

# 'HARLEY'S RULE MUST BE ENDED'

MR. BILL RICKARD, 50-year-old Southport businessman, has emerged this week as 'Ambassador in Harleyland' for mayoral candidate Bruce Small.

Mr. Rickard, 6 ft., 15 stone, owner of the Southport Radiator Works, yesterday announced his intention to run for alderman in the Southport ward—"and to try my damndest to get Mr. Small elected as mayor".

Referring to the comment of the Mayor (Ald. Ern Harley) that the whole length of the Gold Coast had been canvassed for someone who could possibly defeat him, Mr. Rickard said: "This is quite true. I was one of the instigators of this move.

"It should impress on Ald. Harley the determination there is at this election to end his rule as mayor.

"People want a change. They are sick to death of the eternal squabbling between Harley and the government, between Southport and Surfers Paradise.

## Bill Rickard is a big Small man at Southport

"We looked for the best man to put an end to this squabbling, a man whose proven ability fits him to direct the development of a united Gold Coast. That man is Bruce Small."

Mr. Rickard said it was apparent that Ald. Harley allowed his personal likes and prejudices to enter too much into his thinking where council matters were concerned.

### 'No politics'

"We need a man above these petty politics. Har-

ley may talk about keeping council affairs free from politics, but by his actions he shows that this is not the case.

"For instance, why did he mislead the ratepayers by saying there would be no rate rises? This, remember, was before the State election at which he was a political party candidate.

"The council has been used too long to help achieve Harley's personal political ambitions.

"I'm sure Bruce Small is the man to bring a

breath of fresh air into the council.

"We need industry here vitally if our children are to have any future in the area, and with his years of experience, Small is the man who can speak to industrialists in their own language and persuade them to come here. At the moment they are being driven away, not encouraged."

Mr. Rickard said he was delighted that Ald. Nev. Magin had decided to stand for mayor.

"If he goes through with it, he will take votes away from Harley in Southport, which suits us very well.

### 'Just foxing'

"But my own opinion is that he is just foxing. I believe he is just a front for Harley and that he won't nominate for mayor."

Mr. Rickard, father of six, has lived at Southport for 17 years. He is a former president of the Labrador State School Committee, a life member of the Southport Australian Rules Football Club and a board member of the Rotary Youth Centre.

## I'm not fooling, says Nev Magin

Mayoral candidate Ald. Nev Magin admitted yesterday: "I'm very concerned about all this talk that I'm fronting for Harley.

"I realise one of my hardest tasks is to counteract this impression. But counteract it I will in the next nine weeks.

"I am not fooling, I intend to oppose Ald. Harley and I repeat that it will be a gloves-off fight if necessary."

Ald. Magin had the opportunity to back his words with cash when, through the Bulletin, Mr. Bernie Elsey bet him \$100 he would not stand for mayor.

"He'll back out before nomination day," said Mr. Elsey. "I'm sure he's only putting up to stop anyone else standing in Southport against Harley. Before nomination day he'll decide to run again for alderman."

To this Ald. Magin replied: "I don't think it is right to accept public bets like this."

"But if Mr. Elsey is as genuine in his concern as I am in my intention, I am prepared to donate \$100 to the Southport Ambulance if I withdraw before the election.



MR. BERNIE ELSEY . . . A \$100 wager.

"And I would expect him to make a similar contribution if I do not withdraw.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to prove that I am fair dinkum.

"I intend to hammer these charges right into the ground."

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