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CHARACTER, INTEGRITY AND QUALITY

A recurring theme of the 51st *New Times* Dinner was that the Social Credit movement was inspired by faith based firmly on the rock of reality. The Guest of Honour, the Rt. Rev. John Hepworth, Bishop of the Anglican Catholic Church of Australia, stressed the importance of acknowledging God as the supreme 'reference point' of any political system, far beyond the changing whims of democracy. Dinner chairman David Thompson drew attention to those spiritual bonds, which draw people of one faith together, irrespective of background. In a brilliant closing address, Eric Butler, the only person present to have attended every *New Times* Dinner, emphasised that it was not by weight of numbers that events are influenced, but by the quality, character and integrity of those involved.

"Let us be clear in our minds, " said Eric Butler, "that the battle in which we are engaged is not going to be won by numbers as such. It is going to be won by drawing upon the power of a faith which is rooted in reality."

Guests attended from all States, and many of those unable to attend sent messages of encouragement from around Australia and overseas. Mr. Ron Gostick, National Director of the Canadian League of Rights, wrote, *"Numbers are not as important as our message "*. He referred to the personal qualities required to equip those few, who, *"with knowledge, understanding and spirit, may be the determining factor in which way our civilisation moves, "* at what C.H. Douglas once referred to as a "critical moment" in our history.

One of the highlights of the Dinner was the witty but hard-hitting address by the Guest of Honour, who is a candidate for election as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention next year. Bishop Hepworth, who is a personal friend of Bishop Robert Crawley, of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada who was the Guest of Honour at the 1992 *New Times* Dinner, described how he was contacted before coming to Melbourne in an attempt to prevent him attending the weekend. With a glimpse of his well-developed sense of humour, the Bishop recounted his response; that if those attending a League function were, indeed, such very great sinners, then the last thing his caller should be doing was discouraging a clergyman from attending them!

Another outstanding feature of the Dinner was the excellent Loyal Toast, proposed by veteran Social Crediter, Cedric Turner, who referred to Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday pledge of service, which was broadcast throughout the world from South Africa, where she was accompanying her parents. Cedric's wife, Margaret, recalled hearing the speech as a young girl, and had remembered some parts of it. Cedric Turner's toast published in full in this issue of *The New Times* set the tone for the outstanding quality of Dinner addresses.

Mr. Jeremy Lee gave a fascinating perception of the birth of the Australian nation while introducing his new book, *"What Will We Tell Our Children?"* Beginning with Australia's birth-years in the 18th century, Jeremy pointed out that the nation was first populated as a result of Britain's 'down-sizing' at the height of the industrial revolution. Those who had been displaced by technology were shipped out to Australia. *"What has really changed?"* he asked. Jeremy Lee's new book, already a best seller, was the centre of considerable interest during the League's Annual Seminar the following day.

ANNUAL NATIONAL SEMINAR

In opening the National Action Seminar, *"The Christian Role in the Regeneration of a Dying Civilisation"*, League National Director David Thompson began by observing that as



*"I stress the importance of quality, rather than numbers " -
Mr. Eric D. Butler, in his Dinner address.*

we approach the new millennium, we live in a post-Christian society. The tradition of reverence once reserved for the sanctity of the Church had now been replaced with a reverence for other gods, like "the Market", or money. While it is a fact of history that our heritage springs from the Christian faith, we have now been almost completely severed from these spiritual roots.

Eric Butler's opening Seminar paper dwelt upon the development of our Christian roots, and their importance today, directing attention to the principles of faith in action in a political, social or constitutional sense. Matters such as the decentralisation of power and common law were a manifestation of an incarnate faith.

The second paper was a brilliant and passionate examination of the deliberate destruction of Christian culture, by Dr. Jim Thomson from Bendigo. He outlined the nature of culture, the Marxist influences upon such important aspects of Western culture as education, and traced back to its starting-points the widespread breakdown in the family. The sexual revolution, the rise of feminism, and the homosexual onslaught were dealt with in a devastating exposure of the undermining of the West.

The League of Rights proposes to publish Dr. Thomson's address in booklet form to make it permanently available for more widespread distribution. For the present, both video and cassette tape recordings are available for those who wish to make use of it.



"I'm really a newcomer in all of this" - Mr. Jeremy Lee introducing his book "What Shall We Tell Our Children?"

A new booklet, *"Sovereignty in Australia"* by Arthur Tuck was presented at the Seminar, which deals with the Coronation service, and its relevance to Australia today. The importance of a ceremony that dates back a thousand years in which our Head of State is installed is a part of the "ignored history" of Australia. The booklet is available from League book services.

"A COUNTRY SINKING INTO A DARK ABYSS"

The Toast to *The New Times* was delivered by a veteran actionist from the Western Districts of Victoria, Mr. John de Fredrick. Approaching his task with true humility, John doubted that he could really do justice to the toast, but felt that the importance of the work of *The New Times* compelled him to do his best.

John de Fredrick recalled that the last time he had spoken to a toast at a League Dinner was the Testimonial Dinner to the late Keith Oldfield, in Nhill in 1994. This was filmed by Channel 9, who had taken his address completely out of context, and misrepresented the truth.

Those attending the Dinner, he said, were concerned not for their own aggrandisement, but for the well being of this country, a country that is slowly sinking into a dark abyss. *"We attempt to prevent this, but those who hope to gain do their best to marginalise us in the country's mind, so that it requires great courage and fortitude to persist. But these are qualities associated with The New Times, and with God's blessing, the final battle will be won."*

The Toast to *The New Times* was seconded by Mr. Steve Lloyd, a farmer from Gippsland. In introducing Steve Lloyd, David Thompson pointed out that Steve was a third-generation *New Times* supporter, whose grandfather had been an early subscriber to *The New Times* journal. With a breezy humour, Mr. Lloyd outlined his disappointment with the way the established denominational church approached its role, which should be as a spiritual shepherd. The church has abdicated this role, he said, and is now "anaesthetising, immunising and neutralising" those who attempt to fill the vacuum. He also emphasised the importance of the role of *The New Times* in propagating the required material to sustain our traditions and "hold the line".

"NO LIE CAN BE OF THE TRUTH"

"In sending a message of greetings to all you courageous people, and especially our old friends Eric and Elma, I am reminded how much my beloved husband Ivor used to enjoy attending your various functions which always generate so much inner strength and loving-kindness!

"Living as we do in a WORLD OF LIES without precedent in recorded history, I pray always for our dear people everywhere who, in the words of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "Know the Truth" and who know that "No Lie can be of the Truth".

"May the kindly Light of Christ Our Lord guide and keep you always steadfast in the way of the only True Power, for His Name's sake."
Joan Benson, England



"It requires great courage and fortitude to persist" - Mr. John de Fredrick proposing the Toast to The New Times, with Dinner Chairman David Thompson in background.

"FAITH, ROOTED IN REALITY"

In his Dinner address, Eric Butler observed that a certain atmosphere permeates any gathering of Social Crediters anywhere in the world, noting that *The New Times* was a unique event, because it was concerned with quality rather than numbers.

He recalled that early supporters of *The New Times*, like the Chairman of the first Dinner, Walter Carruthers, Bill Manifold DFC, Air Vice Marshall Bennet of *Pathfinder* fame, Sir Edmund Herring of the Victorian Supreme Court, and others, were people of substance and quality.

Eric Butler observed that "we are of a long stream of living history", and must return to our roots for survival, which is not to be found in Asia, but the Christian West. He recounted the admiration of many non-British people who admired the British contribution to civilisation, like a former judge of the Manitoba Supreme Court (who was Icelandic), or Sir Roy Welensky, former Prime Minister of the Central African Federation, whose father was a Polish Jew, and mother an Afrikaner.

"This brings me to the point of quality versus quantity. No serious student of British history disputes that it was British colonisation, with the growth of self-governing colonies like New Zealand, Australia and Canada, which resulted in a new type of empire. This set a new course, decentralising power; thus, we had not uniformity, but diversity. Inside that diversity was tremendous unity in the real sense that all respected the qualities of constitutional development, political structures, and other aspects of British government.

"I want to refer to a lesser-known article of Douglas', drawing attention to the question of quality, the decisive factor in so many areas. For example, the famous "few" - the battle of Britain. The spitfires and hurricanes powered by Rolls Royce engines were all developed by the British. The decisive factor in aerial warfare was, of course, radar, - a British development.

He provides interesting figures on military contribution: "In 1943 and 1944 every British Dominion as well as the

British Isles contributed a greater proportion of its national income towards winning the war than either Russia or the United States. And over the whole period, the output per man was greater than in the United States and incomparably greater than Russia.' The stress was on quality. I think there is something to be learned in this.

"Finally, when considering the importance of quality, it is a fundamental truth that the Kingdom of God will not be found in great masses. Douglas commented, "the mass is unsaveable"; in fact, it is quite mad. We can see the madness today, in places like the Parliament.

"One of the best meetings I ever held in my life was a meeting of only one - but the **right one**. Success is not delivered by **numbers**. If we look to numbers, then we look in the wrong place. In fact, once a political meeting goes beyond about 30 people, the results progressively deteriorate, until it eventually approximates a mob. There is little constructive future in mobs. The quality of each individual can produce extraordinary results. These are eternal truths that we violate at our peril.

"It was the few that saved the Allies in the most critical battle of World War II. The great events of history have always been shifted by the few, the dedicated few, always working with that faith that is based on reality.

"I must point out that our Western civilisation did not develop as a result of numbers. A movement started with One, - admittedly a very special One - who gathered together not a great mob, but twelve; one of whom turned out to be a backslider. He set out on a mission, which changed the world. That is the inspiration to us, faced with the challenge of the few in touch with reality."

ACTION CONFERENCE

The all-day action conference at Runnymede began with a short service conducted by Bishop Hepworth, in the Anglo-catholic tradition. Bishop Hepworth, together with Rev. David Mitchell, who is also a candidate for election as a delegate to the Constitutional convention, discussed the monarchist strategy that might be followed in frustrating the republican thrust at the Convention. Dr. Mitchell also offered an authoritative opinion of the value of attempting to pursue the issue of firearms confiscation on legal grounds. Some claim that the English Bill of Rights of 1688, and other ancient guarantees offer the "right" to bear arms as a part of our constitution, and this should be enforced by a court. Dr. Mitchell categorically ruled out this approach as having any chance of success. The only sanctions available to shooters who object to the statutory law concerning firearms are political sanctions.

A report from the Chairman of the Christian Alternative Movement, Mr. Ted Rock revealed that by diligent prayer and correspondence, a number of advances had been made in the

attempt to bring the Church to an examination of the anti-Christian character of the modern money system. By sheer persistence Ted Rock had forced churchmen in positions of influence to face this question.

Invaluable information in grass roots campaigning was provided by actionists like Tom Fielder, Brian Griffiths, Don Auchterlonie, Bruce Ingle, and others. Mrs. Betty Luks, State Director for South Australia, reported on the progress of the Heritage Society, and the new colour "**Heritage**" magazine. Terry Rogers, Chas Pinwill, David Thompson and Eric Butler offered assessments of political campaigning in all parts of Australia on many issues. The role of Pauline Hanson's *One Nation* Party, and Graeme Campbell's *Australia First* were thoroughly reviewed. It is clear that many aspects of grass-roots political action in all parts of Australia were informed and assisted by the League's long-term training programme to produce Social Crediters who can provide a constructive service to their fellows.

BASIC FUND EDGES AHEAD

Although receiving a solid boost along at the time of the national Weekend, progress on the Basic Fund Appeal has slowed. A minority of supporters has now taken the fund to almost \$25,000 towards a total of \$65,000. We would like to see the Fund filled as quickly as possible, to permit us to concentrate on other matters of moment, such as the Constitutional Convention. Could we hear from more of "the few" who loyally support the League's financial base? All donations to G.P.O. Box 1052J, Melbourne 3000.

WHAT'S THE USE OF DYING WITH MONEY?

"I have been thinking recently of how to repay my brother, the Monsignor, who once lent me \$1,000 for the publication of a prayer-book, with the words *"What's the use of dying with money?"* So I shall send it to you through the Columban Bursar at St. Columbans, Essendon. I may be home on holidays later on, and if I can I might send you some more help. I must see about a subscription to *"Heritage"* also. Your reference to Tom Fielder reminds me of my lifetime role model, Denis Fahey, and his resolve at the tomb of Pius X to devote himself to the rights of Christ the King in society. I notice that you have always understood that God's glory is the primary purpose of my action here. So there are no strings attached. Priestly blessings."

Father Vincent Batchelor,
Columban Missionary at Xavier College, Fiji.

"At the risk of indulging in some plagiarization, I wish to state that since Federation, never have so few, done so much for the benefit of so many within the short span of fifty years.

"Christian like in your attitude to life and politics, wise and bold, in the implementation of the League's Christian ideals, brave and calm in the face of callous calumny and unjustifiable criticism by the knaves and fools of our society you always have stood firm, fearless and persistent in exposing the TRUTH and in advocating what is good and beneficial for our Australia."

from Alexander and Sigrid Psalti, Koonwarta, Victoria.

"I have a vision of our wonderful nation leading the world through the next century, happy, prosperous and thriving. This tremendous stride into People Power or Direct Democracy needs only the simple transfer of the power to call referendums from the Prime Minister and Premiers to the people themselves."

Percy Adams, Bracken Ridge, Queensland.

"My family and I would like you to know how much we admire you and your wife and also your team for the dedicated work you do.

"I try in my small way to see that truth gets a hearing. Your wonderful service enables me to keep my cool - most of the time! Even the gloomiest of prospects is much more tolerable when one knows what is going on behind the scenes.

May God bless you both."

Jim Mercer, Frankston, Victoria.

"No. 1 ASIAN MIGRANT SUPPORTER"

Greetings from your No. 1 Asian Migrant supporter!! all migrants are totally fooled by the media and politicians. May God bless the League of Rights, Pauline Hanson and Graeme Campbell (and anyone else who supports Australia and things Australian). Let's keep Australia Australian!! (And Christian).

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,"

Roger Ginger, Medowie, N.S.W.

"WHAT WILL HISTORY'S VERDICT BE?"

In responding to the Toast to *The New Times*, Dinner Chairman David Thompson noted that irrespective of the station in life of Social Crediters, or their background, all shared a common desire - to serve the truth.

He recalled that he came to know an elderly part-Maori woman from a remote part of the South Island of New Zealand who walked with sticks, and on first appearance, was a most insignificant figure. But as a long-term member of the National Party, she had got to know Prime Minister Muldoon, who knew better than to attempt to leave a campaign meeting without deferring to her. She would always pass something on to "Young Robbie", and the last time she saw him, gave him a cassette of Jeremy Lee's latest address.

"No matter how crippled, poor or insignificant we are,

there is a task for everyone," he said.

The Christian historian, Sir Arthur Bryant, believed that historians need 100 years to place people and events into perspective. *"I think it will take many years for the life of the Princess of Wales to be placed into its proper historical perspective,"* David Thompson said.

He concluded by asking what history's verdict might be of *The New Times*, noting that each person present, no matter how humble, had the chance to discover their role, and fill it. *"No-one can ask more than that,"* he said.

"THIS CRITICAL MOMENT"

"Just a few lines on behalf of our Canadian League of Rights and your many Canadian friends and fellow patriots, to wish you every success in your Annual League Weekend.

"Let us keep ever in mind that our 'numbers' are not nearly as important as our message and example. Our challenge is to seek truth and understanding, and to help others; to hold high a standard, a banner and example of faith and dedication in service to our community and our country. Indeed, an example that becomes as a candle of light in a dark period of our history - a candle that sows the seeds of regeneration, that illuminates reality and the potential that is ours if we but return to our roots, and reclaim our heritage with its spiritual dimension.

"As C.H. Douglas suggested, a critical moment may soon come in our history when a relatively few men and women, with knowledge, understanding and spirit, may be the determining factor in which way our civilisation moves.

"Ours is the challenge to help equip that relatively small company as the critical moment approaches.

"What a privilege to live, and serve, at this critical moment!

"Be of good spirit, enjoy old friends and compatriots, recharge your batteries and thank God for His blessings . . . And remember that we Canadians are with you in spirit."

Ron Gostick, National Director,
Canadian League of Rights.

"SYSTEMS WERE MADE FOR MAN"

"In the rural community we aspire to sustainable farming methods and sustainable rural development. Is there an irreconcilable antagonism between a world economic system that preaches economic rationalism, and those who genuinely seek sustainable social and spiritual development for present and future generations of Australians?"

"The economic rationalists reduce the individual to a position of subservience to their system for the ideal world. In reality the implementation of economic rationalism ensures a version of the 'laws of the jungle' are supreme. Lifestyles and futures are manipulated within the jungle of competitive economic rationalism.

"Social Credit is the alternative that endorses the principle that systems were made for man and not to be his master. It seeks to apply commonsense to the affairs of man, yet directed and constrained within the boundaries of the Law of Love. Social Credit is sustainable and can be sustained when the primary focus is directed to the application of Faith.

"We should always be mindful of the pedigree of Social Credit, that is its Christian heritage, through which we receive maintenance for the application of Social Credit.

Robert S. Nixon, Kalannie, W.A.

"I pray God's blessing on your work, *please* don't stop. We can see the "darkness" rising but it can never prevail against the light.

You and the League are providing much of that light which Australians need.

Thank you, it is a privilege to know you.

Peter J. Fitzgerald, Horsham, Victoria.

"Sorry I am not over for the 51st year - the beginning of a new era. I send my very best wishes for a happy and successful weekend to my friends of the Australian League of Rights."

Mary Jonats, South Australia.

THE SOURCE OF CULTURAL ROOTS

"I regret not being able to attend tonight's Dinner, but on behalf of all New Zealand League supporters and Social Crediters I send hearty greetings and best wishes to you all for tonight and over the weekend.

"There are many reasons for the strong natural bonds between Australia and New Zealand. In a very real sense both nations are outposts of a civilisation - almost certainly the greatest Civilisation there has ever been.

"When I was in England last year Mrs. Joan Benson, wife of our friend the late Ivor Benson, told me Ivor had once observed that the new Western countries like ourselves have great energy and inventiveness when it comes to industry, but that, as societies, we suffer the ongoing problem of too easily forgetting our cultural roots because we are a long way from the source of those roots.

"But I wonder if there may be a reverse factor also. Perhaps the fact that we are such a long way from the mother countries, and thus less influenced by traditional protocols, could it be that genuine regeneration of Christian civilisation will have more opportunity to make a major breakthrough here? I firmly believe that our two nations together have the potential, with the right will, to initiate such regeneration. The fact that a movement like the Australian League of Rights can survive through 50 years of tumult and continue to have influence adds a bow to that belief.

"Incidentally, we also are watching with great interest the phenomenon of your Mrs. Hanson. Word has it that the rats in our Beehive are as nervous about it all as yours in Canberra. Now we need our own Mrs. Hanson to put some sting into them.

"Special greetings to David and Eric, and of course their long suffering wives."

Bill Daly, N.Z. League of Rights

"Please give my warmest regards to all at the League weekend. I shall be thinking of you all and praying that much progress is made in the coming months as a consequence of the fellowship you will have and the leadership that you, David, Jeremy and all give us.

"As always, my continued support and admiration."

Peter Davis, Mayor of Port Lincoln, South Australia.

A MONARCH UNDER GOD, OR "WE THE PEOPLE?"

Guest of Honour at the 1997 *New Times* Dinner was the Rt. Rev. John Hepworth, a bishop of the Anglican Catholic church of Australia, John Hepworth, as well as having a lively sense of humour, brings a keenness of intellect to the issues confronting the church, such as the ordination of women, the question of homosexuality, etc. Having last served in Darwin, Bishop Hepworth is now a lecturer in politics at Adelaide University, and a regular contributor to ABC radio and television programmes. He is a candidate for election as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention for Australians for Constitutional Monarchy. The following is a slightly edited text of his *New Times* Dinner address:

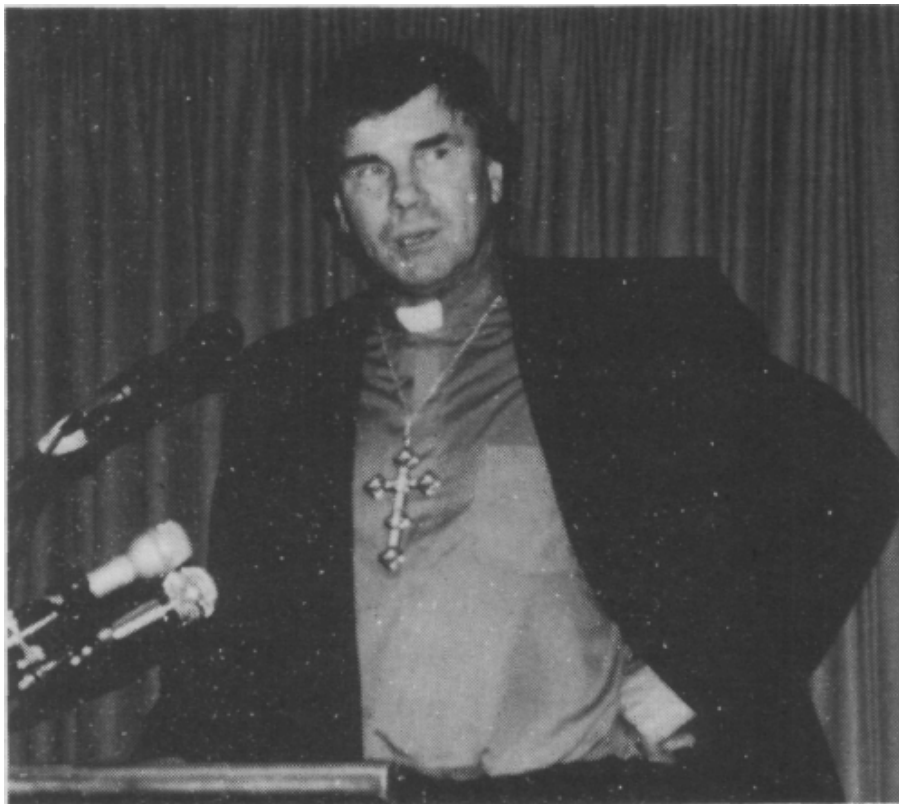
I regard it as a great honour to be here tonight, and I say that quite determinedly, because I had a phone call a few days ago from somebody who, from the tone of voice, sounded like a callow youth, obviously undernourished both spiritually and physically, who demanded to know what on earth my church was doing allowing me to speak to such a group. He said he was going to write an article about this in some "review", and he described

the League to me in some detail, quoting all manner of eminent bodies like the Human Rights Commission. I answered that if the League was as bad as he said, they are obviously a gathering of very great sinners indeed, and the last thing he should be doing is preventing a clergyman from attending them. I doubt that he will include those sentiments in his article.

Since this week the nominations for delegates to the Constitutional Convention close, I want to make a few remarks about this whole ghastly process in which we find our nation. To complement the brilliant remarks in the Loyal Toast, I'll address myself to a few key arguments of those who call themselves republicans. I actually don't think they are; I think they're close to being classical anarchists.

The first one addresses all the things that are wrong, both with Church and State. Those of us who struggle on both sides of that mythical divide, which is a totally artificial device, will know what I mean. The republicans want to attack the preamble of the Constitution. Instead of having a monarch under God, they want to begin *'We the people'*. That probably says it all. We know that it is absolutely vital that there is a point of reference in a political system, which is beyond the whims of democracy. Vital as democracy is, there must be a point of reference, so that the doings of a democracy can be judged as either right or wrong, just as every other human activity can be judged as either right or wrong. Democracy without a point of reference is a totally meaningless device.

The point of the non-elected monarch under God gives the point of reference, which is Divine revelation. It also defines the monarch as the upholder of twin poles. The monarch represents the Constitution over and against those who are with real power - those who are decidedly and designedly powerless in human terms. The institution of the Crown is designed without power, but represents the constitution, which is the people. Thus we already have *"we the people"* - it is the Crown. On the other hand, the monarch answers, as one crowned within and by the Church, to the law of God. This balancing of people and God is encompassed in what we have inherited in 1,000 years of development of the institution we call the Crown.



"A point of reference is absolutely vital" -
Guest of Honour, Bishop John Hepworth

In Australia this consists of the Governors and the Governor-General, with the monarch; in itself a complex development of the English constitutional idea.

We have not taken something simplistically, lock, stock and barrel, from England. We have enormously embellished, adapted and enhanced it. We stand to abandon all of this by opting for something elected (either directly or indirectly) and substituting a politician with 'real power' for that institution. We wreck the point of reference, and we discard the representative of the people. That is a massive loss, which republicans would happily inflict on us in the name of a trendy amendment to the prologue.

There are those marvellous legal opinions that insist that the prologue cannot be changed by referendum, which is causing republicans more than a little worry. We are finding that they are not nearly as devoted to referendums once they find they cannot change something by referendum. It is, of course, part of their plot that the prologue will have to be renegotiated by the

original colonies.

Then there is this lunatic idea, which Sir David Smith has so cleverly rebutted, of "a resident for president". Adelaide republicans are bombarding the place with bumper stickers saying *"A Resident for President"*. We have some bumper stickers ready to go which simply say, *"Pol Pot Was a Resident President"*. Most resident presidents have actually been bad for their countries.

The Queen is Queen of Australia. We have it on no lesser authority than Gough Whitlam himself, who after the passing of the "Queen of Australia Act", said in Parliament *"I have naturalised Her Majesty!"*. After that phrase, let nobody claim that the Queen is "a foreign monarch". She has precisely the same quality of dual citizenship as Mrs. Keating has. Mrs. Keating is, of course, a Dutch citizen, because they don't accept resignations. Presumably the Queen couldn't resign [her Australian citizenship] even if she wanted to. Since several million Australians have dual citizenship without it being an apparent sign of disloyalty, why do we single out the Queen as the sole example of she who must *not* be multicultural?

Apart from that, as Sir David has correctly said, the Head of

State in every technical sense, in the Governor-General. It is fascinating that young Turnbull, and other innocents abroad, have failed to realise what the British government realised in 1921, which shows how incredibly slow the republicans are. In 1921 the British Government withdrew its advice to the Australian Governor-General, on the grounds that it realised that it had no grounds for giving advice, and that in fact, neither the Queen as Queen of Great Britain, nor Her Majesty's British Ministers could direct the Governor-General of Australia on any decision the Governor-General was to make. That is perfectly clear in the Constitution.

It is now clear from Alfred Deakin's diaries, which have only recently been published in full, that he was not being silly, and nor doing anything unconscious, when he decided that Australia should be called a "Commonwealth". He reminds himself in his diaries that the last commonwealth was that of Cromwell, and that Australia was indeed through its Constitution, making a decisive statement of independence as a nation. That is what the fathers of the Constitution meant to do - within the British Empire. In other words, they found no contradiction in a vibrant independence, and being a part of a wider network.

The republicans would have us believe that we are not yet free or independent, and that as such they make a travesty of the meaning of the constitution. This becomes very important, because there is a suggestion abroad that we cannot indeed be a truly free and independent nation if we have somebody like the Queen within the constitutional system. This is a dangerous nonsense. There is always a temptation for countries, especially

going through bad economic times, which in Australia is a habit, to find succour in a false sense of independence. In fact it is the art of diplomacy to balance independence with dependency. A nation only becomes truly independent when many nations are dependent on it. It is in the best interests of the global community to preserve its prosperity, a lesson that is seldom understood by politicians.

Sharing the Queen with what is now some 50 member nations who aspire to democracy as it has arrived from Magna Carta, is in fact a pledge of independence and freedom for the people. It in no way impinges on freedom. This is a terrible problem for the republicans, because even if we did get a "resident for president" Pol-potish person ensconced in Yarralumla, we would presumably remain as a member of the Commonwealth of Nations with the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth. Nothing is then achieved for those whose primary motivation is anti-monarchist. That can only be achieved by leaving the Commonwealth, which is a little confrontation we shall have in February, too.

All the arguments of those who claim to be republicans are hollow and flawed. They are reduced to slogans, so it is little wonder that on the list of nominees I have seen submitted by the republicans in various States, they are rather heavy on rugby players, and rather light on people who have ever read the Constitution. That is, in fact, the only refuge of people who only have slogans.

To return to my beginning, this is in fact a crucial argument about principle. There are two ways of looking on politics. One consists of those who generate their own principles as they go along, and there is no point of reference but the popular whim, and in which politicians follow the popular whim aimlessly. They constantly "poll" in order that they don't miss the subtle change of whim, and in which the vital principle of politics becomes "the mob". That is the "circular model", of democracy forming its own mushroom.

The other model is a vertical one, in which is belief in a creating and omnipotent deity who implanted order in the chaos and brought things into being with purpose and relationships. He infuses authority to protect, preserve and develop those relationships. In that model, God, government and people are in

a perfectly balanced relationship, but there is no question of the people making themselves gods. You may recall that whenever that is attempted, nasty things happen to those that try it.

The lessons from the Old Testament, unpopular as they are, are extremely relevant to the debates that Australia and so many other parts of the world are now facing. By all means let those people choose unto themselves leaders among themselves, and even ask God to anoint them on their behalf, but let us never forget the principle from which order comes. It does not come from the whims of people driven by daily desire. That is at the very heart of this debate, and I regard the key struggle that confronts us as being a struggle over the first two words of the Australian constitution. If that struggle is lost, we lose everything.

If we continue to be a nation under God, a range of political principles flow automatically and we become a nation of purpose and ideals against which we can judge our behaviour among the other nations of the world. Unless we manage that, we will begin to drift according to not only our own whims, but the whims of other nations with no points of reference. Then the world gradually slides into chaos, which is governed solely by international profit, and no other principle. I don't need to remind this gathering of what happens to a world driven in that way.

I commend you for your 51st Dinner, and once again say what an honour it has been to be with you.

DINNER TAPES NOW AVAILABLE

Because of the nature of *The New Times* Dinner, the tapes of it are not widely circulated. Subscribers to *The New Times*, however, are naturally invited to order the tapes if they require them. There are two tapes for the 1997 Dinner, which cost \$12.00 posted. The Seminar tapes are also freely available, consisting of four cassettes. There are the three addresses, by Eric Butler, Dr. Jim Thompson and Bishop John Hepworth, and a final tape consisting of David Thompson's opening remarks, and the question periods. For copies of the tapes, send \$6.00 each to M.E.A. Tapes, P.O. Box 184, The Basin, Victoria 3154.

"DEFEND OUR HERITAGE AND CONFOUND OUR ENEMIES"

When introducing Mr. Cedric Turner to move the Loyal Toast, the chairman explained that the inspiration for his remarks was provided by his wife, Margaret. As a young girl of 16, living on a farm at Carlisle River, Margaret had heard the direct broadcast from South Africa of Princess Elizabeth's twenty-first birthday speech, and even now recalls parts of it, fifty years on:

Fifty years ago this year, Princess Elizabeth, now our Queen, toured South Africa with her parents. In a radio speech celebrating her twenty-first birthday, she made a vow. In the prelude to the vow she said: *"There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors, a noble motto, 'I serve'. Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the throne, when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood. I cannot do quite as they did, but through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is*

very simple. I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial family, to which we all belong, but I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

In this vow, she portrayed the qualities necessary to inherit the throne of the greatest Commonwealth of Nations the world has ever known. Numbering some 53-member nations, more are

clamouring for admittance (Israel and Palestine are amongst the newest applicants).

Although we perceive the wisdom of the young princess of twenty-one as remarkable, it is not a surprise. According to the Order of Succession, each heir to the throne is trained from an early age in all aspects of the duties of a Monarch. As Prince Charles has had a lifetime of training, so, too, Charles' heir is being similarly trained.

The spiritual and general development of a nation stems from the qualities of inherited values. In particular, as Prince Charles has often stressed, the importance of history and tradition is entwined with the continuity of those institutions, which have best served the people. Of those institutions, the Monarchy has been the most enduring.

The visual importance of history, culture and tradition is currently being demonstrated. As the internationalising of all walks of life threatens the stability of each community, the more the people retreat into their past. This phenomenon is being demonstrated in every country in the world. The revival of various forms of folklore and traditions is but one example.

As national boundaries crumble to accommodate internationalism in all forms, the people increasingly support a return to self-determination. The most recent examples are Scotland and Wales; while in Eastern Europe and Russia the first instinctive initiative of the people with the breakup of the Soviet Union was to return to their original ethnic and cultural boundaries.

Although in Australia our blood origins are of many nations - it is language, history, tradition, a Christian cultural base, the origins of our Constitution, the basis of our parliamentary and judicial systems and a common pioneering heritage that bind us as a nation. Of all the total ingredients, the single most common ingredient is the Monarchy. By the very nature of its heritage, it is the most constant pivot in the life of a nation. Every other source of 'Head of State' is fraught with political jockeying from which no 'Head' is immune from favours bought or sold.

In the Queen's Silver Jubilee speech, she recalled her pledge, and (in part) said: ". . . when I was twenty-one, I pledged my life to the service of our people and I asked God's help to make good that vow. Although the vow was made in my salad days when I was green in judgment, I do not regret or retract one word of it."

As the years have passed, the Queen has extended that vow with (always) a message of love, peace and goodwill.

I deliberately remind you of these things that you may compare them with the vindictiveness and hatred which pours from the seams of republicanism, sections of the media, and the protagonists of the New World Order, and I ask, can the dignity and grace of our Queen, who draws millions of people from around the world in admiration to Buckingham Palace and places wherever she appears, be compared with the circus of power-lusting Presidential struggles of other nations?

Would any sane person abandon the Monarchy and traditions, to appease a false tenet that Australia is part of Asia and we should, therefore, cut off and deny the roots from whence we came?

How laughable, too, it is that the republicans argue for an Australian head of state when parliamentarians are allowed to possess dual citizenships with other nations.

We mourn the loss of the Princess of Wales and our hearts go out to all who loved her. The shocking nature of the tragedy and the overwhelming response of an emotional people for a mother, and a Princess with the humane projects she sponsored - these things will be long remembered.

In a darker sense, and, as though to harness our anguish and grief for their own agenda and benefit, the media and



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opportunistic journalists, peddling unfounded accusations against Royal personages, all under the guise of 'outpouring for the Princess, perpetrated an attack on the Monarchy akin to a type of guerilla warfare. Who can forget that week? Every day the media made some sort of attack upon the Royal family.

Some time ago, in Africa, the (then) British Prime Minister Macmillan coined the slogan, *"The Winds of Change"*, which ultimately turned Africa into a slaughterhouse.

Bearing in mind that the Federal Government is totally committed to the Republican debate, it is very significant that the media have coined the slogan *"The Waves of Change"*, thus psychologically endorsing the inevitability of change. The almost silent removal of the name 'Royal' from institutions; of crest and crown, of the oath of allegiance, of honours, the traditional anthem and much else, is all part of a guerilla warfare to eliminate all connections with the Monarchy.

In every sense, the Monarchy is both the future and the past. By tradition, and in practice, it represents the conscience and virtue of the people. It represents the rallying standard of centuries as loyalty was shouted with epic deeds of bravery. It is also the restraining and eternal spirit against expediency and political gluttony.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, she has spoken to, and conferred with, a countless succession of UK and Commonwealth Prime Ministers. She has spoken with, and hosted, countless foreign dignitaries. The affairs of State and of the world discussed, the advice tendered, the influence for peace and goodwill, which has marked her reign - all this makes a mockery of the claim the Monarchy is redundant.

Over the years, and as these high dignitaries returned to their duties, many spoke of our Queen with admiration. But not one with whom she conferred has questioned her wisdom. Thus the institution of the Monarchy preserves the inherited integrity that is the hallmark of its tradition.

In toasting our Queen and singing the traditional anthem, we express our robust determination to defend our heritage and confound our enemies.

Ladies and gentlemen, in the fifty years that have passed since that young princess of twenty-one made her vow to us, she has never faltered in keeping her promise.

I ask you now to rise and toast Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of Australia!

The Queen!