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## DEANE WELLS MP [SIC], 1983, FIRST SPEECH

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

The Premiers of Queensland and Tasmania, if such expensive and anachronistic sinecures are still held, will be of about as much interest to the twenty-first century as R2D2 to Darth Vader.

## PETER NUGENT MP, 1999, ON THE AFL GRAND FINAL

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I am delighted to bring to the attention of the House the fact that the best team won on Saturday. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful achievement of the North Melbourne Kangaroos in winning the grand final on Saturday, which I had the pleasure to attend. We were undoubtedly the best team. Carlton were not even in the game. We have demonstrated that the Kangaroos have been the best team in the AFL throughout the 1990s.

I am delighted to see that the Prime Minister has joined us, because I also have to remind the Prime Minister—with the greatest respect of course—that the Melbourne Storm won the rugby league grand final on Sunday. It was, I am sure, a great game. The Melbourne Storm are an outstanding team. In only their second year in the rugby league competition they have won the grand final. It just shows that Melbourne is the supreme city in this country for sport.

## GRAHAM EDWARDS MP, 2001, ON THE ASHES

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

Mr Speaker, given Australia's magnificent win in the ashes series concluded in the very early hours of this morning Australian time, on behalf of the Australian parliament, will you write to the Australian cricket team congratulating them on their series win and for the tremendous spirit of fair play good sportsmanship in which they played the game?

## **BRENDAN O'CONNOR MP, 2002, ON THE ASHES**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

The fact is that, as I said in my letter to them in June, despite Australia and England having played for the ashes for 120 years and despite Australia having won the last seven—now eight—Ashes series in a row, the actual trophy has never left Lord's. Even on the occasion of the Centenary Test in Melbourne in 1977 it was only seen fit to send a replica of the urn. This I believe is contrary to the spirit of the original gift made at Rupertswood, Sunbury, and is moreover contrary to the spirit of cricket itself. Even the New York Yacht Club, after its first defeat in the America's Cup, saw fit to unbolt the trophy in 1983 after 132 years and deliver it to the new winner. There has been no respect shown to the Australian cricket team and the Australian public with respect to the Ashes.

## **CRAIG EMERSON MP, 2002, ON THE SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT BILL**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

The movie Attack of the Clones, in summary, was about a war that took place involving the clones. It was a war that was referred to by Obi-Wan Kenobi all those years ago in the original Star Wars movie—Obi-Wan Kenobi told Luke Skywalker that he fought with Luke's father in the clone wars. We subsequently learn, in that first trilogy, that Luke Skywalker's father was Darth Vader. So it is fitting that we are debating this legislation today for all those fans of space activity. I am also informed that there was no definition of outer space provided in the movie last night, so it is convenient that a definition of outer space be provided in this legislation here today. That definition is '100 kilometres from the earth'. I thought people would be interested that we do know what we are talking about when we are talking about space, whether it be in relation to Attack of the Clones or the Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002.

## **ROGER PRICE MP, 2003, ON THE NRL GRAND FINAL**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I want to talk about a certain event that occurred on Sunday evening at Telstra Stadium, but I almost feel as though I need to make a personal explanation to say that I am a dyed-in-the-wool Parramatta supporter and always have been. But my electorate is in the Penrith Panthers draw area and I have to say that the majority of my electorate are wildly enthusiastic Panthers supporters. I like to think of the Panthers as my No. 2 team.

## **KIRSTEN LIVERMORE MP, 2005, ON THE ASHES SERIES**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I am sure we all have stories from our families about our fathers or grandfathers sitting there wrapped up in a blankets on a cold winter's night in front of the old radiogram listening to the broadcasts of the Ashes tours of England in the fifties and sixties. In my family there is a story of my dad falling asleep on the floor listening to the test cricket coverage in the middle of the night. I suspect there are a number of members of this chamber who have similar memories of their introduction to Ashes cricket.

## **SHAYNE NEUMANN MP, 2008, ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (REMOVAL OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION WORKPLACE RELATIONS REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL GOVERNANCE PROTOCOLS REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2008**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

Remember Lord Voldemort? Lord Voldemort was talked about by everyone. Harry was the only person who was able to say his name. Everyone talked about 'the Prince of Darkness' and 'He Who Must Not Be Named'. Work Choices is the Lord Voldemort of Australian politics now.

## **RICHARD MARLES MP, 2008, ON THE AFL GRAND FINAL**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I rise to speak of a matter which tonight and this week has been occupying much of the thoughts of those in my electorate—namely, the AFL grand final this Saturday. The significance of the Cats and footy to our community cannot be overestimated. It really matters. In my childhood, following Geelong principally taught me about defeat.

## **KEVIN RUDD MP, 2009, ON THE STATE OF ORIGIN**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I am sure all reasonable members would join with me in saying, 'Go the Maroons!' Swanny and I are backing Queensland and people like Burky, Albo, Robert, Joel, Peter, Chris and Tanya are simply mistaken.

## **EWEN JONES MP, 2012, ON THE STATE OF ORIGIN**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I rise in this chamber in the most important week we will see here in a long time. It is the week where we will see the first of three State of Origin games, which will surely result in Queensland winning the Harvey Norman trophy for a record seventh time in a row.

## **JOANNE RYAN MP, 2014, ON THE NRL AND NETBALL GRAND FINALS**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

There is much excitement about a rugby league match happening tonight, but the real state-on-state action will happen in Melbourne on Sunday. Melbourne Vixens, led by the great Bianca Chatfield, will face off against Queensland Firebirds, led by Laura Geitz, in the ANZ Championship netball grand final.

## **THERESA GAMBARO MP [SIC], 2015, ON THE NRL GRAND FINAL**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

One is that it was the first time both teams were captained by an Indigenous person. As the member for Herbert will attest, the Cowboys win was not just a win for the team but was a win for the entire North Queensland region. And what a win it was! I also want to congratulate my home team, the Broncos. They were gallant in defeat. To coach Wayne Bennett, captain Justin Hodges and all the players: well done on a fantastic effort! You did us proud.

## **SENATOR FIONA NASH, 2015, END-OF-SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I welcome two forthcoming events this December. The first is on 18 December, when the fabled Star Wars franchise obtains a re-boot through new eyes, and, of course, a week later we get to spend time with our loved ones, relatives and in-laws at Christmas. Why Star Wars? There is an immense amount of optimism with respect to the arrival of Star Wars: The Force Awakens, underlining the impact the famed original trilogy has had, transforming the way we make, market and enjoy film.

The original cast are returning, the beloved Millennium Falcon has snuck into the previews, and early sales of tickets here in Australia point to unprecedented demand. According to Event Cinemas, in late October the Star Wars: The Force Awakens first-day presales in Australia totalled 30,000 in just four hours. To put that in perspective, that is four times as many as the first day of presales for The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn and Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 2 in the same period.

I can remember being amazed at seeing Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill light up the screens in George Lucas's magnificent space opera in 1977. I do point out, Senator Smith, that I was 12, and I thought Mark Hamill was actually quite handy. C-3PO and R2-D2 started us on a journey that traversed hyperspace. The movie transcended a generation. I remember my two boys, Will and Henry, at a very young age being transfixed by their remote-controlled car.

## **BILL SHORTEN MP, 2016, ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

I have seen gloomier expressions, but I cannot think where. I was reminded of that series The Walking Dead. They look happier on that than they do in here.

## **SENATOR HELEN POLLEY, 2016, ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

**Source: Parliament of Australia**

What we do know though from the past year is that it has really been a parliament equivalent to the Game of Thrones or the Lord of the Flies—you know, the story about the little boys who tried to govern themselves but failed.



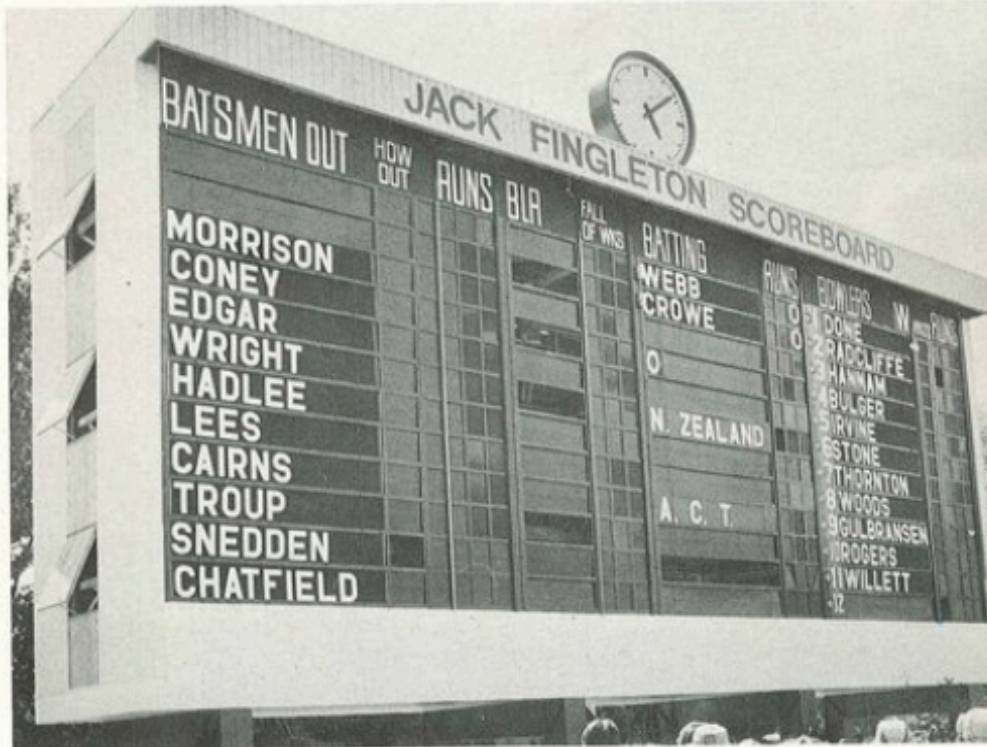
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# SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGED

Police Recommend Immediate Arrest Of Seven Leaders Of The New Guard

“Breeders Of Disaffection”

Strong Terms  
Of Report  
By The Police



Police Headquarters.

Gov't Fails  
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## Hypocrisy Of The Loyalty Cry

THE immediate arrest of seven leaders of the New Guard on charges of seditious conspiracy is recommended by the police in a special report to the “Government.”

This report has been in the hands of the “Chief Secretary,” Mr. Chaffey, since a few days after he took office, but although the “Government” has found time to initiate inquiries and commission investigations into innumerable matters with the deliberate object of poisoning the minds of the electors, it has refused to allow the police force to carry out its duty where one of the most serious charges in the crime calendar is involved.

The protestations of loyalty on the part of the “Government,” and its desire to maintain peace and order, are revealed not only as arrant humbug, but as sheer hypocrisy.

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Mr. Chaffey (Chief Secretary) last night said that a perusal of the files in his department disclosed that the late Chief Secretary (Mr. Gosling) had ignored a recommendation by the police, and had refused to prosecute a prominent northern Trades Hall official, Mr. “Bundy” Heane.

Yesterday Mr. Chaffey, according to the “Sun,” “gave a warning to all disloyalists and would-be wreckers that any police reports in connection with alleged offences would not be held up in the departments for a minute longer than was necessary.”

How can Mr. Chaffey now explain to the citizens of N.S.W. why the “Government” has failed to act on the report?

The public of the Commonwealth was amazed by the recent startling disclosures in connection with the operations of the New Guard. Not only was it clearly indicated that deliberate attempts were to have been made to kidnap the then Premier, Mr. Lang, his Ministry, public officials and other citizens, but to overthrow the Government by force and set up a dictatorship.

The carefully-prepared plans of military barracks and munition dumps throughout the State, showing the exact equipment stored at each centre, disclosed that an amazing system of espionage had been set up, and that certain officers in the Defence Department had been guilty of collusion.

Before submitting their report to the “Government,” the detectives were satisfied that a watertight case had been made out against the persons named.

The whole of the men the police recommend should be prosecuted occupied leading positions in the New Guard.

It is against such individuals as these that the “Government” refuses to act, despite the report of the police that their chief design was to breed ill-will and disaffection in the community.

—Authorized by A. J. SCOTT, Trades Hall, Sydney.

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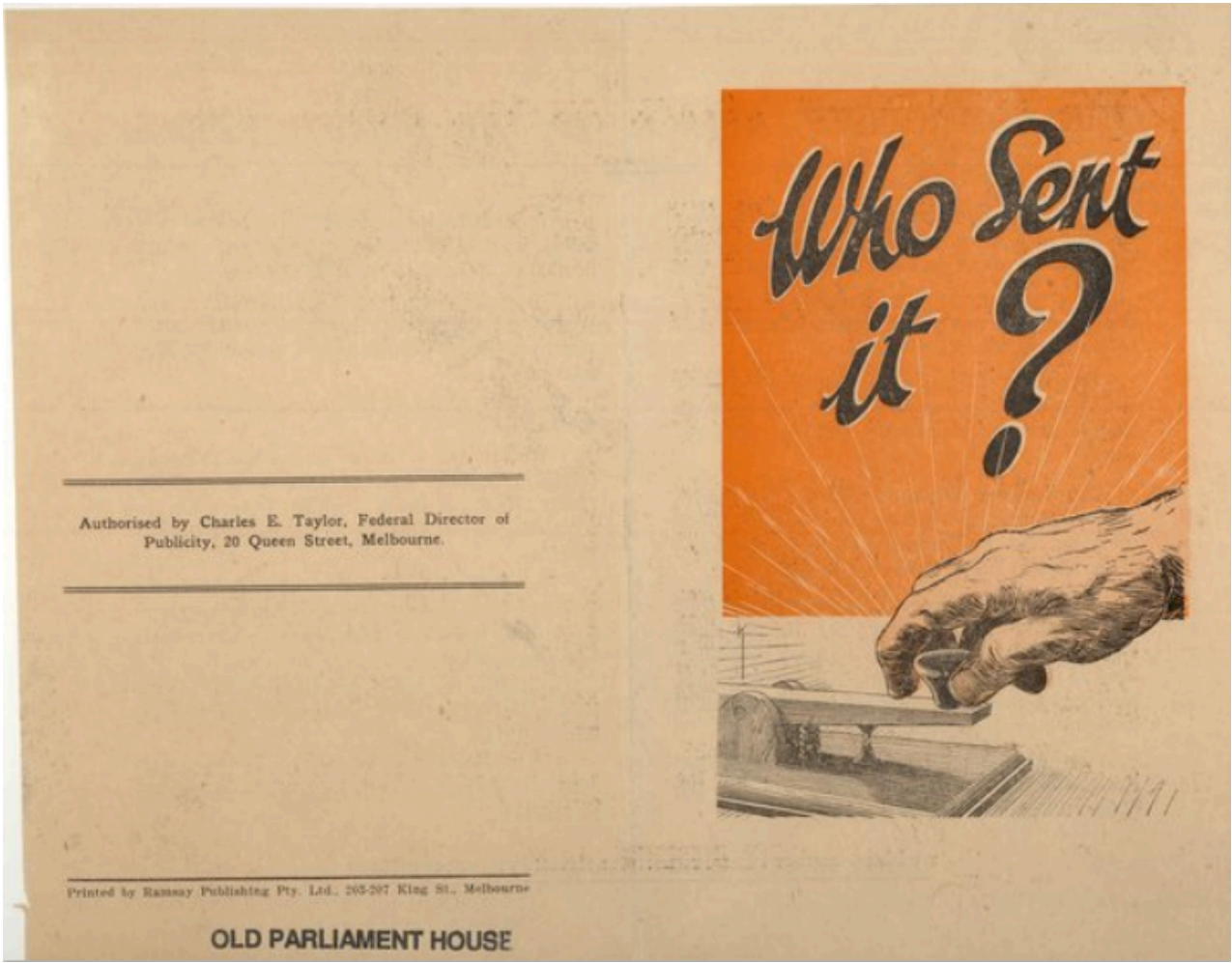
Mr. Chaffey.

### The Charge As Recommended

THE charge which the police have recommended should be immediately preferred against seven leaders of the New Guard is as follows:

“That they unlawfully, maliciously, and seditiously conspired, intended and advised to arouse and create discontent and disaffection among the loyal subjects of the King; to excite contempt of the Government and Constitution of the Realm; to excite hatred, jealousy and ill-will among different classes of people; to create discontent and disaffection among subjects serving in His Majesty’s Australian Military Forces; to bring into disrepute and to diminish confidence in the tribunals lawfully constituted for the administration of justice by means of intimidation; to procure and effect changes to be made in the Government, laws and Constitution, and with having conspired together and with others to accomplish these ends.”

In their thorough investigations into the activities of the New Guard, the detectives, it is obvious, were not influenced by political considerations in any shape or form. Their report is based upon definite evidence secured from recent raids on New Guard premises and from members of the organisation.



THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO CANBERRA: Second Pictorial Souvenir

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THE QUEEN IN HISTORIC CANBERRA SCENES



GLAZING JEWELS were worn by the Queen when she attended the State Ball on Wednesday night, on the eve of her departure from Canberra. Her tiara, earrings, necklace and bracelet were of diamonds and pearls. Her Majesty's gown of pale violet-grey lace was patterned all over with silver thread. It had a high neckline and a narrow tailored skirt.



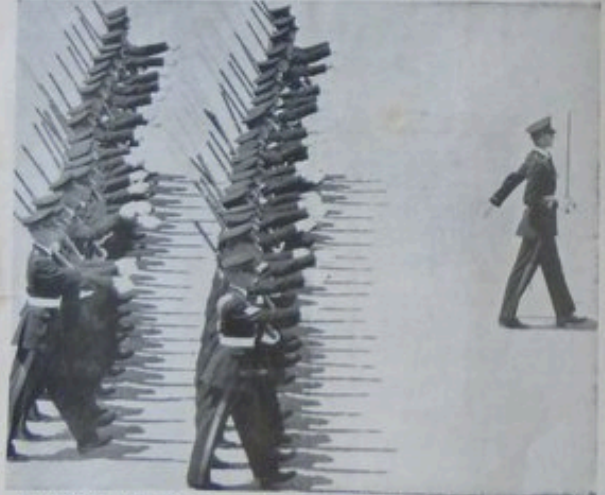
NEW COLOURS were presented to the Queen by the Corps of Staff Cadets on an impressive and most interesting occasion at the R.M. Military College, Duntroon. The colours were captured by the Champion-Seymour, the 10th (New Zealand) Infantry Battalion. The gallantry and devotion to duty of those who have gone before you are embodied in these colours. Her Majesty told the 172 cadets, "May they inspire you to emulate their high standards and to surpass them."



THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were presented by the Prime Minister, at the State Ball at Parliament House on Wednesday night. King's Hall was transformed into a ballroom decked with flowers. Many of the 1,000 guests were full uniform and orders. The ball was the most brilliant of Australian history.



THE MOST JOYOUS THING in our lives was how the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) described the Queen's visit to Australia when he proposed a toast to Her Majesty at the Royal Banquet at Parliament House on Tuesday night. At the official table were (from left) the President of the Senate (Senator McMillin), Lady Glen, the Prime Minister, the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Dame Felicia Menzies. On behalf of the Commonwealth, Mr. Menzies presented to the Queen a blue, white and gold diamond spray of wattle and Gorse blossoms.



IN REVIEW ORDER the Corps of Staff Cadets marches past Military College. Her Majesty complimented the cadets on the way of Duntroon more than 100 R.A.A.F. and Navy aircraft.



THE QUEEN, with the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prime Minister at their flower-decorated table at the Royal Banquet.



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