUGLAS TYPEWRITER

During the *New Times* Dinner, Mrs. Caroline Nixon, Miss Douglas's goddaughter, presented Eric Butler with the portable typewriter on which C.H. Douglas had typed most of his articles and books. Mrs. Nixon said the typewriter had been in her possession for some time, and that she had long pondered on what should be done with it. She felt that it was appropriate that it should be presented to one of Douglas's greatest disciples. Eric Butler says that the typewriter will be kept along with other League of Rights memorabilia.

"THREE CHEERS FOR THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS"

From Graham and Sue Lyons, South Australia

Economists tell us that when inflation threatens to increase, interest rates should increase. Realists know that high interest rates are one of the prime causes of inflation. Modern so-called 'orthodox' economics is merely a facade of lies to conceal the treachery of international finance. Three cheers for the League of Rights, for constantly trying to present these and other frequently unpalatable but invariably significant truths to a massively misinformed Australia. Best wishes on your 50th anniversary.

SOCIAL CREDIT STUDY COURSES

A major feature of the development of the League has been several study courses, based on Social Credit. The three-session Social Dynamic School, which can be done over a seven to eight hour period, is designed to produce qualified Social Engineers. Small classes are preferable, and are conducted when a sufficient number indicate that they would like to undertake the course of instruction. All the League of Rights' actionists have done this course, which is presented with a professionally produced video and a League lecturer. The progressive expansion of the Social Dynamics Course has made it possible to reduce the original fee of \$50 to \$30. This fee is negotiable when family members undertake the course together. There is only a nominal charge for those who are repeating the course.

A Social Credit Correspondence course is available for \$20. This includes notes and cost of postage. Each student has a personal tutor who supervises the course.

"NO ECONOMIST HAS EVER BEEN RIGHT FOR LONGER THAN A MONTH"

(From John Brett, Toowoomba, Queensland)

As freedom has slowly passed from our hands over the last 50 years, the League has been the only organisation to chronicle this tragedy. But, at the same time it is the only institution in the western world that can educate an individual about freedom and its Christian origins. Not even the church can do this any more.

If anybody in the world wants to be fully educated in the shortest time possible about true freedom and the origins and control of money, they can only come to the League. The validity of that fact is attested by our enemies, who never mention the vast amount of written, audio and video material that goes out to thousands 365 days of the year. How observant our enemies are!

No economist has ever been right for longer than a month. The League has been right for 50 years, and our enemies still wait for a lie to emerge, and won't they use it if it ever happens! While the League has never lied, it could have died. The fact that it has survived and flourished and will leave an indelible mark on history is due to its great and gifted leader, Eric Butler.

Eric and Elma in devoting their lives to the ultimate cause have made a massive contribution to the continuation of civilisation. Their dedication and faith and Eric's genius for doing what has to be done, eclipses any other similar effort before him. We pray and offer thanks for this magnificent achievement.

The torch is now in the hands of the next most capable man in David Thompson, who won't have to stay there for the next 50 years.

From all at Toowoomba, we wish you a happy and historic evening.

Veteran *New Times* reader from north British Columbia, Canada, Bob Yake, sent his best wishes for the anniversary.

THE LEAGUE OFFERS THE ONLY GENUINE ALTERNATIVES

From John and Yvonne Devine, Tongala, Victoria.

It is with deep regret that we report that we are unable to be with you tonight to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Australian League of Rights. When we consider this unique movement, and its founding members, and its philosophy, based on Social Credit principles, then there is little wonder it has survived fifty years. As long as the forces of evil exist, the League will always be there. The League will always be needed to guide us in the right direction.

The League offers the only genuine alternative to the programme being advanced by all the major political parties, which in essence is the betrayal of traditional Australia. Well done, the Australian League of Rights. We must all do our best to keep the League vision alive, and hopefully one day we will live in an Australia that we can be proud of.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. IAN ANDERSON IN ZIMBABWE:

I congratulate most heartily the Commonwealth League of Rights on achieving its half-century; fifty years of most momentous changes in the structure and fortune of the British Empire and Commonwealth.

Felicitations also to Eric Butler on passing the 80-year barrier; and to Philip, who is continuing his father's lifetime work.

Alas! Most of the stalwart fighters in the cause in my day have been gathered to their fathers. In Rhodesia I seem to be almost the sole survivor; Betty Wemyss, Lorna Dornhill, Jack Harris, Nigel Alers-Hankey, Harvey Ward, Ted Sutton-Pryce and many more have passed on. One other remains - Len Idensohn, whom I saw a few months ago, as large as life and as ebullient as ever.

Before me as I write is a photograph taken in Seoul, South Korea in 1976 on the occasion of the World Anti-Communist League Conference. Here are Patrick Walsh, Ron Gostick, Don Martin, Eric Butler, Caroline Hicks and myself. How many of these are still alive? Caroline Hicks, now Nixon has become an Australian and is probably present tonight - hiya, Caroline! - and has been in Zimbabwe fairly recently. Ivor Benson, who suffered repeated attacks of angina throughout the tour of Taiwan and South Korea, submitted to cardiac by-pass surgery within a few weeks of his return to South Africa. When I visited him in Sudbury, Suffolk, in 1986 he was walking five miles a day. He continued with the publication of *'Behind The News'* until his death at about 84. So many memories of so many fine characters have been stirred by the thought of the 50 years of the Commonwealth League of Rights - not forgetting the distinguished man who started it all - A.K. Chesterton.

My very best wishes to all of you on this memorable occasion.

"I am suggesting a return to a form of agriculture that substantially reduces the use of pesticides, chemical fertilisers, Pharmaceuticals such as hormones and antibiotics, and the products of biotechnology . . . when productivity is measured in terms of production per acre, or of energy consumed or capital invested, smaller farms show greater productivity."

Sir James Goldsmith in "The Trap"

"WHAT WE ARE ENDURING IS NOT NEW".

Message from the Rt. Revd. Robert C. Crawley, ssc.
Anglican-Catholic Church of Canada.

"Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold".... the pattern of Yeats' prophetic poem, written about 100 years ago, is now being played out. What could be more apt than this line.... *"The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity"!* If you are not familiar with the poem I urge you to study it, and take note especially of the final line.

I am sometimes asked, "Surely you don't believe in any of those conspiracy theories?" My reply is, "What other reason can YOU give for the collapse of Christian civilisation?" ... Besides, I believe Satan exists (because Jesus said so!) and he, the father of lies, also known as "the Adversary", is ever vigilant to advance his kingdom of destruction. What we are enduring is not new; it has all happened before and the battle has been won, not by large armies but by a few totally-dedicated men and women infused with the Power of God, and determined to fight the battle ON HIS TERMS ALONE. Which means following in the steps of the Martyrs (witnesses). That is our joint vocation, summed up in that "theologically-incorrect" hymn, "Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armour on!" (Ephesians 5:10-20). My blessings on your endeavours. Remember that nothing you do in the Lord's name IS EVER LOST OR EVER WASTED. (1 Cor:15:58)

THE LAPSE OF TIME, AND THE CONFIRMATION OF THE DOUGLAS ANALYSIS.

(From Donald Neale, Chairman, Social Credit Secretariat,
Scotland)

On the occasion of the League's Fiftieth Anniversary Weekend, I send you warm greetings and congratulations from the Social Credit Secretariat. The lapse of time has served only to confirm the validity of C.H. Douglas's analysis of our social problems and the continuing relevance of his prescriptions for economic and political reform. Above all, the global economy is bringing into ever-sharper focus the essence of the choices confronting us - progressive individual freedom OR economic servitude; sustaining government at acceptable local levels OR surrendering to distant unaccountable oligarchies.

His principle about the just relationship between the individual and the group deserves constant re-affirmation. In our everyday efforts, in our great cause, let us never lose sight or touch with the enduring fundamentals of the Douglas philosophy. With all good wishes for your active future.

"YOU HAVE SHOWN GREAT MORAL COURAGE"

From John Bennett, President,
Australian Civil Liberties Union.

Congratulations on the great job you have done in opposing censorship of history and promoting sensible policies on immigration and multiculturalism.

You have shown great moral courage and I extend to all the best wishes for the future.

A COMMON WORLD WIDE STRUGGLE AGAINST INTELLECTUAL TYRANNY

From Mark Weber, Institute for Historical Review,
California, U.S.A.

From California, we send greetings on this important occasion. We wish we could be with you to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Australian League of Rights.

For half a century, the League has been an outspoken voice for common sense, a defender of traditional values, and a guardian of our precious heritage of freedom. You have shown what perseverance and hard work by even a small number of individuals dedicated to great principles can achieve. Through your countless meetings, conferences, and seminars, your hard-hitting periodicals, and in many other ways, you have had a telling impact.

While our aims may not always be identical, we in America are pleased to work together with you, along with friends in many other countries, in a common worldwide struggle against intellectual tyranny, historical lies, and cultural subversion.

In this great cause, the Institute for Historical Review has been doing its bit for more than 15 years. The IHR has been in the vanguard of the fight to restore truthfulness in history, to liberate people from pseudo-religious guilt mongering, intimidation and blackmail, to return sanity to our country's foreign policy, and to promote real international understanding and lasting peace.

Not surprisingly, it is precisely this great cross-national cooperation, which the Australian League of Rights has diligently fostered over the years, that so distresses our adversaries.

The fact that our enemies must resort to bigoted boycott campaigns and even terror and physical violence to oppose us shows their fear and desperation, and their lack of confidence in their views.

May the League of Rights carry on its vital work for another half century!

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE

from Alan and Hilda Ellis, Queensland

Greetings from southern Queensland as you gather tonight in Melbourne to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Australian League of Rights. What an achievement in the face of tremendous opposition from political parties and politicians of all persuasions who have more than once forecast the early demise of the "League".

While-ever the League maintains a high regard for those two words "truth" and "reality" it must continue, much to the disgust of its opposition.

Thinking back over the years, we can recall quite a few battles. Eric; especially the one in Dalby in the seventies when you demolished Ron Bahnish; then later another night in Dalby when you clashed with Sir Robert Sparkes. No doubt exciting times!

Finally, we would say "thank you" for a job well done to everyone who has played a role in keeping the flame burning and especially to Eric and Elma.

"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF "THE CULTURAL MOMENT"

From Donald A. Martin, National Director, British League of Rights

Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen - friends.

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings - on this occasion personally - from the United Kingdom not only as National Director of the British League of Rights, but also with my wife as joint owner of the copyright of the works of C.H. Douglas. His daughter, Marjorie Douglas, entrusted this duty to Jane and myself in her will.

I am sorry that Jane is not able to be with me on this occasion as she was in 1979, but together with her apologies she also sends her best wishes.

C.H. Douglas speaks of "the critical moment". In my view he did not mean that there was just one critical moment as some people have suggested. Rather that in the course of human affairs there are various critical moments. These critical moments can be exploited for good or for evil, or as Douglas put it, the will to power or the will-to-freedom. It is therefore interesting to note that in the preface to the second edition of his first book, *Economic Democracy*, he talks about "... and the logical and inevitable end of economic competition is war." That is one side imposing its will on the other - it does not necessarily mean military war. It is interesting to note how the European Union and governments around the world are constantly talking of increased competitiveness, not necessarily with any particular objective in mind, but more as an end in itself.

As an answer Douglas suggests: "... an effective League of Free Peoples [which] postulates the abolition of the competitive basis of society, and by the installation of the co-operative commonwealth in its place makes of war not only a crime, but a blunder."

Douglas concludes *Economic Democracy* with these words: "Thus out of threatened chaos might the Dawn break; a Dawn which at the best must show the ravages of storm, but which holds clear for all to see the promise of a better Day."

Today as more economic, social and political chaos faces us all, the people whose inspiration is found in Douglas and 'The New Times', are the "effective League of Free Peoples". The challenge is whether in the next critical moment our service to society is able to bring that "better Day" of which Douglas spoke.

LEAGUE SET FOR A BIG INNINGS

Speaking at the Sydney Anniversary Dinner of the League of Rights, Eric Butler said that cricket devotees were familiar with the importance, which a batsman attributed to scoring 50 runs. "This is seen as a special achievement, not as great as scoring a century, but as a major achievement on the way to scoring 100. In cricketing terms, the League now has 50 runs on the Scoreboard. The foundations have been laid for a big score. Looking at those who are yet to come in the growing League team, I envisage a long innings with a really big score of at least 500."

"THE LESSONS THAT HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US REMAINS"

David Newnham in seconding the toast to "The New Times" proposed by his father, Paul Newnham.

It is an honour to be asked to second the toast to *The New Times*, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Australian League of Rights.

21 years ago, when I was 14, my father brought me to my first *New Times* Dinner, whilst my 15-year-old stepdaughter, Hannah, is here for the first time tonight.

Growing up on Dad's property in the Alpine area of East Gippsland, I reveled in the wide open spaces and freedom of country life, learning to ride and shoot from an early age and absorbing the breathtaking beauty of the mountains surrounding our home.

The Christian ideals and freedoms promoted by the League of Rights were evident in our small rural community, and were very clear in the examples set by my father, whose instruction and guidance during vital growing years has remained a source of direction and strength to me ever since.

These sort of values are represented in and held up by the League of Rights in their work to shine light on the truth in a time when the protection of established lies has become commonplace.

Modern day media-governed morality is based more on the religion of Humanism than any real belief in the Christian God, whilst moral decay and the erosion of free speech gnaws at the foundations of western civilisation.

Political corruption is widespread, while deliberate distortion of the truth in order to protect hidden agendas are further confused by the politically correct media machine and State education systems seeking to influence the minds of our youth through methods bordering on thought control, replacing Christian family values with faithless Humanism and collectivism.

Emerging Globalism and the push for central world government threatens to destroy individual sovereignty and freedom of speech with the State replacing God and power corruptly controlled by the few.

The lessons that history has taught us remain in the Gospel, Magna Carta and Common Law, to which we owe so much of our heritage as free men, lest we forget the courage, valour and ultimate sacrifice paid by so many along the road to buy us our liberty.

The tireless work of the League of Rights as a watchdog of these priceless freedoms through its promotion of truth and in its support for the family unit, Local Government, sovereignty of the citizen and the rule of law, plays a vital part in the struggle against evil in an emerging new-age of dark totalitarianism. Eternal vigilance remains the price of our freedom.

Ladies and gentlemen, would you please charge your glasses and be upstanding to second the toast to the *New Times*.

TO THE NEW TIMES!

"There is nothing very much the matter with Victorian Liberalism except that it was tied to the gold standard. In consequence, the problem of the individual was always purchasing power, money, not goods."

- C.H. Douglas, 1943.

"The Shining Strength of the League Has Inspired me to Dare Something"

From Michael Lane, editor of American Social Credit Journal "*Triumph Of The Past*"

Dear Friends, I am especially delighted to celebrate your 50th anniversary with you because it also marks the launching of the first American Social Credit newsletter, *Triumph Of the Past*. Please take a copy of the inaugural issue. It is fitting to dedicate this issue to my wife, Gerilyn. In spite of all the obstacles she cast in my path, I managed to complete it!

At my day-job, I have to help plan an annual banquet. This year we had 600 people. The room has to be booked years in advance. We start registering 4 months before the date, and the registrations snowball. If your banquet goes like ours, registrations were still pouring in last week. There are so many things that can go wrong. And the guests, most of them, have no idea how much heart-breaking toil goes into making that one night come off successfully.

The Baroness Blixen, author of *Out Of Africa*, has a lovely passage in which she likens relations between man and woman to that between guest and host. The guest, she says, wants to partake, to enjoy, to be at ease. "And what does the host want?" she asks. "The host wants to be thanked." So don't be selfish males, remember to thank your host!

I have never had the pleasure of meeting Eric Butler, but he has published my articles, troubled to answer my letters, and encouraged *Triumph Of The Past*. He has a mother's anxiety for the League, many cares and fears. Yet it is the shining strength of the League that has inspired me to do something, too. In the midst of suffering, when you are "bathed in blood and climbing over the dead," there, we are promised, is to be found that mysterious bliss! Though it may appear that our efforts have been for nothing, our faith tells us that every seed truly sown shifts the balance of Good and Evil in the universe. If that is not true, nothing is true!

Yours is the bravest social credit organisation in the world! Your movement is both grassroots and intellectual, and at 50 years you have become the center of a national debate. No other social credit group can say as much. You are our big sister. And *Triumph Of The Past*, the baby of the family, longs to give you back some of what you gave her - the freshness, innocence, and excitement of her start in life.

I myself have no taste for and no talent for political action. What I hope to do is develop the intellectual credentials of our movement and give its ideas a rhetorical finish that will win respect. Perhaps down the road, God will send me someone to do the nastier kind of work, and then *Triumph Of The Past* will be more than a newsletter.

And yet! It was the 1982 movie *Gandhi* that set me on the

BASIC FUND SOARS

Under the stimulus of the 50th League of Rights anniversary celebrations there has been a steep uplift in contributions to the 1996-97 Basic Fund, with a target of \$65,000. Total contributions now total \$41,000. The majority of supporters who have not yet contributed should have no difficulty in providing the balance of \$24,000. All contributions to Box 1052J, G.P.O.,

VALE DR. GEOFFREY DOBBS

As we were going to press, covering the League of Rights Anniversary weekend, we received the sad, but not unexpected news that Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs, one of the outstanding pioneers of the Social Credit Movement, had passed away. In conveying the news to Eric Butler, Elizabeth Dobbs said that Geoffrey had passed away peacefully. This was a merciful release from a long period of illness. During this period Geoffrey Dobbs displayed both courage and cheerfulness. In our next issue we will attempt to provide an adequate assessment of the distinctive contribution of Geoffrey Dobbs to the Social Credit movement. His influence on that movement was enormous, during a lifetime of activity, and will continue into the future. An excellent photo of Geoffrey Dobbs hangs in the Douglas Memorial Hall at "Runnymede", while a taped interview with him and Elizabeth during their final visit to Australia is available for viewing by all students of Social Credit.

path that led to Social Credit. No one appreciated India's precious legacy of British law more than Mohandas K. Gandhi, and his method was just to discern the moral heart of the situation and do right, without further ado. And yes, he had a bit of a genius for good theatre; and he got a chuckle out of his own blithe stubbornness.

Here's an idea: What would happen if we self-employed let the tax collectors take us to court? A book called *When You Are The Defendant* by Otto Strickler argues that we can win. This is not exactly after-dinner talk, but bear with me for a moment. The U.S. Constitution, he says, establishes two kinds of tax: direct, levied on persons, and indirect, levied on businesses and paid indirectly by consumers. The indirect kind have a built-in safeguard in that if prices are too high, people will do without. And the Constitution requires the direct kind to be assessed against each state in proportion as it is represented in the House (an obstacle). The Sixteenth (Income Tax) Amendment establishes that a tax measured by income falls into the indirect category and can therefore only be a tax on the doing of business. And sure enough, a search of the tax code nowhere yields a sentence saying, "A tax is hereby declared on every person receiving income above X dollars" or the like.

So we let the IRS take us to court and argue that we are not engaged in any activity taxable under the code. It would be interesting to know if Australian law reveals a similar pattern. I'll leave it to more experienced brains to say whether this is a good idea. But wouldn't it touch a rare nerve with the bureaucracy?

With this idea, I'll take my leave. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for preserving Social Credit long enough for me to find it. I had hoped to get to Victoria to celebrate with you in person and try out your wines that I keep hearing about. But it was either the trip or the newsletter, so I gave up the trip. My special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Butler and best wishes to all of you gathered here. You have much to celebrate. May Christ fill your hearts with fortitude and cheer for the next adventure!

THE CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY - "A WITNESS TO HISTORICAL CONTINUITY."

Introducing Mrs. Betty Luks to propose the Loyal Toast, the chairman pointed out that she was the editor of the quarterly magazine *"Heritage"*, and had been responsible for the publication of major speeches by Prince Charles; that this had been done in co-operation with Buckingham Palace, and that Betty Luks had been responsible for the introduction to *"A Peoples' Prince"* by Sir Walter Crocker, one of Australia's most distinguished Ambassadors, and former Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia. Betty Luks had visited the United Kingdom to promote the book, addressing one meeting in the House of Lords.

In proposing the Loyal Toast Betty Luks said:

"The Royal Family has in recent times been the centre of considerable media attention. I shake my head in bewilderment at the behaviour of some of them. But in today's western world there are not too many families, which do not have similar problems. The difference is that our family problems are not magnified and scrutinised for all the world to see. We do not have to experience the 'tut-tutting' of the hypocritical media.

As a grandmother I am familiar with most of the problems which many families face today, and I felt very moved for Diana and Charles during their ordeal of unhappy divorce proceedings. I see the continuing impact which divorce has on so many families. I constantly hope and pray for reconciliation wherever possible.

But for all the problems with the Royal Family, and families generally, I don't believe that anyone here tonight would believe that this is good reason for abolishing families, or the institution of Australia's Constitutional Monarchy. Improve or modify where necessary, yes, but not abolish. Just as we do not resolve conflict or strengthen relationships by walking away from them, neither do we begin to rebuild the national fabric by ignoring what is tearing us apart as a nation.

Our Queen, the Queen of Australia, may not be the greatest of Monarchs, but she has certainly done the best that she knows. And our Queen, in the office she occupies, that of Constitutional Monarch, witnesses to our continuity in history. Prince Charles indirectly referred to that living continuity when last in Australia. You will remember the incident when the young Cambodian boy burst on to the stage in front of Charles and fired a starting pistol. When interviewed later, and commended for his coolness and composure, Charles said that his performance was a result of thousands of years of breeding that had made him what he was.

For us in Australia a thousand years of history have gone into working out the problems of power, authority and accountability, as witnessed by our system of Constitutional Monarchy. We have, of course, modified it with our Federal system of government. But as Sir David Smith has reminded us, a gum tree is not like the branch of an oak. We Australians today are certainly not the original English, Scots or Irish. I was reminded of this when I travelled over in the United Kingdom. We are a distinctly unique people. But many thousands of years have gone into making us what we are today. And let us in our relationships one with the other be concerned about the fabric of our personal and national life. Let us all stand to pay homage to our royalty, our Queen. Join me in toasting the Queen of Australia.

MESSAGES FROM FAR AND WIDE

One of the features of the numerous messages received for *The New Times* dinner was their great diversity. As Chairman David Thompson said, many belong to that group who, while not formal Social Crediters, has made a distinctive contribution in many fields to preserving or enlarging the social credit of society - the increment of association. Typical of the variety of messages was one from Father Vincent Batchelor, currently domiciled in Fiji. He wrote as follows:

"Congratulations. Priestly blessings. In 1946 my brother - also a priest - introduced me to Father Fahey's *Money Manipulation and Social Order* . . . In 1947 I first met Eric Butler at a luncheon - just the two of us (long forgotten, I am sure) and I do believe that I have prayed for the League of Rights every day since - and very likely my brother as well. *"I will triumph over my enemies, said the Lord, but not without my friends"*. In a P.S. Father Batchelor said that he was sending a photo of his brother taken about 1946. "He was really a great admirer of Eric Butler." The photo referred to is now part of the enormous collection of memorabilia concerning the League of Rights. Father Batchelor's brother, Monsignor W. Batchelor, had many discussions with Eric Butler at Wangaratta before he died, expressing his deep concern about the plight of Christianity whose regeneration was dependent on the implementation of Social Credit policies.

Veteran supporters Marg and Doug Scott of South Australia sent congratulations, recalling how Mrs. Scott's father, Frank Watts of Berri, first came in touch with the Social Credit philosophy as a result of picking up a "small paper". "From this small seed, which fell on very fertile ground, many family members, friends and others were made aware of the philosophy of the Social Credit movement." Eric Butler recalls how following a meeting at Berri, S.A., Mrs. Scott's father flew with her to Adelaide for the first League of Rights public meeting, in the Adelaide Town Hall.

Colonel Tom Ward, President of the New Zealand League of Rights, and his wife Georgina, sent "congratulatory greetings from New Zealand. For those fortunately celebrating this occasion, we anticipate much happiness and satisfaction with further success in the future."

"Social Credit is the practical endeavour to transform the institutions of society in such a way that... transcendental values . . . may find incarnation in them... the lesson of the scriptures of the great religions is that such an incarnation is dependant on the individual, and is manifested through individual initiative. The very purpose of Social Credit as a system is to free individual initiative by placing the benefits of association directly at the service of individual initiative. The objective of Social Credit is to enable the individual to achieve the maximum differentiation possible."

"An Introduction to Social Credit", by Dr. Bryan Monahan.

"The aims of national government are by no means the same things as the aims of the majority of the people they are supposed to represent. Further, these governments are far more responsive to influence from financial resources than they are to popular influence. We might almost go so far as to say that modern government is quite insensitive to public influence, and that no serious change of policy is effected by a change from one party to another."

C.H. Douglas in "Warning Democracy"

"WHAT IS IT ABOUT SOCIAL CREDIT?"

There's always something nice about a reunion of old friends. The old school or regiment, a former sports club or industry association, all have participants trying to ram themselves into the uniforms of yesteryear, and wondering whether "old Bill" or "dear Betty" are having half as much trouble regaining the lost shapes of their salad days.

Old friendships are rekindled, former triumphs relived, and dyed-in-the-wool intentions once set in concrete reshaped in cotton wool. Changes in contour or memory notwithstanding, there's something about a gathering of social crediters which is different. Once caught, the vision makes instant consorts of those who have never met before. It is not a recalling of past achievements so much as the sharing of an unspoken vision that is often better expressed in contemplation than in words. You just know that your companion has seen it too, lifting both onto a plane higher than material perceptions or differences. A social credit companion may have a markedly different view on the merits of Louis Armstrong or Johann Sebastian Bach; of urban as opposed to rural living; of education, architecture or the contrasting merits of Rugby Union as against Australian Rules. These things may seem important, but recede into a more modest position in relation to the revelation both have come to. Behind them is the gripping dogma of the social-engineer which may, for a time, have pitted them against each other in opposing camps - political parties, the denominational scene, the worker in his fierce fight against the capitalist or vice-versa.

For a moment the "rich man in his castle, and the poor man at his gate" leave the world's stage behind in the mutual contemplation of an alternative Jerusalem, where 'rich' and 'poor' have no material considerations.

H.L. Mencken put it thus:

The most satisfying and ecstatic faith is almost purely agnostic. It trusts absolutely without professing to know it all. All great religions in order to escape absurdity, have to admit a dilution of agnosticism. It is only the savage, whether of the African bush or the American gospel tent, who pretends to know the will and intent of God exactly and completely."

Perhaps the irresistible appeal of Social Credit is that it has no permanent shape or cast-iron geometry. It provides the canvas on which the individual can paint his own self-portrait of freedom and growth. Thus far the Social Credit vision is the same for all. The fact that no two pictures are the same makes for the fascination of what Mark Anthony called "her infinite variety." It obviously entails rejection of the temptation to make others paint your way.

"Ah, then, if mine had been the Painter's hand, to express what then I saw," wrote Wordsworth.

The joy of a Social Credit get-together - and the *New Times* has provided quite a number now - is the mutual recognition that no one of us is "the Painter"; which lifts social credit reunions into "painters' workshops"; unplanned and unconstructed and a joy in which to participate.

SOCIAL CREDIT IN THE U.S.A.

An American Social Crediter, Mr. Michael Lane, has produced the first copy of a quarterly publication, *Triumph Of The Past*. Apart from sending a message to the *New Times* Dinner, Michael Lane also had air freighted 500 copies of his journal for distribution at the dinner. Pointing out that although Douglas as an Anglican, "took up the line of social thinking fostered by the Church and elaborated it in a series of works starting with *Economic Democracy* . . . Americans may be hearing Douglas's name for the first time. But his writings are the maturest fruit of the modern project begun by Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum*. They are little classics, slyly humorous and pungently understated, yet rich in profound insight. The time is ripe for their re-discovery, for they offer a serious alternative to the conservative economics of starvation and liberal economics of stealing that dwarf our thought."

We wish Michael Lane well with his project. We can supply a sample copy of *Triumph Of The Past* to those who were unable to attend the League of Rights 50th anniversary weekend. The subscription rate to *Triumph Of The Past* is US\$34, or the equivalent in local currencies. Michael Lane's address is P.O. Box 29535, Columbus, Ohio, 43229, U.S.A.

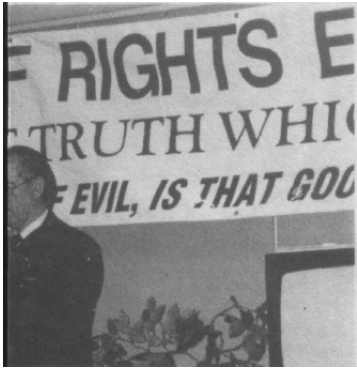
"Society has long recognised the disruptive action of even casual stealing: systematic stealing, by threats of brute force has usually ensured prompt protective action. Yet we find actions, which are considered immoral and inexcusable in a private individual, have become acceptable in governments. The Moral Law has ceased to apply to governments. Governments recognise the laws neither of God nor man; they make their own laws; they are a law unto themselves. Governments hold that the "voice of the people is the voice of God", and the party boss, being the "Voice of the People", is the voice of God. And so stealing and killing not only becomes 'legal' and moral; they become something divine, something worthy of the greatest admiration, when done at the behest of the party boss. Thus we progress helplessly to bigger and better wars run by governments, and to more and more stealing of the people's money and property by governments."

- James Guthrie in "Our Sham Democracy".

THE ROOT OF INTERNATIONALISM

"The international bankers recognise that internationalism stems from collectivism, just as economic nationalism stems from individualism, but the bankers have no intention of yielding the control of the collectivised and socialised State to the 'proletariat', and there is no great fear that they will be required to do so. With a proper understanding and respect for the lessons of history, they realise how absurd is the 'dictatorship of the proletariat'. This is the reason that international bankers are so generous with their subsidies to international communism."

- "American Preferred". April 1943, quoted by C.H. Douglas in "Programme For The Third World War."



National Director, British League of Rights



Tom Cleary with daughter Samantha



Clifford H Douglas



Maurice Lloyd supporters from Queensland



Bill Daly - N.Z. League of Rights National Director



Mayor Peter Davis from Port Lincoln, SA.



Paul Newnham watches son Paul second his Toast to The New Times



Mrs. Dorothy Hedley — veteran "New Times" reader — with Alison Dyason



Miss C.M. Douglas, reminisces on early days of movement



Paul Newnham, Kim Eason, David Mitchell & Eric Butler



Nancy Lee in discussion with Brook Maurice



Richard & Phillip Butler presenting bouquet to their mother, Elma Butler, at the Dinner



David Thompson



50TH ANNIVERSARY

This year is a milestone in the history of Australian politics. It was 50 years ago that the League of Rights was established. As a service movement, it grew out of the readership of the Social Credit journal **The New Times**, which is still published by the League of Rights today. The journal's Founding Editor and Managing Director was **Tom J Moore BA** (1895-1938) and was established in May 1935.

Tom Moore was amongst those thousands present to hear the Founder of the Social Credit Movement, the brilliant Scottish engineer/economist Clifford **H Douglas** M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Mining E., M.I.E.E. (1879-1952), at the Melbourne Town Hall on Monday 22nd January 1934, deliver an address titled **The Monopolistic Idea**. At that time Moore was the editor of the weekly Melbourne Catholic newspaper **The Tribune**. As a result of Moore's attacks on the credit monopolists through his paper, protests were made by representatives of the monopolists to Archbishop Mannix, who in turn requested him to modify the tone of his criticism. Backed by a group of Melbourne business and professional men, Moore left his secure position at **The Tribune** to follow Douglas by launching **The New Times**.

The New Times DINNER GUESTS OF HONOUR

1946-1996

Ivor Benson (2)
Graeme Campbell MHR
Douglas Collins
Mrs. Elizabeth Dobbs
Dr. Walter Henderson
Borge Jensen
Hon James Manson MLA
Mrs. Anne Neill
Bruce Ruxton OBE

Vladimir Borin
Douglas Christie
Rt Rev Bishop R C Crawley
Brig Richard Eason MC, ED
Rev Norman Hill
Jean Kennedy
Geoffrey McDonald
Rev Dr David Mitchell
C Barclay Smith

Patrick Walsh (3)

Bruce H. Brown
Lady Phyllis Cilento
Dr John Dale
Ronald Gostick (2)
David Irving
James (Sir James) Killen MHR
Rev David McDougall
Mrs. Lucille Quinlan MA
Barry Tattersall

Mrs. Jackie Butler
Sir Raphael Cilento
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Mrs. Joyce Mew
Rev A Richards
Hon Denis Walker

PRESENT AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS Thursday 31st October 1946 -17 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, South Australia

M E Dodd
D H Cambridge
Mr & Mrs Ern Bawden
D Brock

Frank Bawden
A S Tillet
Mr & Mrs D Flower
Andrew Ramsay
Miss M H Gray

C H Allen
F A James
J J Cronin
J K Sutherland
S J Bennett

E W Paterson
A J Munyard
C Baker
E W Williamson
A Weller

J T Campbell
N C Howard
E C Finn
H A Dray

NATIONAL DIRECTORS: Eric D Butler (1960-91), David Thompson (1991-)
ADVISORY NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Eric D Butler (1991-)

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing" - Edmund Burke

THE LEAGUE OF RIGHTS

The League of Rights is a movement, which refuses to die. It was founded in Adelaide at the conclusion of a **Vote No** Referendum Campaign for the nationalisation of the banking system in 1946.

Many of the early members of the League had served in the armed forces during the Second World War with many winning Distinguished Service medals.

Over the years the League has enjoyed the support of some of the nation's most distinguished public figures: State Lieutenant-Governors, Members of several Supreme Courts, Members of the Federal and State Parliaments, and international figures like Dr Sir Raphael Cilento. Australian born Air Vice-Marshal Donald Bennett of Pathfinder fame during the Second World War was a close friend of Eric Butler over many years and later became a Patron of The British League of Rights.

After being established in all Australian mainland States, the League was expanded into a national movement in 1960 with Founding League member **ERIC D BUTLER** being appointed as National Director, a post held until retiring to make way for **DAVID THOMPSON**. Eric Butler continues to serve as Advisory National Director.

Following a series of lecture tours throughout the Crown Commonwealth nations by Eric Butler, the British, Canadian and New Zealand League of Rights were established - these subsequently becoming The Crown Commonwealth League of Rights and an international chapter of the World Anti-Communist League.