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Thought for the Week: "Nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity". — Lord Acton.

## NATIONAL WEEKEND PREPARES GROUND FOR NEW LEAGUE ADVANCE.

The dominating spirit of the 1984 National League of Rights weekend was one of tremendous optimism and determination. At the conclusion of the Action Seminar on Sunday, September 30th, National Director, Mr. Eric Butler said that the stage had been set for another big League advance, one which would meet the rapidly deepening crisis. 120 "hard core" actionists from all over Australia met to discuss the type of strategy and tactics essential for the coming critical months. There were inspiring reports from those working on different battle fronts, ranging from Municipal Government to Christian groups. A feature of League developments has been the growing number of Municipal Councillors becoming associated with the League.

Reporting on decisions made by the National Secretariat meeting on Friday, Mr. Butler said that ambitious new strategic moves concerning the future of the League were proposed. A new and much better equipped national headquarters was planned, and the first step towards this would be to move from the present League offices at 273 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, towards the end of this month. It is proposed to retain a small city office only while other plans are developed. League printing equipment is to be upgraded. Mr. Butler said that the growing response from the distribution of the League's new brochure containing the League's Objectives, History, Record and Services, including journals, was demonstrating that a massive national distribution of the brochure will result in thousands of new subscribers and contacts. The best results were achieved where a saturation strategy was adopted. Gippsland actionists reported that following the insertion of a large advertisement in the widely-read "Express", outlining the League's Objectives, criticism of the League through the local media, had practically ceased.

Mr. Butler said the League was now organised to the stage where its actionists were capable of distributing one million pieces of

literature in a relatively short time. He said that the League was planning to associate with others in distributing literature concerning the coming Federal elections and the referendum. Mr. Butler envisaged the biggest mass distribution of literature, over the next three months, in the history of the League.

"The New Times" Annual Dinner, on Friday evening, was a memorable and moving affair, with the guest of honour, Mrs. Jackie Butler, completely captivating the large audience with her message of faith and hope. Mrs. Jackie Butler is the driving force behind the Queensland produced journal "Wake Up". Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the C.H. Douglas visit to Australia, the Dinner was addressed by two veteran Social Creditors, both active in the Social Credit movement in 1934 during the Douglas visit. Mr. Harold Hotchkin, present at the Douglas Melbourne Town Hall meeting, where Douglas spoke on "The Monopolistic Idea", moved the toast to "The New Times", which was seconded by Sydney veteran, Mr. Arch Ferguson. Those present were fascinated with the historical material provided by both speakers. History was made when the youngest speaker yet to address "The New Times" dinner, Miss Caroline Schilg, proposed the Loyal Toast in a most capable manner.

The Dinner was used to launch a new edition of "The Alberta Experiment", by C.H. Douglas, with an Introduction by Eric D. Butler and fascinating notes, previously unpublished, by L.D. Byrne, Douglas's personal representative, and adviser to the Alberta Social Credit government during the time that Premier Aberhart was battling the centralised Money Power. Mr. Peter Nixon, Editor of "Heritage" the quarterly magazine of the Australian Heritage Society, a Division of The League of Rights, launched "The Alberta Experiment", now available through League bookshops (Price \$9 posted).

In opening the League's National Seminar on Saturday, October 29th, Mr. Butler made a scathing attack on the media for its role in the national smear campaign against the League. An ABC team from "Countrywide" was present, having previously filmed League meetings in N.S.W. and Victoria in preparing yet another "in depth" study of the League. Melbourne TV channel seven also were present and in an interview with Mr. Butler asked him why he had compared the policies of Prime Minister Hawke with those of Hitler.

Commenting on why he bothered to co-operate with a media which had consistently demonstrated its anti-League bias, Mr. Butler said he was reminded of what Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge had said when asked a similar question. Muggeridge had said that he visualised himself as an organist in a brothel, gently playing "Gently Abide With Me", in the hope of getting some small message through to the inmates. The League continues to move forward.

THE CONTINUING LAND RIGHTS BATTLE: Land rights battle continues: A four-way battle is now hotting up on the land rights issue. The West Australian Government, which is an A.L.P. government, is now in direct conflict with its Federal counterpart. The National

Aboriginal Conference (N.A.C.) has declared political war on the State Government; the Federal and Western Australian Oppositions are sniping at both State and Federal Governments; and a growing number of Aboriginal people are now expressing opposition to the whole question of land rights.

The Age (29th Sept., 1984) said: "The Federal Government has come under pressure to declare its hand on Aboriginal land rights after favourable reaction from the mining industry to the West Australian Government's proposals. The Federal and West Australian Oppositions yesterday renewed attacks on the Federal Government over land rights, claiming that statements by the W.A. Premier, Mr. Burke, that he would not give Aborigines the right to veto mining were worthless if the Commonwealth implemented overriding laws...."

The Seaman inquiry into land rights, set up by the West Australian government, has issued its report which, among other things, says that Australia was originally taken by "conquest" rather than by "settlement". This opinion contradicts the findings of Australia's High Court, and also a Privy Council verdict given earlier. That finding will be quoted extensively in the United Nations. The Age reported:

"...Mr. Holding said he thought the report of the West Australian Seaman Inquiry into land rights was a "good document",

An accompanying article reported a N.A.C. rally in Perth. "... At a rally after the peaceful protest the Prime Minister Mr. Hawke and the Premier, Mr. Burke, were criticised angrily by a series of Aboriginal speakers who accused them of selling out on Land Rights. The rally ended with a W.A. Aboriginal activist, Mr. Brian Wyatt, declaring that Aborigines were on the warpath..."

However, a third article gave a very different Aboriginal point of view:

"Aborigines at Leonora in Western Australia's north-eastern gold fields have turned their backs on the push for land rights. They say the State Government is right to eject the Seaman Inquiry recommendation that Aborigines should be able to veto mining industry plans. The vice-chairman of the Leonora Aboriginal Movement body, Mr. Trevor Wyatt, said the 300 Aboriginal people in the district were totally against the concept of land rights. "In places like this it would create racial tension", he said. "We are not full-blood Aborigines, so who is to say that we have more right to the land than anyone else? We are all Australians together and we can work things out without creating division between black and white...."

It so happens that Mr. Trevor Wyatt at Leonora, who made the commonsense remarks quoted above, is the brother of the activist who addressed the rally in Perth, with a radically-different point of view. Thus, the policies of the Government are now not only pitting black against white, but splitting Aboriginal families against one another.

BRIEF COMMENTS: Deep is the disillusionment of a defeated politician, Ex-Senator Jean Meltzer was dumped from the A.L.P. Senate team in 1980, after serving one Senate term. We can well recall the crusading speeches she made in her political prime: she was going to really move Australia in the right direction: "right" being what she considered to be right.

She now laments that the rank and file in the "Labor" Party don't count for anything; only being used to raise money and hand out how-to-vote cards. That ordinary people have little effect on policies, We could have told her that FORTY years ago!

Now she is a Senate candidate for Nuclear Disarmament Party (having resigned from the A.L.P.) and has as much chance of a Senate seat as flapping her arms and flying to the moon.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jeff Kennett, State Victorian Opposition leader, says roundly that Mrs. Meltzer's resignation proves that the Victorian A.L.P. is faction ridden. Mr. Kennett would be wise not to dwell too much on factions. He was recently put in his box by the powerful Zionist machine, when Mr. Isi Liebler "publicly" (T.V., the Press, radio jockeys - the whole works!) "called" on Mr. Kennett at Parliament House, Melbourne, to beseech (read "instruct") Mr. Kennett and the Victorian Liberal Party NOT to allow members to appear on platforms with the dreaded League of Rights. Mr. Kennett outdid the Great Houdini in Kow-Tow contortions this time to the Zionists. Really great "independent" Liberal stuff.

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Sir James Killen, former Liberal Minister for the Navy and now retired, writes a regular column for The Herald (Melbourne). He is (rightly) opposed to the two referenda which will be put to the Australian people at the time of the next Federal elections. Of the Senate, Sir James reminds us that Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister, insisted that the Senate has in its charge the defence of State interests.

With the exception of money bills, the Senate is not subordinate to the House of Representatives.

Sir James states (and rightly) that if half of the Senate were to be made to face the electors with each dissolution of the Lower House, then such practice would be a blow to its independence.

We have heard Mr. Malcolm Mackerass, Australia's psephologist (election expert) condemn the Simultaneous Elections referendum as a naked power grab by Mr. Hawke. Don't forget, supporters, that Malcolm Fraser did exactly the same thing. We well recall one political commentator, with inside knowledge of the matter, write at the time that no-one could get near Malcolm Fraser on the Monday after the defeat of his own Simultaneous Elections referendum; such was his fury. And let us remember, as well, that Mr. Andrew Peacock supported the very referendum - under Malcolm Fraser, which he condemns under Bob Hawke. So are politicians made!

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