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Friday

**THIS
or THIS**



QUESTION 1

What is the reason for the crowded and unsatisfactory conditions existing in N.S.W. hotels?

ANSWER : The reason is this State's 6 o'clock closing law. Look at it this way—the only opportunity the average man and woman have to enjoy a drink is after work. When their work finishes at 5 o'clock or 5.30, they have just one hour or half-hour in which to have their drink. No wonder hotels are crowded! Admittedly, the legal trading hours now are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but 85% of this time is during the working day and not convenient to most people.

QUESTION 2

When and why was 6 o'clock closing introduced?

ANSWER : Six o'clock closing was introduced in 1916 as an emergency measure for the duration of the war and a period not exceeding 6 months thereafter, but it has persisted ever since. Six o'clock closing never achieved any useful end. It is a feeble attempt at partial prohibition that has afflicted the community with many of the evils of complete prohibition and none of the benefits of enlightened drinking conditions.

QUESTION 3

Exactly what are the proposed alterations to hotel trading hours?

ANSWER: The coming referendum provides for either 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, or 10 o'clock closing. When 10 o'clock is carried, hotels will close for an hour between 6.30 and 7.30, and, in any case, they will open at 10 a.m.

QUESTION 4

What are the trading hours in other States?

ANSWER: Queensland, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Victoria, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; South Australia, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.; West Australia, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Goldfields, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.); Tasmania, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (lounges, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.); Northern Territory, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

QUESTION 5

What are conditions in England and other countries?

ANSWER: In London hotels are open from 11.30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.-11 p.m. In New York the hours are 8 a.m.-2 a.m., and in San Francisco 10 a.m. to midnight. In

almost every civilised country the law allows hotel trading during dinner and at night.

QUESTION 6

Will the proposed alterations mean more or fewer hours of trading?

ANSWER : Fewer hours. Before the war normal trading hours were from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.—a total of 12 hours. When 10 o'clock closing is carried, hours will be from 10 a.m. till 6.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. till 10 p.m.—a total of 11 hours—one hour less because of the closing of bars and lounges between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

QUESTION 7

How will 10 p.m. closing affect conditions for women?

ANSWER : 10 p.m. closing will give women a right that has long been denied them—the right to enjoy a drink and the social companionship of their menfolk in decent, comfortable surroundings.

QUESTION 8

How will the referendum affect servicemen's clubs and clubs in general?

ANSWER : The new Liquor Act provides that all clubs will observe the same hours as hotels. If 6 p.m. is fixed as the closing hour for hotels and clubs at the forthcoming referendum it is reasonable to assume that the authorities will feel bound to respect the mandate of the majority of the electors and, consequently, will insist on the rigid observance by *all* Clubs, as well as by publicans, of *the whole* of the provisions of the liquor laws of the State.

QUESTION 9

Will the hours lead to the abuse of liquor?

ANSWER : Restrictions, not freedom, foster abuses. The partaking of liquor in moderation is to-day a widely accepted social custom. It should be treated as such, openly, and not driven behind closed doors.

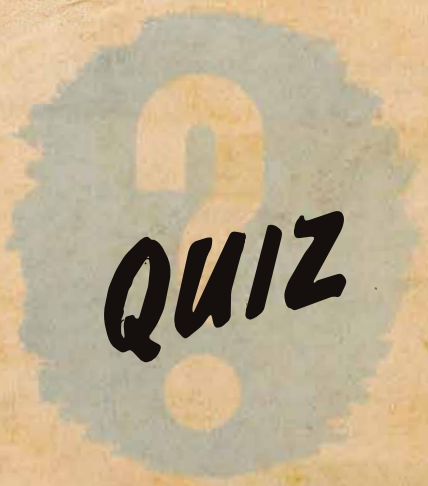
QUESTION 10

Will altered hours 10 a.m.-10 p.m. reduce the "sly-grog" trade?

ANSWER : Yes, definitely. The "sly-grog" trade that exists in this State is a direct product of 6 o'clock closing. The way to kill an illegal trade is to end its illegality . . . 10 o'clock closing will cut "sly-grog" trading to a minimum.



The choice will soon be yours . . . whether you should enjoy the better social amenities of enlightened drinking conditions or whether you should continue with the present chaotic hotel trading hours. Briefly set out here are the main questions involved in the coming referendum. Whether you have a drink or not, this matter deserves your earnest consideration, for your vote will help to decide a problem of importance to the whole community.



QUIZ

**FOR PEOPLE
WHO WANT
BETTER SOCIAL
AMENITIES**

BALLOT PAPER

LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1946

ORDER OF
PREFERENCE

CLOSING HOUR

3

Six O'clock P.M.

2

Nine O'clock P.M.

1

Ten O'clock P.M.



**VOTE 3. 2. 1. FROM THE TOP
FOR 10 O'CLOCK**

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