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WHY IS . . .

**FRANK HARDY**

*Author of*

**"POWER  
WITHOUT  
GLORY"**

He Speaks at  
New Theatre  
92 Flinders St.  
Saturday Next  
at 8 p.m.

25/11/1950



*BRANDED*

**GUILTY**

**BEFORE**

**TRIAL ?**

**WHAT DO THEY FEAR?**

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**WHY** have Messrs. Keon, Scully, T. Oldham, Barry, M.L.A.'s, and Premier McDonald **HIDDEN BEHIND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE** in a scurrilous attack on **"POWER WITHOUT GLORY"**

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**WHY ARE THESE POLITICIANS TRYING TO INFLAME AND PREJUDICE PUBLIC OPINION** against the author and his book —pending Mr. Hardy's trial?

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Who do these politicians wish to protect from such a clear exposure of **CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES?**

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● **THE PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW . . .**

**WHY ARE THESE POLITICIANS SMEARING HARDY BEFORE HIS TRIAL?**

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## WHO IS FRANK HARDY?

- An ex-serviceman of World War II, Mr. Hardy is a writer and publisher. He is in his early thirties.
- Since the war, Hardy has been building a solid reputation as a writer of high purpose and integrity. His work has received literary recognition in well-known anthologies such as "Coast to Coast," and one of his plays has been produced by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.
- Frank Hardy believes that writers must show and explain the forces at work in society. His first novel, "Power Without Glory," is the result of years of research and writing.

**PROMINENT WRITERS, TRADE UNIONISTS, PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN ARE RALLYING TO THE SUPPORT OF FRANK HARDY — AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION FOR ALL WRITERS.**

The law of criminal libel dates back to the days of the Star Chamber. It has seldom been used except for political purposes. It can involve a heavy gaol sentence. In Victoria it has not been used for over 30 years.

**WHY HAS IT BEEN RESURRECTED AGAINST FRANK HARDY?**

Is it because prominent politicians and millionaires think themselves injured by it?

The just do not fear exposure.

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# **POWER WITHOUT GLORY**



**THE BOOK THAT CAPTURED  
THE IMAGINATION OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE**

**Tells of Bribery, Corruption, Racketeering  
and Violence in Public Affairs.**



- **AIM** of the book is to throw the strong light of truth on sinister forces at work in Australian society.
- **SHOWS** the way high officials and political, sporting and other institutions are perverted by big moneyed interests and ruthless men.

**LIKE THE NOVELS OF UPTON SINCLAIR,  
LIKE THE PLAYS OF THE LATE  
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW**

**THIS BOOK STRIKES A GREAT  
BLOW IN THE PUBLIC  
INTEREST!**

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## **FLAGRANT BREACH OF BRITISH JUSTICE**

**UNDER British Law a person is INNOCENT until found guilty.**

**Mr. Frank Hardy, author of "Power Without Glory," who is being proceeded against for criminal libel, IS INNOCENT UNLESS OR UNTIL HE IS FOUND GUILTY.**

- **But under cover of parliamentary privilege . . .**

**JUSTICE IS BEING GROSSLY  
ABUSED.**



- **The following are among many comments on "Power Without Glory" made publicly by politicians and reported in the Melbourne "Age" and "Argus":**

**T. OLDHAM (Deputy Opposition leader):**

**" . . . a criminal libel."**

**PREMIER McDONALD:**

**" . . . salacious and defamatory. . ."  
—"Argus" and "Age," 9/11/50.**

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SOME COMMENTS ON . . .

## POWER WITHOUT GLORY

"THE AUSTRALASIAN POST" (Sept. 14) :  
" . . . a social document and an indictment  
. . . a rounded realism . . . the author's  
research into the course of political history  
has gone deep."

"THE BULLETIN" (Sept. 27) : " . . . one  
could not agree that Power Without Glory  
is alone in setting a new direction for the  
Australian novel; but it does, certainly,  
take its place as one of a group of novels  
which are initiating a new trend . . . warmly  
to be welcomed."

Flora Eldershaw in "MEANJIN" : "Does it  
achieve any validity as a picture of society?  
The sheer accumulation of detail, the air  
of faithfully transcribing the record of one  
corrupt transaction after another . . . the  
author's evidently sincere conviction . . .  
all to build up an atmosphere of veri-  
similitude . . . a strong sustained impres-  
sion."



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