OFFICIAL OPENING OF STATE CONGRESS

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The 1947 State Congress marks another milestone in the history of the League. It was noteworthy that there was a large proportion of younger men from World War II amongst the delegates. It would have been reasonable to suppose that changes in the League policy might have been advocated and alterations made in the attitude of the League generally towards public questions. Such, however, was not the case. An outstanding feature of the voting on the many and varied questions on the agenda was the caution with which Congress as a whole approached those matters which contained in them any suggestion of radical changes. In the basic principles there was a very definite decision on the part of Congress that the old landmarks should be preserved. Delegates were very careful to ensure that there would be no change in the general policy of the League, merely for the sake of change, and that none of the old ideas or decisions should be displaced unless there were good and substantial grounds to believe that those principles and ideals were being replaced by something more constructive, more useful and effective than the old order.

This Congress has differed from previous Congresses. The younger men had the opportunity of exerting a stronger influence on the mind of Congress than heretofore. Last year these younger men were very new to League affairs, and, through inexperience, they were not ready, if such had been their desire, to alter the old-established order of League affairs. This year they had the opportunity of introducing, had they seen fit, new ideas for remoulding the League and adjusting it to the changing conditions which time brings with the younger generation. This was not so.

Generally speaking, and despite the large influx of younger members from World War II, there were no radical changes sought in the League's set-up, nor was there any indication that the League, as a League, was found to be out of step with younger ideas. This it seems may be taken as a tribute to the sure and solid foundations on which the structure of the League is founded.

The R.S.L. has sought to serve the best interests not only of its members, the returned servicemen, but also of the community as a whole. Had it been otherwise, it would not have grown and developed into the substantial, effective organisation which it is today. The League has stood the test of time and it has won for itself a place in the public respect and
Greetings From The Newly Elected State President
(Mr. W. J. HUNT)

I desire to take this opportunity to greet readers of The Listening Post and, through the journal, to convey to all members of the League a message of goodwill. I would express my thanks to those who elected me as State President—a position of great honour and responsibility. I can only promise that my earnest endeavour will always be to foster and safeguard the best interests of the R.S.L. in every respect, and at all times. I will strive during my tenure of office to prove to you that your confidence in me has not been misplaced.

Mr. W. J. Hunt, M.B.E.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

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estee second to none. Had the League not been well founded and had its policies not been carefully set and its plans sincerely and effectively laid, then surely it must have languished and ultimately lost favour. But instead we see the League growing from strength to strength, filling a place in the public life of the community which, so long as its present policies, aims and ideals persist, will continue to occupy an honoured place in our community.

The League has been noted for the justness and reasonableness of its demands. It does not seek by mere force of numbers to become a pressure group to secure benefits to which its members are not entitled.

Congress was an indication that the younger men in the League and the elder men had a common purpose and a common ideal. Congress was cautious in that there was not apparent any burning desire on behalf of the delegates to alter the status quo. We live in times where we perceive a wiser of change. Old-established orders are replaced by new ideas, new experiments are being made to discover remedies for the ills which afflict the community today; but Congress was careful in that it did not seek to replace the old with something new simply because it was new.

It is a comforting thought that there were these dispositions on the part of Congress that the League was to be allowed to continue along the way it had originally planned without any introduction of revolutionary changes. It speaks well for the judgment of the newer members that they recognised and appreciated the thought that there was to be no sacrifice of the substance for the shadow.

Progress cannot always be measured merely by the amount of change introduced.

TOBRUK AND GALLIPOLI PILGRIMAGE

The Federal President of the R.S.L. (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) said he was pleased at indications that Federal Cabinet would approve of a party of ex-service men attending the unveiling of the Tobruk Memorial on January 26 next year.

At its next meeting, Cabinet is expected to approve of a delegation of one representative each from the R.S.L. and the Rats of Tobruk Association, two from the Battlefields Memorials Committee and one Government nominee.

None is better fitted to lead the delegation and perform the unveiling than Sir Leslie Morshead, former G.O.C. 9th Division, and a Gallipoli veteran.

Mr. Millhouse said the League felt certain Cabinet would also approve of the delegation visiting Gallipoli after the Tobruk ceremony.

"It is not generally known that there are approximately 5,000 graves in the seventeen war cemeteries on Gallipoli, the largest of which are at the Landing, Suvla Bay, Cape Helles, Lone Pine and Brown's Dip. There has been no official visit to any of them since 1924," said Mr. Millhouse.

"Anticipating that this pilgrimage will take place, the R.S.L. representative will be a man who served both at Gallipoli and Tobruk and there is a wide field of distinguished soldiers from which to make the selection," he added.

BUILD SHOPS WITH DWELLINGS UNDER W.S.H. SCHEME

To serve the dual purpose of housing and rehabilitating ex-service personnel, Federal Executive, at its meeting in Melbourne last month, decided to ask the Federal Government to amend the Act to permit shops with dwellings attached being built under the War Service Homes Scheme.

The Executive also expressed the view that buyers of War Service Homes should not be charged architect, survey, and valuation fees and other general costs before taking over the residence. The Government will be asked to bear these expenses.
1947 STATE CONGRESS

Congress was officially opened by His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, on Tuesday evening in the presence of the State Premier, Mr. Ross McLarty, the heads of the Services and representatives from kindred organisations and other Government departments connected with the general work of the League. Congress opened for business on Wednesday morning and sat for three days, finishing at 6 p.m. on Friday, 3rd October. Preparatory to the official opening of Congress the Land Committee met, as in previous years, and dealt specially with all items on the Agenda appertaining to land matters as they affected returned servicemen.

LAND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE


Chairman: Mr. W. J. Hunt.

Chairman’s Report—This was presented by Mr. Hunt and traversed the dealings of the Land Committee with the authorities over the year; the many disappointments the committee had experienced and the progress made in respect to the scheme and in connection with Rural Leases and Allowances.

The Chairman’s Report was adopted on the resolution of Messrs. Yeates and Armstrong.

Items 15 and 4—Referring again to Agenda Committee’s report, resolved that these be dealt with separately.

Item 18—Mr. Potts (Cooloola) proposed, Mr. Sykes (Kondinin) seconded.

Discussion was adjourned to enable the Minister for Lands, the Hon. Lindsay Thorn, to address the delegates.

The Minister made a long statement and quoted figures in support of what had been done to launch the scheme in W.A. and expressed very great disappointment on the part of the State Government that more progress had not been made. The Minister intimated that certain alterations were contemplated in an endeavour to speed up the actual statement of approved applicants.

Questions—The Minister answered a great number of questions, all bearing on different phases of the scheme.

A vote of thanks was moved and carried with acclamation on the resolutions of Messrs. Brown (Yandamooka) and Ferguson-Stewart (Kulin).

At 1.10 p.m. the conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congress resumed at 2.10 p.m.

The Secretary made announcements in respect of—

(a) Flags available to country sub-branches.

(b) A recent appointment and the Minister’s reply in respect to positions of Field Supervisors in W.S.L.S.

(c) Reply from the Prime Minister’s Department that the control in the distribution of crawler and wheel tractors would continue after December 31, 1947.

Attention was given to the Agenda Committee’s report in respect of items 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17; and discussions continued up till the tea adjournment at 3.50 p.m.

After the tea adjournment it was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Sykes, that “Items 16 and 17 be considered and therefore the resolution would be Item 16, with the following addition—

“It is contended that to avoid the dual control, the present W.S.L.S., while being finalised by the Commonwealth Government, should be entirely administered by the State.”

The passage of this resolution discharged all the other items under this heading.

Item 2—Moved “That a select Parliamentary committee of enquiry be formed with powers of a Royal Commission to enquire into the failure of bringing into effect a proposed War Service Land Scheme in both Federal and State spheres.”

The passage of this item discharged items 1 and 3.

Items 6 and 9—Carried.

Items 10 and 25—Withdrawn.

Item 18—Carried.

Item 21—Lost.

Further amendments moved by Watt (Cooloola), seconded Pearson (Nannup) and carried.

Amendment reading: “That this Conference forward the compulsory resumption of land for Soldier Settlement purposes which is retained for speculative purposes and instructs the Land Committee to go to the authorities and make overtures to the Government in conformity with Congress desires.”

Items 23 and 24—Carried.

At 5 p.m. proceedings were adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1947

Conference resumed proceedings at 9.30 a.m., when the Chairman asked all delegates to stand.

The minutes of the previous day’s proceedings were confirmed.

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Congress re-assembled at 10 a.m. with all delegates standing in memory of Fallen Comrades.

The State President read a letter from the State Housing Commission and the State Secretary made announcements regarding various invitations—these being: Press Sub-Branch luncheon at the Y.M.C.A.; pilgrimage to the State War Memorial by the R.S.L. Band on Sunday, October 5; Fremantle Sub-Branch monster golfing carnival on Sunday, October 5; Civic Reception in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, October 2, at noon.

Item 76—Withdrawn.
Item 77—Lost.
The Secretary answered the Railway Workshop Branch question, under the heading of “Construction,” as follows:

The question was submitted to Federal Congress and passed, but when submitted to the Minister was not accepted. All war pensions are regarded as income and therefore no man who is in receipt of a war pension in excess of the amount of Social Service benefits cannot receive both.

Item 72—Carried with the following amendment:

That it be a recommendation to the incoming State Executive that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report back to the 1948 Congress the desirability or otherwise of amending the Constitution in the light of the matter contained in Item 72, Congress Agenda, 1947.

Items 66—Lost.
Items 70 and 71—Lost.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
Mr. Brandy, Returning Officer, scrutinized Messrs. McNamara, Paton, Bennett, Ryan and Pearson.

The Returning Officer announced the result of the ballot and Mr. W. J. Hunt was declared State President.

Items 72—Lost.

Item 74—Carried.

Item 75—Lost.
Congress adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

MINUTES OF AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 1, 1947
Items 78 and 79—Carried.

The Returning Officer announced the result of further ballots for Vice-Presidents as follows:

Mr. T. Sian, Senior Vice-President; Mr. F. J. Dears, Junior Vice-President; Mr. A. W. Peters (Kojonup); Mr. B. C. Chambers (Waroona).

A motion was put forward as follows:

That legal advice be sought concerning the desirability of Annual Election of Trustee’s Carried.

Item 80—Lost.

Item 81—Withdrawn.

Item 82—Carried.

Items 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104 and 105 were withdrawn from the Agenda, to be referred to Federal Executive.

Item 96—Withdrawn.
The Returning Officer made some further announcements for the positions of Country Vice-Presidents as follows:

State: Mr. J. A. Brown (Yandaroon); Southern: Mr. A. Ball (Harvey); Central: Mr. G. J. Parkes (Calodine); Northern: Mr. A. W. Sweet (Wyuna).

He also announced the incoming War dred for the State War Memorial as being Mr. A. V. Hunt (Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association).

Item 100—That this Congress approves of the closest possible co-operation with all legitimate organisations of ex-servicemen and women, but does not approve of over-ruling Council.

Congress was adjourned at 5 p.m.

EVENING PROCEEDINGS—SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 1, 1947
Congress resumed at 7.45 p.m.
Items 116 and 117—Carried.
Items 118, 119, 120—Lost.
Item 121—Carried.
Item 122—Lost.
Item 123—Carried and with the deletion of all words after “items Committee.”

Amendment—Carried.

“Congress considers it desirable that district committees sit and consolidate items submitted by sub-branches comprising that district committee before reaching the State Agenda Committee, and a sub-branch not being satisfied with the district committee ruling may still submit their items to the State Executive.”

Items 124—Lost.
Item 125—Carried.
Item 126—Carried.
Item 127—Carried.
Item 128—Carried.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THIRD DAY, OCTOBER 2, 1947
Congress re-assembled at 9.30 a.m. with all delegates standing in memory of fallen comrades.

Minutes—The minutes were adopted with the following amendments:

Item 90—Should read “lost” not “carried.”
Item 77—Should read “Mov’d Douglas not signed.”

Item 78—Should read “lost” not “carried.”
Item 79—Lost.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3, 1947

Congress resumed at 9.30 a.m. and it was moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous day be confirmed.

Mr. Anderson then presented the Cricket Shield to the Captain of the Maylands team, Mr. Mick Farrell, and the Pennant was presented to the M. Hawthorn-Wort Leaderdale in the absence of the captain of that team.

Announcements were made regarding football and trotting tickets, which were available on Mr. Mitchell as the Secretary.

Election of Auditor and Director, R.S.L. Trading Co.—Moved and seconded that Col. Mitchell be appointed Auditor. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. H. H. Irlbery be appointed as Director of the R.S.L. Trading Company. Carried.

Defence—Moved and seconded that the first portion of the report be approved as printed. Carried.

Items 281 and 282—Moved and carried with the word "take" instead of "place" in the second line. Carried.

Items 280 and 283—Carried.

Items 284—Carried.

Items 285 and 286—Carried.

Items 287—Carried.

Items 288—Carried.

Items 289 and 290—Carried.

Items 291—Carried.

Items 292—Carried.

Items 293—Carried.

Items 294—Carried.

Items 295—Carried.

Items 296—Carried.

Items 297—Carried.

Items 298—Carried.

Item 299—Carried.

Item 300—Carried.

Items 301—Carried.

Item 302—Carried.

Item 303—Carried.

Item 14—Brought up in the order of business.

Items 264, 266—Carried.

Item 267—Carried.

Item 268—Carried.

Item 269—Carried.

Item 270—Carried.

Item 271—Carried.

Item 272—Carried.

Item 273—Carried.

Item 274—Carried.

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Item 267—Carried.

Item 268—Carried.

Item 269—Carried.

Item 270—Carried.

Item 271—Carried.

Item 272—Carried.

Item 273—Carried.

Item 274—Carried.
Item 272-Moved and carried with the following amendment:

The motion was amended to read: "The Congress urges both the State and Federal Governments to take action to review and improve all wartime and post-war appointments and promotions." Carried.

Item 273-Moved and carried by adding in the third line "Vaccination shall be advertised for and such." Report on Women's Auxiliary Items:

Mrs. M. McKinlay submitted the report of the Women's Auxiliary Items, some of which were adjourned until the next Congress. The motion was carried.

Balloons of Officers and Returning Officers:

Item 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321-Carried.

Item 333-Lost.

Items 325, 326 and 327-Carried.

Item 338-Lost.

Items 339 and 340-Carried.

Item 332-Lost.

Items 333 and 334-Carried.

Item 335-Lost.

Items 336, 337, 338 and 339-Carried.

Item 340-Quiet.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 18-Carried.

Notice of Motion 14-Refer to State Executive.

Notice of Motion 15-Order of the day.

Notice of Motion 16-Laid.

Notice of Motion 20, 23 and 24-Carried.

Notice of Motion 26 and 29-Refer to State Executive.

Notice of Motion 31, 32, 33 and 35-Carried.

Notice of Motion 36 and 37-Lost.

AGENDA COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT

Col. Olden, on behalf of Congress, extended thanks for the following: His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor; the Premier, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson; President and Committee of W.A. Football League; the Premier; the Returned Officer (Mr. P. B. Bandey); and Scrutineers. Mrs. Groves had her colleagues, the Women's Auxiliary for refreshments; Edmund, Arthur Lee, for deputation to delegates; the Club and House Committees were thanked for their help; the State President for his excellent manner in handling the business of Congress; Commissions were thanked; Mr. Brown for his work; and Mr. Brown for his excellent work and to all delegates for their wholehearted co-operation.

Mr. Hunt moved a resolution as follows: "That this Congress extending the League in W.A. place on record by resolution the congratulations of Mr. J. M. W. Anderson for his valuable services rendered to the League since its foundation, for over a period of 23 years. His devotion to the cause of the ex-servicemen merits the highest praise and Congress accordingly desires to place this on record." Carried.

He was supported by Mr. Bevan and Mr. Stuckbury. Mr. Benson responded and extended thanks to all delegates, the State President, the Women's Auxiliary, Club, House and League staff for their wholehearted co-operation during his term of office. He then extended congratulations to Mr. F. Chappell, the State Secretary.

Congress concluded at 6 p.m., with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE PERSONAL SIDE OF CONGRESS

The 31st Annual Congress was marked by certain outstanding features, of some of which I will endeavour to give an account. On the personal side it marked the close of 33 years as State President by Mr. J. W. Anderson, who has served the League faithfully and well and whom it is my honour to succeed as State President. Another major change was the retirement of the State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, who had served the League as State Secretary for a period of 23 years. A tribute was paid to Mr. Benson for his valuable services over such a long period. These tributes were made particularly by His Excellency, Sir James Mitchell, and the State Premier, who paid tribute to Mr. Benson's work as Chief Executive Officer of the League. Mr. John Chappell replaces Mr. Benson as State Secretary and he has now taken over the control of the League administration, and we wish him well in his onerous duties. Mr. Chappell takes over after a period of nearly three years as Assistant State Secretary of the League. Mr. Tom Sten was re-elected as Senior Vice-President, and Mr. E. O. Davies as Junior Vice-President. The Trustees remain as last year, namely, Messrs. Mansbridge, Leslie and Craig. The elections for State Executive were very keenly contested—there were 18 elected from 63 nominations. The new members appearing on the Executive for the first time are: Messrs. Douglas (Perth), Chaney (Mr. Lawley), Dr. Greenham (Midland Junction). Mr. Benson, the retiring State Secretary, was also elected to the State Executive. Mr. M. E. Zeffert, who retired last year for health reasons, was nominated this year and elected. Out of the 18, seven saw service in the Second World War, and another five saw service in both wars.

REBATES WANTED

At its meeting in Melbourne last month, Federal Executive decided to ask the Federal Government to repeal the legislation responsible for debiting the estate of a deceased prisoner of war with the amounts paid since his death. The Executive will ask that all allotments repaid under this regulation be refunded.
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STATE WAR MEMORIAL

Report to R.S.L. Congress for the Year 1946-47 by the Warden, Lieut.-Colonel Athol J. Hobbs

Gentlemen,

I have to report having taken over the duties of Warden, State War Memorial, at 11 a.m., November 11, 1946.

On Anzac Day a large assembly paid tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in both World Wars and a large number of wreaths were laid by service associations and by many relatives of the fallen.

A wreath-laying ceremony was also performed on Anzac Day by the Lodge of Remembrance.

On other occasions during the year wreaths were laid by many services and other organisations and prominent visitors, which included the following:


Both Field Marshal Lord Montgomery and the American Ambassador expressed their admiration of the War Memorial and its setting, and the Field Marshal showed a keen interest in and appreciation of the plans for the proposed War Memorial Extension, which received his full approval.

It was also noticeable that during the year many wreaths were laid by relatives of the fallen.

During the year, little seepage has occurred and the previous repairs seem to have been effective, however, further maintenance works will be a constant factor to be considered and money must be set aside for this purpose.

I would particularly like to state my very great appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Hunt and his Scouts carried out their duties as sub-warriors. The Scouts maintained their usual all-night vigilance on the Memorial prior to the Anzac Day Dawn Service and during Anzac Day, and I offer my congratulations to Mr. Hunt on his appointment as Warden for the ensuing year—an honour which he richly deserves.

Although I have stated my keen admiration for the manner in which the Boy Scouts have carried out their duties, I would strongly recommend to the State Executive that consideration should be given to reverting to the old order and that the privilege of carrying out these duties should also be shared by the various sub-branches of the R.S.L.

I would also strongly recommend that whenever possible a bugler should be present at wreath-laying ceremonies, which would greatly add to the impressiveness of the service and also that greater publicity should be given to such occasions.

My thanks are also due to Captain Watson, Assistant State Warden for the advice and help he has accorded me in carrying out my duties, and also to Mr. W. A. Saw, who, as Chairman of the King's Park Board, still maintains a keen interest in the State War Memorial.

Finally, I desire to thank the Returned Servicemen's League for having granted me the honour and privilege of being Warden of the State War Memorial for the year 1946-47.

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His Last Address

(Continued from September Issue of 'The Listening Post')

The Purposes of the League can be collected and set out under four headings:

1. To perpetuate comradeship; set a proper standard of dignity and honour amongst those who have served; guard the good name, and PRESERVE THE INTERESTS of Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen.

2. To provide for the sick and wounded and their dependents, the dependants of the fallen, the needy and the unemployed; including adequate pensions, medical attention, and homes.

3. To inculcate loyalty to Australia and the Empire; set an example of public spirit, induce, members to serve Australia AS CITIZENS with the same faithfulness as they did as sailors, soldiers and airmen, and to maintain an association non-sectarian and non-partisan in relation to party politics; and

4. To affiliate with any other body having similar objects.

In brief detail I shall deal with the matters set out under each of those headings:

1. Comradeship

There is a deal of sentiment attached to this, but is there anyone alive who has not enjoyed it? Difference in politics, religion and station in life did not strain its quality. It was bred in us when we were thrown together for training. It developed under such conditions as existed on Gallipoli, in the trenches on the Western Front, in the Jordan Valley, in the Libyan Desert, in Greece, Crete and the islands to the north of Australia; during the watches and actions at sea in ships, and with the perilous operations in the air, where, in the last war, the casualties were so severe.

We who have benefited by it, are called upon to give IN RETURN, such of our time, ability and means as, we can spare, to deal with the task assigned us in the passing of the torch.

UNITED we can secure greater results. Together, with our other obligations, it justifies—this comradeship, the retention of an organisation (such as we might have) with its not inexpensive administration, its accumulated funds, and its properties.

In attempting to attain our ends, we encounter difficulties from within and without our ranks. We have also to cater for the shiftless and the foolish. Our good name has to be protected; it is worth something to us.

The perpetuation of the friendly spirit is of especial value in the rural and outback areas of this immense State. THERE, in those localities, do not exist the amenities and services of a city. In such circumstances mutual aid is of paramount importance. Mutual aid, combined with mutual respect, gives an immense impulse to the life and uplift of any community.

In the city and larger towns, where our numbers are considerable, we are also expected to maintain clubs and libraries for the use of those who may lack the valued comfort of a home life. This is not the easiest task.

Powers of reasoning are not given to all. Years ago we set up a library in Perth. Within no time most of the books had disappeared. No attempt to replace them has been made.

2. Provision for Others

The welfare of the sick, wounded and needy first came prominently under review by the patients of No. 8 General Hospital, Fremantle, in 1915. This country was then new to war. It had no precedents in legislation to guide it. Its proposals for the care of the widows and orphans were inadequate.

The men who had returned early from the war banded together. They were the nucleus of this League. They made representations to an understanding Minister—the late Senator E. D. Millen.

The net results over the passing of years has been a structure of legislation and administration of a liberal character, almost unequalled in the Empire. It parts it is generous, but it is by no means perfect. The 1939-45 War has brought fresh problems; economic changes have created new difficulties. The position of widows and children is calling for improvement. The laws governing re-establishment after service are not operating to our entire satisfaction.

Our representations on these points have not received that consideration that is their due. Continued and in-
creasing pressure is needed in order to secure the desired and justifiable improvements. The advocacy of preference in employment is not a mere whim. It is based on a harsh experience and will persist as long as Australia depends on voluntary service for its defence.

The matter of the provision of homes is one that I need not elaborate. You understand the difficulties of the times. To meet them, the League is exerting all its influence—not without hopes. You will be pleased, I know, to be reminded that during recent years the W.A. Branch has raised over £40,000 to implement, when conditions improve, its ideas for the comfortable housing of the aged and infirm of our members. The opportunity is a great one and I trust that we shall not fail to meet it.

3—Public Service

Here much could be said, but I have to limit myself.

Loyalty means public service. Because we exhibited it the League came into existence. Only by continuing to render it shall we gain our ends.

Given adequate direction and leadership I look upon our organisation, combined with the churches and some other elements, as a great stabilising influence in the nation.

I remember the attitude of the men of the A.I.F. during the period of acute unrest after the war of 1914-18. I can recall what this Branch did to assist in tiding over the depression period in the early thirties.

Both efforts were helpful to a troubled nation.

I remember, too, that after our first two objectives seemed to have been gained, the League waned and, indeed, might have been extinguished but for this Branch. I have never been convinced that it was not intended that we should close up. There were people who did not like us.

However, our members were urged to bestir themselves, to get into things that were going on around them; to take part in community efforts, in local government, and to aspire to Parliament—if they had the bent and opportunity.

We were not bothered about the political party or church they might belong to. Already they had been proved in the public policy of the League—a policy to which no member of the three great parties could take exception. It is a policy of ten points. Here it is:—

1. The integrity of the Empire.
2. A White Australia.
3. An adequate Defence Force.
4. A vigorous immigration system, with necessary safeguards to ensure suitable migrants being obtained.
5. Unification of railway gauges.
7. Systematic immigration of industries.
8. Reafforestation.
10. Trade within our Empire.

I am glad to say that the urgings had some effect. Combined in our purposes we were able to do great work. The prestige of the League rose, its strength grew, its power to achieve its main purposes increased, its charges in need of aid benefited greatly. The annual State congress and the elected State Executive became truly democratic. Members of

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Parliament and the clergy, of different politics and creeds, and ex-servicemen of all ranks (except Admiral and Field-Marshal), worked together enthusiastically and effectively for the common good.

And so, when the great crisis came in 1939, not only were thousands of our members back in the forces but the League itself produced the Volunteer Defence Corps. Its existence gave some confidence to the people.

And now the veterans of 1939-45 are coming in. They more than double us in numbers—men and women—and are chips off the old blocks. They bring with them a magnificent record of courage, endurance and victories. With youthful energy their contribution in effort will be of the utmost value. Indeed, I suppose that most of you here today are potential reliefs for those of us who may have prepared the way. My task is to illustrate the past in order to prepare the way for the future.

At recent State elections a fresh draft of ex-servicemen secured posts as legislators. Eight-tenths of the new Ministry have been trained in service and teamwork. It has been a long, uphill pull but we have got there. I hope they do well by the country. If they fail we shall change the guard and demobilise the unit—no matter the colour of its facings.

I mention these things in order to indicate what can be done and because this sub-branch may be rich in talent.

Don't misunderstand my political references. With such purposes as we have in view, it is only by political action that we have gained anything at all. It is only by political action—by the formation and force of public opinion—that we will continue to progress against, what promises to be, the greater difficulties of the immediate future. Therein is our strength. But we must keep free of party or sectarian entanglements. To depart from that principle would be fatal to us as an organisation of public repute.

I come now to the last of the four headings.

4—To be United

I have never looked upon the League as providing merely a rostrum for the purpose of allowing us to say what we did in great wars. The maintenance of this organisation for such a purpose could never be justified. Unit associations, such as were mentioned at our last meeting, are a prop to the League. Quite rightly they keep alive recollections of great deeds of arms, honour their distinguished members and, once a year, on Anzac Day, pay homage to the memory of the greatest of all. The epic stories of our Navy, Army and Air Force in war must be kept alive.

The League has a deeper purpose. To gain it we need to be closely united with all those bodies with objectives similar to ours. The British Legion is an example that confronts us. It suits our present circumstances. When it was formed H.M. the King sent it this message:

"If this movement can give new life to those noble British ideals you fought so gallantly, and so successfully to save, you will deserve in even fuller measure the gratitude of your own and succeeding generations."

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GOOD SPORTS ALL

The Mr. Hawthorn Sub-Branch team which won the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield for 1947.
Internationally and socially, the world is in a condition of unrest. Its economic structure has been knocked sideways. The League itself has suffered during the past few years. It has lost ground but gained in membership. It seems to have veered from its set course. Its leadership and direction in the federal sphere need strength and encouragement.

We can do a great deal to help to restore and stabilise the position if we pull together.

I regard the League as a great institution composed of Australia’s best and most virile citizens. It is well worth preserving.

With all the fresh young men and women now entering it, nothing in the national interests should be beyond attainment. The smaller things will come with the greater. An observance of that spirit of comradeship will be proof of our honesty and sincerity.

My plea is for the strengthening of the League and for its members to take a larger share in the public life of this State. It is not possible to bring this about without effort. Again I feel justified in quoting Winston Churchill—

“Weariness, complacency or discord, or squabbles over petty matters, will mar our prospects. We must all drive ourselves to the utmost limit of our strength. We must preserve and refine our sense of proportion. We must strive to combine the virtues of wisdom and daring. We must move forward together united and inexorable.”

Now, and in your honour, I would like to finish on this note:

Over 2,000 years ago a wise old Greek, Thucydides, said—

“This Empire was made by men who knew their duty, and had the courage to do it.”

FOOD FROM AUSTRALIA FOR BRITAIN

The Federal Executive of the Returned Servicemen’s League has decided to urge the Commonwealth Government to use its influence with the Imperial authorities to prevent food from Australia for Britain being sent to ex-enemy countries.

The Federal President of the League (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.), who returned recently from England, said that from what he saw on his trip it was imperative for the British people to be given an improved diet and, until this was possible, no food from Australia, at any rate, should be diverted to occupied Europe.

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State War Memorial Appeal

Primarily a Sub-Branch Responsibility

By the time this issue goes to press your sub-branch Secretary will have received the circular letter, appeal sheets and the advice of the target allotted to your sub-branch.

It may be advisable here to give a few pointers on this target and a few suggestions may not come amiss.

A central receiving depot in a popular place of business with a suitable card and an appeal sheet in each sub-branch area will undoubtedly prove of great assistance.

In no case has a sub-branch been asked to raise more than 20/- per head of members.

It is not expected that each member contribute the 20/-, but it is suggested that each member of the League put in, say, 2/6 and then collect the same amount from seven non-returned neighbours.

It is the memorial for every man and woman who enlisted from Western Australia and we, as returned men, must make a definite, personal effort to have this State Memorial to our own Glorious Dead—our cobbers—established.

Perhaps you may not know that we still have 2,000 names to be included from the 1914-18 War. These have died and their deaths have been accepted as due to war service.

The recent State Congress enthusiastically endorsed the effort and every sub-branch delegate guaranteed the support of every member of his sub-branch to raise the quota allotted to it. Any monies paid direct to the Appeal Committee will be credited to the quota of the district from where the donation comes. If you are not clear on any point or need any help, drop a line to Clarice Fairley, c/o Anzac House, Perth. He has been appointed the State Organiser and will be only too pleased to give any assistance possible.

The best way to get the job done by the public is to demonstrate in a practical way that you are individually prepared to help yourself and then the public will back you up.

THE LISTENING POST

October, 1947

BUSINESS "GOODWILL" To the Editor,

Your August issue's article on "Goodwill" on small mixed businesses is quite a good one (but, in my opinion, does not give enough warning of other snares in buying a business, so, writing as one who has a good deal of experience in buying myself, a word to the unwaried should not come amiss.

Firstly, goodwill is very much overrated these days, but on present-day value any business doing £75 per week gross, with possibilities of the district increasing in population, should be worth no more than £270 to £300 goodwill.

Secondly, now, we take the plant and fixtures of a business—this, in my opinion, is where the bigger catch is.

1. The Refrigerator: It is mostly a pre-war product and cost round about £300 and is at least eight to ten years old, and, unless it has been well serviced, must need a complete overhaul before long. And the seller calmly asks £175 to £250 for it. Now calm thinking on the buyer's part will convince him that £125 to £150 is a fair price for it.

2. Scales are another thing which are very hard to value and, unless stamped by the Weights and Measures Department, are a trap for the newcomer.

3. Glass cases for show purposes are over-valued—due to the shortage of glass, they say—and needs care in pricing.

4. Now about stocks on the shelves and in the storeroom. The usual procedure when buying a business is to get an independent valuator—which means the buyer and seller agree to get a man to price all the stock and his word is final. Now, this valuator is usually a traveller from one of the big wholesale firms and does the job during the weekend. Most valuators have the same rate of charges, namely so much per every £100 worth of stock, but, as far as I know, they all refuse to value plant and fixtures (including refrigerators), so for your own protection you must get a separate valuator for these things.

It would be a great thing for ex-servicemen if our Executive would form an advisory committee for the express purpose of helping Diggers, in which they surely would derive great benefits and, I, for one, would gladly give my services.

Yours, etc.,
No. 2642 (16th Bn.)

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
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CENTRAL WARD

MR. STAN O'BRIEN seeks re-election as Councillor for Central Ward at the request of prominent citizens and rate-payers.

He was Councillor for six years in this seat (1934-1940) resigning to go overseas. The present holder is Cr. R. H. Stone, retires at the forthcoming election.

During his term of office, Stan O'Brien was Chairman of the Transport Committee, Acting Chairman of Endowment and Lands Committee, member of Works and Health, Electricity and Gas Committees, Patron of the W.A. Car and of the A.N.A. Sharpie Sailing Clubs, Life member of the A.N.A. Aquatic Club, Vice-President W.A. Rowing Association and the Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association.

The facts show an ardent desire to serve the community and, if re-elected to the Central Ward, Stan O'Brien will bring experience, ability and drive to Council affairs.

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Re-establishment
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The Re-Establishment Committee of the League has concluded a very strenuous year of its activities. It was formed towards the close of hostilities when the need for special attention to ex-servicemen's re-establishment and rehabilitation problems became evident.

Previously, the ex-servicemen's problems had been handled by a Repatriation Committee, which also included Pensions. The work grew, however, to such an extent that it was necessary to form a separate Re-establishment Committee, because of the number and the diversity of the problems which were brought to the League by ex-servicemen on their demobilisation.

Facilities and Guidance

Facilities thus afforded by the League have been generally greatly appreciated, and it was felt such a committee would be a valuable medium for ex-servicemen to have their problems discussed and investigated and, as a result, advice and guidance could be given. The sub-committee has met regularly every week, as this was found necessary due to the large number of cases which had to be handled and the vast amount of correspondence which was involved. As time went on, the preference problems increased and several major matters under this heading have been handled, some with success, but others, unfortunately, otherwise.

The committee was one of the strong committees in the League and was comprised of members of the executive who could contribute professional and vocational experience for the guidance of the committee in its work:

- The work of the committee can be broadly divided into two sections: The questions relating to the policy as defined by the Re-establishment and Employment Act on the one hand, and also the matters of the individual cases which called for investigation and adjustment.

Relations with Departments

There were numerous occasions to call for the advice and assistance of Public Service officers and the various Government departments affecting the interest of individual ex-servicemen. It must be acknowledged that our relations with the Government departments have been of a most co-operative, helpful and harmonious nature. There is evident a desire on the part of the majority of the departments to give a liberal interpretation to the Act, and any other ways to assist as much as possible in the re-establishment of the ex-serviceman and the solving of his many problems. The League feels, however, that in the other field of its activities, so far as policy matters were concerned, no great success has been achieved.

Preference Battle

Many representations have been made to Ministers concerning what we consider are anomalies in the Act or lack of adequate provision and protection to the ex-serviceman, but without very much success. The Preference issue has always been a prominent and troublesome issue. The provisions of the Act in this regard have remained unaltered despite numerous endeavours to have preference converted from a problematical benefit to an undeniable right. Every inch of the way in our preference fight has had to be bitterly fought, but it appears to be an uphill battle. The Act on its first reading would appear to be generous to a degree, but the implementation of the Act has given a different story. All this time the period of preference is gradually dwindling. It has a life of seven years only from the commencement of the Act. Although, perhaps, the gains on the preference issue have not been very great, nevertheless it can be claimed that we have succeeded in making the League opinion felt and the League's voice has been heard. We have apparently called for sympathetic consideration of the Federal Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt) who, on having had what we consider a glaring case of preference breaches placed before him, invited us to keep him well informed on alleged breaches for his consideration.

Varied Nature of Cases

The experiences of the Re-establishment Committee of the League have not all been by any means of a negative nature. They have covered a very wide field of cases concerned with rationing, petrol supplies, reinstatement rights of employees, and the setting-up of ex-servicemen in small businesses. The League reflects with some considerable satisfaction on the fact that, very largely through its efforts, the Mandurah Fishermen were assisted to form themselves into a co-operative organisation which has now led to the formation of a £50,000 company. One aspect of this venture has been the employment of over 80 ex-servicemen as distributors, and quite apart from the vast improvement on the old methods of marketing and the opening up of prospects of a very successful venture. All of those who benefited will be ex-servicemen.

Silver Linings

It will be seen, therefore, that the League does have its bright spots in what would otherwise be a rather dis-
no plan picture. There is a great deal of satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that numerable individual cases have been assisted. It might only have been, for instance, the obtaining of a priority for a passage on a boat or train, which without League assistance would not have been obtainable. We are assured that ex-servicemen generally have appreciated the value of the scheme before it is too late.

The League is there ready to stand by them in their difficulties and to assist them in their problems and most likely have their problems solved.

The knowledge of the fact that the League is there ready to stand by them in their difficulties has proved a very valuable morale builder, and whilst it is not the desire of the League to unduly boast, nevertheless its officers and members derive great satisfaction from the feeling that the League is such a functioning and that its services are appreciated by those who avail themselves of its facilities.

LISTENERS' LICENCE FEES

Servite Pensioners on Same Basis as Old Age Pensioners

The R.S.L. made representations to the Minister for Repatriation, who replied as follows:

"I desire to refer to Resolution No. 81 of the 31st Annual Congress of your League, submitted under cover of your letter of the 19th November, 1946.

This is a matter for the Postmaster-General and does not come under the jurisdiction of my Department. However, it is understood that, in accordance with Section 98 of the Australian Broadcasting Act, as amended in 1946, broadcast listeners' licences may now be granted at half the ordinary fee to any person who is in receipt of a service pension payable under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act on the same terms as apply to invalid, old-age and widow pensioners. This concession is restricted to pensioners who live alone or with another pensioner, or with another person or persons, if the income of each such person does not exceed the maximum amount of income and pension allowed under the Social Services Consolidation Act or Section 87 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, as the case may be."

League Determined To Arrest Drift in Training Scheme

No question is causing the League more concern at the present time than the undisputed drift in the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. In all States there is irrefutable evidence that it has broken down violently; but the Federal Executive is making a determined effort to save the scheme before it is too late.

Accordingly, R.S.L. representatives on regional committees were asked recently to submit reports and recommendations to the Executive dealing with the following aspects:

The non-absorption of 40 per cent. of trainees, the absorption capacity of industries affected by training, the method of placing trainees, the reason for delay in placements, the effect on the amount of income and pension payable under the scheme before it is too late.

The Executive also dealt with numerous other re-establishment problems and these are just some of the representations it was decided to make to the Federal Government:

- That the grant of £10 for tools of trade is inadequate and should be increased to £20.
- That the League press for fair representation of returned personnel on Government and semi-Government boards and commissions when appointments and re-appointments are being made.
- That all ex-service employees of the Commonwealth with twelve months or more service in temporary jobs, be placed on the permanent staff.
- That a high priority for fencing material be given to all ex-service farmers.
- That the clauses of the Preference Act, to provide that any employer may be compelled to employ a specified proportion of disabled servicemen, be brought into effect.
- That a priority to purchase Disposal Commission goods on behalf of ex-service personnel be introduced, such goods to be available for purchase prior to auction and in sufficiently small quantities to suit individual buyers.
- That preference to ex-service personnel for mail contracts be increased from five per cent. to ten per cent.
Seen at Congress

Messrs. A. Maddisen (Yarloop), E. Ricketts (Waroona), P. Brier (Nulsen), A. M. Bice (Public Service), (??), and S. Mundy (West Leederville).

Messrs. P. Bolton, F. C. Chaney, Corl Ferguson (Mt. Lawley) and E. Badham (Kalgoorlie).

From Bunbury: Messrs. A. Reid, A. Wyndham, L. Clarke and Sam Lowth.

Albany Delegates: Messrs. Alex Craigie (The Duke of Albany) and Jim Whittem (Marquis of Torbay).

Messrs. Rossussen and Allen (Brookton) and Pearson (Milling).
'England's spirit will never be broken'

... says the Federal President (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) on his return from the British Empire Service League Conference in London.

Back from his trip to London where, with Mr. Horrie Strutt, of Tasmania, he so ably represented Australia at the recent British Empire Service League Conference, the Federal President (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) has one vivid impression:

This country of ours, Australia, by comparison with most other parts of a troubled world, is a paradise, even if there aren't any governments or taxes in paradise!

However, Mr. Millhouse is full of admiration for the Homeland, and he pays England and our courageous kinsfolk this tribute:

"The spirit of England and her people is never broken and sometime, somehow, she will emerge from her present difficulties the same glorious, powerful England she was before being compelled to lead the fight for freedom and democracy for a second time in 30-odd years."

Here are his own impressions of an eventful trip.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read a comprehensive report of the great B.E.S.L. Conference, but before trying to give you a picture of the other side of my tour, I would like to make these observations of the conference itself.

Looking round the table, it was brought home to me very forcibly what a great and far-flung Empire ours really is. Delegates came from all the Dominions and also such parts as Nyasaland, Burma, Mauritius, Trinidad, Nigeria, the Gold Coast, British Guiana, Newfoundland and Ceylon. It was a memorable sight, made all the more impressive by the feeling of comradship that became very-apparent from the very first time we met each other.

Our deliberations were conducted in a manner which dispelled any ideas that there is any cracking in the loy-
ally and unity of the great British Commonwealth.

I will refer to two subjects of importance to Australia. The first was our resolution requesting that countries owning aerodromes, vital roads, railways and other permanent assets built by the forced labour of Allied prisoners of war while in the Japanese hands be directed to pay for that labour and that such payment be distributed among the survivors and the dependants of the many thousands who died in the course of such work.

In England, the matter of compensation for prisoners of war did not appear to be of such great interest as it is in Australia, and it would seem that a far greater number of our men were subjected to starvation and inhuman treatment and misery than the troops of other parts. These matters were pointed out and the resolution was passed.

I am confident that the British Government will take the matter up. The second question concerns the arrangement made whereby service personnel from any one part of the Empire will be assisted and made welcome if they go to any other part of it.

Living for some weeks in London and visiting other parts of England, one had an opportunity of seeing conditions as they exist there today. There was a gloomy feeling. There appeared to be sufficient food, but it becomes unbelievably monotonous.

The rich and the poor suffer alike in this way. The only difference between a meal at the Ritz or the Savoy and what the Diggers used to call the Cafe de Pavement, is the price. Red meat is practically unprocureable and there is a great shortage of fats, oils, butter, eggs and sugar. In London there appeared to be plenty of salad, but one gets tired of eating boiled fish—even kippers, which were once favourites of mine.

I am not interested in party politics, and in all the circumstances the present Government of England may be doing a good job. Nevertheless, it is a gloomy Government and the people feel that if Mr. Churchill could inspire and give hope in the darkest days of the war, Mr. Attlee and his Government should be able, in time of peace, to promise something more than further restrictions and a further tightening of the belt.

However, the English spirit is never broken, and, in spite of everything, sometime, somehow, conditions will improve.

The dollar position was a matter of constant discussion. I saw it summed up in a cartoon by Langdon of a customer sitting in a barber's chair and saying, "Yes, I want a haircut, shave and shampoo and a long, dreary discussion of the dollar crisis, please."

Training Centres

During our time in England we visited many places catering for ex-service men and women. Two of the most interesting were:

The training centre in St. Dunstan's at Ovingdean, near Brighton. Here war-blinded men and women are trained in various arts and crafts, but more particularly are trained to develop a way of life that will enable them to regain happiness. Sir Ian Fraser, himself blinded, is head of St. Dunstan's. He is a very wonderful man and Lady Fraser is a very wonderful woman.

The other place of great interest was the Churchill Home in Kent. This huge country home was presented to the British Legion as a convalescent home for sick and disabled ex-service personnel. During our visit Mrs. Churchill was present. The gift made by her and her husband is a magnificent one.

During the Conference delegates were entertained by various bodies and persons in London and undoubtedly the highlight was a reception by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace. Every delegate was impressed with the charm and naturalness of His Majesty the King and, of course, the Queen, and the fact that both showed an amazing knowledge of most parts of the Empire.

I chatted with them both for some time and was literally bombarded with questions about the places their Majesties visited in this country in 1927. Both have undisguised affection for their subjects in Australia and should not be in the least surprised if we are honoured by a royal visit sooner than many people expect.

After the B.E.S.L Conference Mr. Strutt and myself visited the Continent, but were unable to enter Germany. However, of the countries we visited, Switzerland was easily the most prosperous. The others are definitely in a bad way.

Hardly a bridge is standing and there are other indications that the boys of the Air force were rarely off the target. Italy would be a source of wonder to the womenfolk for the reason that nylon stockings are so easy to obtain, at what we would consider a very reasonable price.

But, wonderful as the trip proved to be, no sight was more welcome to me than Darwin, where I was welcomed by the local members of the League, a gesture I greatly appreciate.

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The British Council was established in 1934. Although wholly financed by the United Kingdom taxpayer, it is an independent corporation under its Royal Charter. The Council's purpose is to interpret Britain to other countries in its broadly-cultural aspects.

British Council scholarships are normally for one academic year. They may be held at universities or other suitable institutions in the United Kingdom. The value of a full British Council Scholarship is about £350 sterling, together with return fare.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Registrars of the Universities, or from the offices of the British Council at Canberra, A.C.T.; 489 Bourke Street, Melbourne; and 104 Hunter Street, Sydney.

The completed applications of academic candidates should be addressed to the Registrar of the University from which they graduated, and those of non-academic candidates to the Representative of the British Council, Canberra, A.C.T. The closing date for completed applications is October 31, 1947.
Australia’s Voice at British Empire Service League Conference

Appreciation of the need for complete unity among Empire ex-service men is strikingly illustrated in the official minutes of the recent British Empire Service League Conference held in London. From the discussions undoubtedly emerged a grim determination that this unity will become an accomplished fact aimed not only at ensuring a just and lasting world peace, but that never again will people, loving and prepared to fight for freedom, be handicapped by the same hopeless unpreparedness as they were in 1939.

As became an institution representing the whole of the British Commonwealth’s organised ex-service personnel, Conference was concerned mainly with defending and endeavouring to secure additional rights for those who fought in two world wars, but, before the deliberations were completed, the B.E.S.L.’s much wider interests and its influence as a stabilising factor in the Empire’s life became very much apparent.

And it is pleasing to note that at this historic Parliament of Empire ex-fighting men, the voice of the R.S.L. was heard clearly on a number of highly important matters through Australia’s delegates, Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C. (Federal President) and Brigadier H.W. Strutt (Tasmania). It is a tribute to both our representatives that they won ready support from their colleagues of other countries.

Lack of space will not permit a detailed report of all the deliberations of Conference, but we record the resolutions submitted by the R.S.L. and others which will have a far-reaching effect on all Empire ex-service personnel. From Australia’s viewpoint the most important matter raised was our plea for all former prisoners of the Japanese to be compensated for work done while they were held by the enemy.

The full text of the resolution, carried unanimously, was: “That representations be made to the Imperial Government that countries owning aerodromes, vital roads, railways and other permanent assets built by the forced labour of prisoners, be directed to pay for same and that such payments be distributed among the survivors and dependants of the many thousands who died in the course of such work.”

It will be remembered that the R.S.L. sponsored this request many months ago and, following a refusal by the Federal Government to take up the fight, decided to make an Empire issue of the matter.

Mr. Millhouse told Conference that after the fall of Singapore 20,000 Australians, to say nothing of thousands of other Empire troops, fell into the hands of the Japanese and were subjected to starvation and inhuman treatment and unbelievable misery over a period of years. Australia was firm in its belief that the productive works carried out by the slavery of P.O.W. must be paid for by those countries which have benefited.

Replying to Lord Cromwell (England), a prisoner of the Germans for three and a half years, Mr. Millhouse explained that men held by the Japs were in a different position from those elsewhere. As far as Australian P.O.W. were concerned, those who survived the horrors of their incarceration returned to their country skin and bones and hundreds were suffering blindness. Australia, he added, felt bitterly in regard to this matter submitted to Conference as the question was held to be in a particular category. (Since his return the Federal President said he was confident the request would be considered sympathetically by the Imperial Government.)

Reciprocity

Australia successfully moved that efforts be made to secure inter-Empire reciprocity in regard to all matters affecting the repatriation and re-establishment of Empire service personnel and that the cost of such be debited against the country of their enlistment.

Mr. Millhouse pointed out that the resolution referred to the benefits of the 1939-45 War only and did not include social benefits.

Speaking for Australia, he said a warm welcome awaited Empire ex-service men as ‘new settlers and the R.S.L. would do everything in its power to assist them. It was probable that only a comparatively few Australians would migrate to other parts of the Empire, but the principle Conference should fight for was reciprocity.

Arguments over any economic difficulties were overcome by the proviso that rehabilitation costs should be debited against the country of the ex-soldier’s enlistment. The Chairman (Lt.-General Sir John Brown) told delegates that, as an illustration, if an English serviceman went, say, to South Africa, the cost of his rehabilitation was to be borne by England.

Migration

Conference dealt at length with the problem of migration and decided: “That, having regard to the very real dangers which exist by reason of the fact that great areas within the Empire are as yet sparsely settled, while other parts of the world are over-populated.
and yet being conscious of the difficulties and dangers of unrestricted immigration, it is of the opinion that the entire question should be intensively studied.

"Accordingly, it is urged upon Governments principally concerned the necessity for setting up a body of inquiry to investigate the question of distribution of population and endeavour to evolve a scheme which will benefit not only our individual countries but the British Commonwealth as a whole, and particularly to ensure that any movement of population from the United Kingdom is directed to sparsely populated territories in the Empire."

One interesting point in the debate was the opinion of Colonel C. Macleod (Scotland) that emigrants should be carefully selected and, if necessary, be given preliminary training before starting a career in another country.

Conference carried unanimously a resolution by Mr. Strutt that, in determining immigration policy, provision should be made for British fishermen to take up a similar calling in Australia, thus ensuring a better Empire background to this important industry.

Mr. Strutt said the intention was to obtain experienced fishermen to replace the Italians and other types of Europeans in whose hands the fishing industry mostly was at present.

World Peace and Empire Defence

Keen interest was displayed by all delegates during a lengthy discussion on world peace and Empire defence, with which was closely linked suggestions for liaison with other allied ex-service organisations.

Dealing with the latter, Conference expressed the view that one of the main factors in securing a lasting peace is the maintenance of close co-operation and goodwill among the English-speaking people, and it was decided that the Empire Council should discuss the possibilities of forming an association of constituent members of the B.E.S.L. and the American Legion.

Previously, South Africa had pressed for a world-wide Allied Nations ex-service association, keeping in mind the ultimate possible transformation of such a body into an international association similar to F.I.D.A.C., which became defunct after the outbreak of war in 1939.

However, the resolution was amended and became the motion after speakers had declared that more harm than good could result from any form of Allied ex-servicemen's organisation, mainly because the B.E.S.L. might become involved in party politics of foreign nations which regarded such organisations as pawns to be used in political moves.

"Many of the men who came back from the 1939 war had the strong urge to put the world right," said Mr. D. G. Ross (South Africa). "Unfortunately, as various organisations came into being this urge has taken the form of a desire to enter politics and the ideology of many originated in countries whose methods are foreign to the system of Parliamentary Government."

The Chairman (Sir John Brown) said he could not imagine what an ex-service organisation consisting of all nations—ultimately aliens and enemies as well—would achieve. He thought that the B.E.S.L. should first try to obtain much closer co-operation with the American Legion and main-
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taining friendly contact with organisations in various countries. Much as he would like the conference to make a great gesture, which the rest of the world would follow, he was afraid it would be aiming at the moon and simply falling down a coal-pit.

Australia then successfully moved that the B.E.S.L. should maintain contact with ex-servicemen's organisations in Allied countries with the object of assisting to stabilise the future peace of the world.

Conference, having regard to the conditions prevailing in the world today, expressed its views on world peace and Empire defence thus:

1. That, while the United Nations Organisation is striving to develop a world organisation to settle disputes and prevent wars, it is obvious that great difficulties are being encountered.

2. That it is still impossible to assume that war would never again be reported to as an instrument of policy and that, therefore, a state of mental, moral and physical preparedness remains an essential condition of survival.

3. That it would be fatal to permit our respective countries to fall into the complacent pacifist state of unpreparedness for active hostilities, which so endangered the democracies after the termination of World War I.

4. That Member Organisations should study current events and support or press for any steps that are being or should be taken in their respective countries to provide adequate defence measures and that they also initiate action to ensure public awareness of this need.

5. That by every means open to them, the Member Organisations of the B.E.S.L. should work for unity of purpose and co-ordination of action among Commonwealth countries and the United States of America, and, indeed, all countries holding with us a common conception of freedom, justice and the democratic brotherhood of man.

Delegates were unanimous that an adequate Empire defence plan was the best means of assuring international peace, but it was sincerely hoped that the preparations made would never have to be put to use.

**Campaign Medals**

Following a cabled request from the Federal Executive of the R.S.L., Mr. Millhouse informed Conference of the refusal of the Australian Government to inscribe campaign stars and medals of the 1939 War with the number, rank, name and unit of recipient, as was done in 1918, on the grounds that a similar decision had been reached by the Imperial Government.

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The request has been forwarded to the Government.

A recent Commonwealth Government Gazette announced that the Government of the French Republic had conferred on WX326, Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie Ernest Le Souef, O.B.E., E.D., the Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française.
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Maddeford just could not get going, Taylor winning the championship, with Maddeford runner-up.

G. Davies (Cottesloe) won the Break Trophy with a 67.

The snooker championship was followed with no less enthusiasm. The final game was played between S. Taylor (Mt. Hawthorn) and O. Brindal (Mt. Lawley).

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BULLSBROOK
A smoke social was held in the Bullbrook Hall on 27th ultimo. Among the visitors present were members of other sub-branches, who were engaged on Pearce aerodromes. Over 40 were in attendance and all completed on what a good night it was. Sub-branches remember Bullbrook Sports Day, November 15, 1947.

CALINGIRRI
Monthly meeting held at Balcatta on 27th, with the President, Mr. W. Campbell, presiding over a good attendance. The Chairman expressed regret at the death of Frederick Shearn, an old member of the sub-branch and also an old identity of the district. Mr. Shearn was a 1914-18 war veteran. Mr. McGill represented the R.S.L. at his funeral. In respect to questions put to the Chairman by a member, as to why members of other sub-branches could not vote on policy matters, the Chairman gave his views and reasons why this was not advisable. The meeting also went into the matter of the Annual Congress Agenda and gave the required instructions to the appointed delegate. Mr. D. Fordham reviewed the wool position and stated that he did not favour the accumulation of surplus funds being placed to consolidated revenue in stabilization wool matters. He said this should be placed in a special account and distributed, as required, to farmers.

CANNING DISTRICTS
There was only a moderate attendance at the meeting on September 28, at which Mr. Eric Treasure presided. The sub-branch is actively engaged at the moment in raising funds for the hall building fund and the committee will be running a stall at the Canning Show on November 1. The following members have been ill at hospitals during the last few weeks, but are all well on the mend now: Tierney, Basell and Williams. Mr. Gordon Day was unfortunate enough to break his leg and so has been laid up at his home for a considerable time. The Sons of Soldiers' sub-branch continues to progress, even though we have not been successful in the matter for the Galley Shield. A branch of the Daughters of Soldiers' League has now been formed. Recently, the Canning Sons of Soldiers' League played a football match against Maylands and were successful in defeating them.

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fished at the top of the list. We congratulate  
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the best in the inter-zone "day.

Members are reminded that poppies will be available  
at the next monthly meeting and are asked to  
make a special effort to come along and  
collect these \"penny\". The sub-branch hopes  
to break all previous records in this sale of  
poppies. A sub-committee representative of  
all members and the younger set  
has been appointed to organise sales this  
year. The next social event will be the  
"Dancing with the Judges\" competition,  
which will be held at Mr. Smith's home on  
November 19. It will be run on similar lines to  
last year and an outstanding evening can  
be promised.

DEBRUE

Monthly meeting held 24th with a fair  
attendance. A welcome was extended to  
the President, Mr. North, who had been absent  
because of a lengthy illness. State  
Conferences Agenda items were discussed and Mr.  
Briggs was appointed the delegate for this  
sub-branch. The local road board made a  
presentation for the funds that had been  
in the site for 50 years during the  
1989-45 War and this sub-branch was  
recently awarded the idea, but thought  
that the permission of the next-door inn  
should be obtained. After discussion in regard  
to the proposed new War Memorial, it was  
decided to hold a public meeting on  
November 24, on the sub-branch. Considering  
that the matter was not entirely on R.S.L.  
affairs, the sub-branch was extended  
the thought of the women's auxiliary for another  
sub-branch donation towards the building fund.  
Mr. North, in his presidium report, Mr. North  
helped to comment and 
the result of a forum they had held.  
The dinner was a success and continued after supper, which had been served  
by the auxiliary. Next meeting is to be a  
smoke social.

GLEN FOREST-DARLINGTON

The October meeting held at Darlington resulted in the attendance of 42 members.

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October, 1947

Several faces were missed and I think more  
Darlington members could have been present  
considering the meeting was held on their  
door-step. Thanks were expressed to Mr.  
Dick Hama, who only returned on Congress,  
and to Dick Field, who helped so much with  
his squashed-box to make our recent social  
event a success. A challenge for the  
men's auxiliary for a light evening was  
accepted and that will take place at Mr. Field's  
Forest on October 22. Whether they will be  
good player or not in either bowel, darts,  
queue, or table tennis, turn up and put up  
their hearts against this formidable band.  
Next meeting at Glen Forest, November 10.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The attendances at meetings are not up to  
expectation. We would like to see more  
men present. The next meeting November  
20 will be the night for taking nominations  
for sub-branch offices for the ensuing year.  
Any member who can help on Poppy Day  
should contact the President or Secretary.  
The Children's Christmas Lee will be held  
on December 10, at Perth Town Hall, for all  
sub-branch members' children. In the  
grand final of the A.R.M.S. Competition  
Mr. Hawthorn proved too good, winning by  
4 to 6 after an enjoyable evening.

KATANNING

The September meeting of the Katanning  
Sub-Branch was held at the Katanning  
Racecourse, with Mr. W. N. Mathews  
undertaking over a 4-year period at  
the expense of 4000 members. In  
giving the presidium report, Mr. Mathews  
stated that the sub-branch at present had  
260 financial members and, at the time of  
meeting, there was no ex-service man  
employed or in hospital. Mr. W. N.  
Mathews was appointed a sub-committee  
member of Mr. J. W. Old, who will now  
be the sub-committee. The finance committee  
will again be running its "surprise packet"  
and will be held at the Katanning Show  
and the meeting discussed the matter of  
running the booth on a regular  
basis for the Agricultural Society.  
Mr. Mathews stated that the sub-branch  
would again play social matches this year  
and a committee, consisting of Messrs. A.  
Stowe, R. Robinson, G. Shevlin, A. Leslie  
and J. Barker, were appointed to make the  
arrangements.

KORDININ

An appeal went out for Kordinim with only  
11 names, but the sub-branch now has  
been increased to 20 members, similar  
to those in existing war cemeteries.  
There were 260 members at the sub-branch  
and 200 members at the Katanning side.  
The sub-branch has been very successful  
as a result of the hard work of a few  
members and the good work of the members  
who have been elected for life. An appeal  
was made for more members, and the  
sub-branch has increased by 150 members.  
Next meeting will be held on October 22.

KOJONUP

Kojonup decided to remain in No. 4 D.C.  
instead of joining the new D.C., which was  
formed by the Northern sub-branch.  
The President thanked the Social Committee  
and the ladies for their work in making  
the D.C. a success. It was also  
announced that the sub-branch was operating  
under the lost of an ex-service man. The  
meeting adjourned with the next meeting  
being held on November 6/6, at the Katanning  
Racecourse, with Mr. W. N. Mathews as  
President. He advised that the sub-branch  
would again run social events this year  
and that a committee, consisting of Messrs. A.  
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Good attendances have marked the meetings and a lot of business has been dealt with during the past two months. Mrs. Paterson, who has been a member for the past six years, has decided to step down to give the best of her time to the work of the sub-branch. Our delegates are to attend the meetings of the State Council and will assist in giving the State a good report when they attend. Mrs. Haygarth is in the best of health and carrying out her duties as Chairman of the State Committee with characteristic energy, and the sub-branch wishes to congratulate her on the efficient way in which she has discharged her duties. The sub-branch wishes to express its appreciation of her good work and the best of luck in the future.

A combined R.S.L. team will be leaving Perth on February 13 for a 14-day trip to Adelaide where a game will be played against the South Australian R.S.L. The members comprising the team are: G. Fiddick (N.C.O.), G. Moroney (Midland), M. Farrell (Mildura), J. Grigg (Mt. Hawthorn), E. Cooley (Mt. Hawthorn), A. Stockin (Mt. Hawthorn), C. Sadler (Swanbourne), G. Eulger (West Leederville), T. Marston (West Leederville), C. Fairly (West Leederville), G. Rosewarne (Mt. Hawthorn), C. McDonnell (Perth), D. Callanan (Perth), A. Dick (Bedford Park), M. Bunting (North Perth), A. Cook (Perth) manager.

MATCHES are played every Sunday at Wellington Square, commencing at 2 p.m. Members are urged to dispose of the raffle tickets in the bedroom suit as soon as possible.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Recent meetings have shown an improved attendance and the membership committee reports that the number of financial members has increased by over one-third during the past two months. Fred Chyan has been elected to the re-election of the State Executive. Members must congratulate our new member, Geo. Hill, for the hard work that he has put in. The sub-branch was able to win the Archibald Riley Shield and the sub-branch was able to win the best games captains for the part they played in the S.S.L. in winning the Collier Shield. Dances are still held at Anzac House on a Monday night, also the ladies' auxiliary is hard at work on the 19th and 20th, so make a note in your diary and don't forget Mr. Hawthorn's motto: "Wear the Badge."

SWANBOURNE

Our October meeting drew only a moderate attendance, but a good deal of business was transacted. The work in hand at present is the preparation of our annual bugaloo, to be held on Friday, November 26. A host of attractions, such as motor cycling, croquet, polo, and a State dance made the evening a memorable one. A games night was held, at which the attendance was excellent. An important motion was passed that the sub-branch will support the study of the sub-branch, Mr. Latham spoke in his usual apt way, and considered granite memorials and material. The minutes were signed on the back of the home. After two minutes silence, Mr. Venn sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille." Members then put on a delightful program, and the afternoon tea to all present. On Saturday, the 27th, the annual Military Ball was held, which was a great success, the hall being decorated with wheat and corn with an oriental setting. Supper was then served by four "Gyps," who were Messrs. Darrett, Huns, Smith and Beeton. The ball ended at 2:15 a.m., and everyone expressed their appreciation at the wonderful night they had had.

WENWORTH-WEMBLEY-FLOREAT PARK

We are pleased to report that our membership is increasing and anticipate this will soon bring us back to the 1946 figure. One of our members, Mr. McCulloch, is in Ward 18 at the Royal Perth Hospital undergoing repairs and we all wish him the speediest recovery. Our members are invited to escort their wives or girl friends, or what you will to an evening at the Wembley Hotel on November 13, 1947. We hope to indulge in competitive games, quiz contests, and music. Our annual reunion is to be held on Saturday, November 21.

Women's Auxiliaries 20th Annual Conference Held at Anzac House, September, 23-25 1947

The 26th Annual Conference was officially opened on Sunday, October 6, by Mr. Miller, President of the R.S.L., and Mr. Black (President of the women's auxiliary). The conference was well conducted and there was a good deal of business transacted. The officers for the year were elected as follows:

SECRETARY
R. Shillit (Deputy-Commissioner, War Loans)

MR. M. Fowler (Chairman, Bruce Rock Power and Light Co.)

M. Bunting (North Perth)

A. Cook (Perth) manager.

MARCHING OFFICER
Mr. Beaton, in the opening address, made a very suitable speech for the occasion, and said that international understanding must exist and it was up to each individual to endeavour to foster that spirit. He then cut the cake to unveil the plaque, which was unveiled after two minutes silence. Mr. Venn sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille." Members then put on a delightful program, and the afternoon tea to all present. On Saturday, the 27th, the annual Military Ball was held, which was a great success, the hall being decorated with wheat and corn with an oriental setting. Supper was then served by four "Gyps," who were Messrs. Darrett, Huns, Smith and Beeton. The ball ended at 2:15 a.m., and everyone expressed their appreciation at the wonderful night they had had.

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Mrs. Black (President of the women's auxiliary) spoke of the interest of the work of the women's auxiliaries through the years of peace and war and outlined all phases of hospital work and the work of the auxiliaries in the case of ex-servicemen and the dependants of all the auxiliaries, which now number 120. Visitors included Messrs. T. Smith (Vice-President of the R.S.L.), and who also deputis for Prof. Ross and Col. Mansfield, Sister Clifton (Return Army Nurses), C. Toller (D.C. Repatriation), Mr. Fitzpatrick (Soldiers' Scholarship), Mr. Collins (Australia Legion), Mr. Riggs (Emeritus) and Mr. Clear (F.W.A.S. Lady McDonald (Lesseps), M. Bunting (Bedford Park), C. Toller (D.C. Repatriation).}

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Women's Auxiliaries Activities

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES ACTIVITIES
COTTESLOE

At the annual meeting, the following officers were elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. A. Taylor; Vice-President, Mrs. D. F. H.; Treasurer, Miss F. M.; Secretary, Miss. J. M. W.; Librarian, Miss. N. D.; Auditor, Mrs. E. A. Ireland. Our ladies held a monthly bridge meeting in the Lowther Hotel, Lower King Street, and have proved a great success and next meeting will be on October 9th. Our Secretary-Miss. N. D.-visits Sunset each month and Hollywood Hospital when required by the State Executive.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE-MEN

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VICTORIA PARK

The auxiliary celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 25 with a party in the R.S.L. Hall, Beaufort Street. Approximately 150 attended. Representatives from the Annual State Conference and members of all metropolitan auxiliaries and their husbands. Hon. Mrs. Griffiths, President, read the address of congratulation to Mrs. Summell of a Certificate of Service by the State President. W. R. Read, then proceeded to thank the members of the Auxiliary for the cordial way in which all honours, congratulations to the winners of the darts and quoits teams were given. Hon. Mrs. Griffiths and members of the Auxiliary are reminded that our sale of work will take place on Thursday, November 13, both afternoon and evening.

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