

energies to be spent on fighting future elections must be proportional to their value.

From the beginning the Liberal Party was not only intended to be a political party but what would also become a large movement; a movement aiming at the establishment of the common society. Now, even more than in the past, more emphasis must be placed on this latter aspect of the Party's function. The effectiveness of the voice of the Liberal Party will not only lie in Parliament because parliamentary government as we know it will cease to exist when the new Senate begins its illegitimate life. The voice of the Party can become an effective one if the Party succeeds in realising its aim as the nucleus of a movement to establish the common society. This aim involves far greater efforts and responsibilities than those connected with the fighting of elections.

The efforts required will be great because many of the Party's supporters are unused to the demands of an effective organisation. Yet, the establishment of an effective organisation must be our first step; the question of how it must be done should form the subject of immediate deliberations. Failure to solve this problem could be fatal for the Party as a whole.

The responsibilities involved in establishing a large and popular liberal movement of the sort visualised will be great because the movement must be widespread. But such responsibilities are inevitable. The influence of the Liberal Party, if it comes to be the leader of the movement aiming at the establishment of the common society will be in proportion to the size of that movement. And the responsibility for keeping command of a popular organisation is indeed great, especially if that movement is largely composed of people who do not have a vote.

In summarising three points can be made:—

1. The traditional parliamentary activities of the Party must continue in spite of the fact that by these activities no change of government can be expected.

2. The Party must find means to transform itself into a widespread, yet effective organisation, which will train its members in liberal thought and which will thereby fit them to be the leaders of other potential supporters.

3. By establishing itself as the focal point of a large movement aiming at the establishment of the common society, the Party will become that voice which cannot be ignored even by the type of undemocratic government which South Africa seems fated to endure for some time.

*We believe that the two articles above should stimulate thought amongst members. Comments will be welcome.—Editor.*

## LIBERAL BALANCE SHEET

### DEBIT

1. Stephen Ramasodi, a 16-year-old scholar at St. Peter's School, Rosettenville, has been refused a passport to travel to the U.S. to take up a bursary at Kent School, Connecticut.
2. Two applications to build hotels exclusively for Coloureds at Korsten Location have been rejected by the Port Elizabeth Liquor Licensing Board.
3. The Georgia State Board of Education has offered Negro school teachers the choice of resigning from the National Association for the advancement of Coloured People by September 15, or losing their licences to teach.
4. At Ermelo the S.E. Transvaal Circle of the U.P. approved a resolution demanding the disfranchisement for five years of all Europeans convicted for the first time under the Immorality Act and their disfranchisement for life on a second conviction, or if the contravention of the Act resulted in the birth of a child.

### CREDIT

1. Busmen delegates to the biennial conference of the Transport and General Workers' Union at Blackpool reaffirms their opposition to any form of colour bar.
2. The United States Supreme Court has ordered the Federal District Court for Eastern South Carolina to begin proceedings to integrate the races in Summerton public schools. In Birmingham, Alabama, a Federal Judge has ruled that the University of Alabama cannot refuse enrolment to two Negro women because of their race.
3. A resolution appealing to all students to defend "what liberties are left to the universities before it becomes too late to do so" was recently adopted by the students' assembly of NUSAS.
4. The Rhodesian Anglo-American group recently announced an agreement whereby 24 categories of jobs, at present done by Europeans on the copperbelt, would in future be open to Africans.
5. Speaking in Beaufort West, Mr. Eric Louw said ". . . that the political division in South Africa is taking the form more and more of the Nationalist idea against the Liberalist conception — the conflict of the future will be Nationalism against Liberalism."

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