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UNIVERSAL TRAINING

The recent Congress re-affirmed the League's approval of the principle of Universal Compulsory Military Training. This, despite statements to the contrary by the Minister for Defence.

Artemus Ward once wrote:

Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just—
And four times he who gets his fist in fist.

Now, none of us want war, and the man who has already served is the last man to seek any more fighting. But peace, in times such as these, is unlikely to be gained by the nation which is weak. To be prepared is half the victory.

Certain folk would tell us that if we arm we are looking for war. Does then one look for an outbreak of fire by taking out a fire insurance policy? Does one seek an early death by insuring one's life?

Let us look facts straight in the face. World War I would never have come about had Britain had an all-powerful army. World War II would have been nipped in the bud had not Hitler been convinced of Britain's weakness.

Far too many people are content to say: "If war comes, give me a rifle." But of what use is the untrained man? One does not need to be Minister for Defence to answer this question. Every reader of "The Listening Post" will know how helpless an undisciplined mob is when confronted by trained troops. They will know, too, how lengthy is the job of turning untrained personnel into a body which can obey orders, use modern weapons and—in short—be worthy opponents of any enemy.

Surely our political leaders do not suggest that compulsory training means a loss of freedom? Surely the ultimate loss of freedom is more likely to be brought about by lack of foresight.

No one would seriously suggest that we could do without compulsory taxation, without compulsory adherence to laws, without compulsory education. Why, then, jeopardise our very future by a refusal to face facts?

Let us work towards the defence of our country. Let us prove to those who belittle the idea of universal training that it is essential to our security—our very lives. Let us not ponder upon this matter—let each and every one of us fight for it.
Giving evidence before the New South Wales Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works recently, Dr. A. H. Pennington, a T.B. specialist of the Repatriation Department, said that the number of ex-servicemen being treated for tuberculosis in New South Wales was 1,963. Furthermore, he predicted a slight increase in the number.

Another memorial to William Adams, the British seaman who landed in Japan about the year 1600, was unveiled recently by Lieut.-General H. C. H. Robertson, Commander-in-Chief, British Forces in Japan. "I hope," General Robertson said, "that once again British leadership in thought, knowledge and commerce will be available to help the Japanese as they follow the paths of peace as it was 350 years ago, when William Adams first came to Japan." The memorial, which is of stone in the shape of a ship of Adams' day, was erected by the people of Ito in memory of the man who taught the Japanese shipbuilding, navigation and mathematics.

The Yanks love a parade, of that there is no doubt. And the last parade of the American Legion in New York proved to be a parade of parades. There were no less than 65,000 who marched, and the parade took 12 hours and 27 minutes to pass the reviewing stand. Newspapers estimated that more than 1,750,000 viewed the show.

"I wish," said a bore recently, "that you would put something in your paper about the way many ex-servicemen act as kids." To which we replied, "Do you forget the day when they were only kids, and had to act as men?"

Nylon bandages for wounds may eventually replace old-style surgical dressings as the result of the discoveries of a research unit sponsored by the British Medical Research Council, which has been investigating the possibility of using new types of material. The unit recently reported that a new kind of nylon sheet had proved remarkably successful.

General Eisenhower, who led nearly 5,000,000 Allied troops to victory, is likely to get £250,000 for his war memoirs. (A similar sum is rumoured to have been paid by America to Mr. Winston Churchill.)

A total of 6,785 American World War II veterans are training under the G.I. Bill for careers as optometrists, opticians and lens grinders, a Veterans Administration survey disclosed.

Of the total, 4,746 are enrolled in colleges and universities, studying optometry. The remaining 2,039 are training on-the-job as opticians, lens grinders and polishers.

The V.A. survey lists occupational fields of some 2,000,000 veterans studying in schools and colleges, and 546,000 training on-the-job on December 1, 1947.

Veterans are eligible for education and training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G.I. Bill) if they served in the armed forces between September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947; had 90 days or more of service; and were released under conditions other than dishonorable.

The 90-day minimum is waived for veterans released because of service-connected disabilities.
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Items of Interest from the State Executive

A meeting of the State Executive was held on Wednesday, October 6 (Show Day), at 7.30 p.m. The President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) extended a cordial welcome to Dr. Cook, the only newly elected member, and to the other re-elected members.

COMMITTEES
The appointment of the following members to sub-committees was confirmed, with a recommendation that committees elect as chairman those members whose names are in italics:
Building: Stoddart, Benson, Olden, Douglas.
Constitution: Stoddart, Edmondson, Yeates.
Corps of Commissioners: Mansbridge, Herlihy, Bateson, Stanbury, Yeates.
Faversham: Sten, Herlihy, Greenham, Bateson, Cook.
Finance: Mansbridge, Fitzhardinge, Edmondson,Herlihy, Douglas.
Hostel: Craig, Watt, Benson, Herlihy.
Hospital Visiting: Watt, Edmondson, Chaney, Olden, Bateson.
Housing: Davies, Stahl, Fitzhardinge, Stoddart, Benson, Edmondson.
Land: Davies, Craig, Leslie, Stahl, Benson, Yeates.
“Listening Post”: Sten, Leslie, Lonnie, Stoddart.
Management: Hunt, Sten, Davies, Mansbridge, Edmondson, Yeates, Anderson.
Membership: Lonnie, Fitzhardinge, Watt, Chaney, Douglas.
Migration: Lonnie, Fitzhardinge, Douglas, Yeates.
Mining: Stahl, Lonnie, Watt.
Pensions: Watt, Greenham, Cook, Ferguson, James.
Rehabilitation: Leslie, Stahl, Chaney, Herlihy, Ferguson, Stanbury.
S.S.L.: Craig, Mansbridge, Chaney, Bateson, Stanbury.

Trustees (as elected): Craig, Leslie, Mansbridge.
War Veterans’ Home: Hunt, Davies, Lonnie, Stoddart, Olden, Bateson, Cook.
Royal Visit: Hunt, Sten, Davies, Lonnie, Edmondson.
Delegates were allotted the following electorates for visits and contacts:
Sten: York.
Craig: Williams, Narrogin, Wagin.
Fitzhardinge: North Perth.
Lonnie: Hannans, Kanowma, Yilgarn-Coolgardie.
Watt: Murchison, Mt. Magnet.
Stahl: Northam.
Stoddart: Nelson, Collie.
Yeates: Middle Swan.
Herlihy: Claremont, North-East Fremantle.
Ferguson: Greenough, Geraldton.
Bateson: Toodyay.
Olden: Bunbury, Sussex.
Edmondson: Subiaco, Nedlands.
James: Leederville, Mt. Hawthorn.
Douglas: Albany, Katanning.
Greenham: Guildford, Midland.
Stanbury: Fremantle, South Fremantle.
Chaney: Victoria Park, Canning.
Benson: Murray, Wellington, Forrest.
Davies: Pingelly, Beverley.

FAVERSHAM HOUSE
It was reported that the Finance Committee of the Red Cross have invited the Executive to send representatives from Faversham Committee to a joint meeting to discuss the financing of Faversham House as a war veterans’ home.

HOUSING AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT
A report submitted by Mr. Davies recommended that the following resolution be adopted: “That restrictions under the Builders’ Registration Act be lifted to allow unregistered builders to build one-storey timber-framed dwellings to the value of £1,000.”

A further meeting was held on Wednesday, October 20, at 5.30 p.m. Mr. Sten occupied the chair and cordially welcomed Messrs. C. Mitchell (president of the City of Perth sub-branch) and Mr. A. Cashmore (of the Gosnells sub-branch).

Among the business dealt with was the following:

THE LATE MR. P. COLLIER, M.L.A.
It was reported that the Executive was represented at the State funeral by Mr. E. O. Davies, Mr. W. Lonnie and the Acting State Secretary.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT
The report submitted by Mr. Stanbury covered the Fishing Industry; the C.R.T.S. display at the Royal Show; absorption of trainees; bricklayers; items for Federal Congress; preference position in the Forests Department; training benefits suspended by imprisonment; and a number of personal cases.

HOUSING
The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered a deputation to the Minister with regard to amendments to the Builders’ Registration Act; Monocrete houses; and a recommendation that a meeting of members interested be called to discuss housing matters and submit suggestions and consider the suggestion of the formation of a Co-operative Building Society.

REPATRIATION
The report submitted by Mr. Watt stated that Mr. Stahl had been elected chairman (subject to the confirmation of his appointment to this committee) and covered a deputation to the Deputy Commissioner re specialised treatment of mental patients; the co-
option of Messrs. Rae and Blair for discussions on aspects of the mentally sick; the arrangement by the committee for meeting Mr. Blenkinsop, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the British Minister for Pensions; and a recommendation that the committee present a case to the Federal Executive in an endeavour to remedy an anomalous position created under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

FAVERSHAM HOUSE

The report submitted by Mr. Sten covered the staff position; future policy; arrangements for delegation to the Red Cross re obtaining subsidy; and a recommendation that the following advisory members be appointed: State President and State Secretary of Women's Auxiliary, president of York sub-branch, president of York sub-branch women's auxiliary, and a representative from the Ex-Service Women's sub-branch, Returned Army Nurses' sub-branch, and the Red Cross Society. Arising from this report, it was resolved: "That the relationship of the Faversham and War Veterans' Home Committees be referred back to the Management Committee for consideration and a recommendation."

LAND

The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered State Congress items referred to the Federal Congress; allotment prior to discharge from the Forces; a recommendation that a report submitted by Mr. Chambers in connection with his position as representative on the Land Purchase Board be forwarded to the Minister for Lands; a recommendation that State Congress Item No. 6, dealing with an approach to the Minister for Lands asking that a panel of names be submitted to him by the League when future vacancies occur, be amended so that his attention be drawn to his Press statement after the 1947 Congress, and that he be asked if it is his intention, in view of dissatisfaction, to consult the League re future appointments. The report was adopted, subject to the following resolution: "That both the matters to be referred to the Minister for Lands be by deputation, the personnel of the deputation to be from the Land Committee."

MIGRATION

The report submitted by Mr. Yeates stated that the election of a chairman was deferred until the next meeting, and covered replies received from the Minister for Immigration in respect to resolutions carried at the August Federal Executive meeting; a recommendation from the committee opposing the introduction of the quota system; and a report on a visit to the Commonwealth Migration Camp at Graylands to inspect over 400 displaced persons, mainly Balts. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Minister for Immigration pointing out the observations of the committee in this respect. The report was adopted, subject to the opposition to the introduction of the quota system being referred back to the committee.

ROYAL VISIT

The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming Royal visit in June, 1949 (in respect of the venue); the R.S.L. Band; a request to the State Director for confirmation (Continued on page 23).
Hospitality—and the Arab

No doubt quite a number of our readers have come into contact with the Arab—no doubt many readers think that they really know the Arab. But to know the Arab it is necessary to live in the most intimate contact with him for a lengthy period.

For that reason, Brigadier John Bagot Glubb’s recent book, The Story of the Arab Legion [Hodder & Stoughton Ltd.] is of more than passing interest.

Brigadier Glubb, or Glubb Pasha as he is more commonly known, served the Arabs and the State of Transjordan for nearly a quarter of a century. He was the man who brought into being the Desert Patrol of the Arab Legion. He has a story to tell, and he tells it extremely well. He says that his book is not a history. With that we can agree, but his assembly of facts and historical incidents give the book a solid and firm foundation, and they enable the average Australian reader to really understand many things that hitherto have been, to say the least, extremely hazy.

We may truly visualise many Arabs as ill-clothed, poorly housed, and even dirty, and if we use our own standards as a comparison we may be right. But when it comes to hospitality, that of the Arab can, as Glubb Pasha says, be really fantastic.

He pictures a tribesman, living in a tent “scarcely larger than an ordinary bed, on an income of £15 a year, with a wife and several children. He may be dressed only in a ‘shirt and a poor cloak, and may possess only one goat, on the milk of which his children keep alive. But he will not hesitate to run across to a desert track to intercept a car carrying a distinguished (and probably wealthy) traveller, and struggle to persuade him to stop with him for lunch. Should he consent, the solitary goat will be sacrificed for the feast, without a thought for the morrow.”

He tells a story of the generosity of an Arab in the matter of hospitality to animals. “There was a man of the Huwaitat surnamed the ‘Vile of the wolves.’ Whenever he heard a wolf howl at night near his tent, he took a goat out and tied it to a tent peg before his tent. ‘No guest shall pass my tent at sunset without dining,’ he used to explain.

“A more fantastic case occurred amongst the Dhafir tribe, when they were camping one flaming summer day in the sand-dunes. One of the tents was pitched at a short distance from the rest of the camp, and into the shade of this tent staggered an exhausted wolf and lay down panting. The tent-owner hastened to welcome the guest, and fetched water to slake his thirst. The wolf rested till sun-down.

“Meanwhile, another tribesman happened to pass and, seeing the wolf, unslung his rifle, but the tent-owner ran out and declared with an oath that the man’s life would be forfeit if he shot his guest. The other tribesman said nothing, but in the sunset coolness the wolf got up and trotted away. A few minutes later a shot rang out. His former host arrived only in time to see his ‘guest’ in its last struggles in a pool of blood. He loaded his rifle, pursued the murderer and shot him dead.”

It deeply affected, if it did not indeed create, the chivalry of Western Europe.”

Glubb Pasha tells the story of Muhammed al Muhadi, who, wounded in battle, was saved and nursed back to health by one of the enemy. He promised to remember the debt, and when, twenty years later, this man and his wife found themselves in great straits and reduced to destitution, they called upon him, whereupon he pitched them a tent and gave them half his flock.

The children of this couple grew up with Muhammed al Muhadi’s children as brothers and sisters. The Muhadi had a young son, “a gallant youth, the hope of his father and adored by the whole tribe. This son, once spent a long day out hawking, and returning in the evening exhausted came first to the tent of the neighbours, in the shade of which he threw himself down and in a few minutes was fast asleep. The neighbour’s wife, seeing him, covered him with a rug and was leaning over him in the dusk when her husband entered the tent. Not recognising the male figure over which his wife was leaning so tenderly, he drew his sword in a frenzy of jealousy and struck off the head of his benefactor’s son. Horrified at what he had done, he ran in contrition to the sheik, confessed his crime, and begged that his own head be struck off in retribution. But Al Muhadi replied that the thing was from God, and would not cause him to fail in the duty of protection towards his neighbours. After midnight, when the encampment was still beneath the moonlight, the sheik carried the body of his son and deposited it in the middle of the camp between the tents. There in the morning it was discovered by the tribesmen. Who had killed the sheik’s son, the hope and idol of the tribe? But the murderer could never be found.”

But hospitality and chivalry are only a small part of this absorbing book. The history of the Arab nation, the building up of the Arab Legion, the Palestine problem, the fighting in Iraq in World War II—all are covered in detail, and a wealth of illustrations includes a number of outstanding photographs by Australian Frank Hurley. [Our copy of the book from the Perth Literary Institute.]"
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4: The few who saved so many

The general public has a woefully short memory. One day men are heroes—the next day they are only remembered casually—another day and they are completely forgotten.

For that reason we have no hesitation in publishing, on this page, some details of those heroic men who, in the days of the Battle of Britain, saved that country from invasion and defeat.

In those days we, here in Australia, were amazed at and proud of the gallantry of that handful of British fliers. We had some idea of what might happen if they failed. Today we know that, had they done so, the might of Hitler’s armies would have been thrown across the Channel to the south coast of England.

Britain had lost the bulk of her weapons at Dunkirk. True, Churchill had said: “We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches; we shall fight on the landing grounds; we shall fight in the fields and in the streets; we shall fight in the hills”; but he had also added, *sotto voce,* that we would probably have to fight with bottles.

To the people of Britain, in June, 1940, an immediate attack at invasion seemed inevitable. The British Army had come home from France, but its re-equipment would take a considerable time. We still had a powerful Navy, but this was vulnerable from the air. Germany’s Air Force was powerful and flushed with victory. Britain’s Air Force was of only moderate strength. It was highly trained and well equipped, but it was considerably inferior in size to the Luftwaffe.

Fortunately, Hitler’s strategy was favourable to our side. Instead of following up the British retreat from Dunkirk he went ahead to take Paris. Then he made preparations for a detailed and fully planned assault on Britain. Seven weeks elapsed between the fall of France and the full air attack on Britain.

But during these seven weeks, attacks of a preliminary nature were made on coastal towns and against coastal convoys. These grew in intensity as the Germans moved more and more air squadrons up to the airfields of Western France.

On August 7, 1940, the Battle of Britain began in earnest. Goering was determined to overwhelm the British Fighter Command by sheer weight of numbers. The Germans had a numerical superiority of first-line aircraft of about four to one, in addition to which replacements were being manufactured at the rate of about 1,000 a month. But, as Goering was to find to his cost, reinforcements of personnel were not so easily made as were aircraft.

But the German aircrews were full of enthusiasm. They had experienced success after success. They were of the opinion that they were invulnerable. They were prepared to stake all on the conquest of Britain.

The Royal Air Force went into this battle with only 51 fighter squadrons. On August 8, an all-day battle resulted in the loss of 53 German aircraft for 18 British. On the 13th an attack on Southampton by about 150 enemy aircraft cost the Germans 33 planes, whereas the British lost only two. On Thursday, August 15, a most determined attack covered a front of 500 miles from Plymouth to the Tyne. On that day, Fighter Command made no less than 899 interception sorties, a record for the whole of the Battle.

Pilots went up, fought, came down for further fuel and ammunition, went up again, fought again, came down again for refuelling—and so the job went on.

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Free to stand for what I think right,
Free to oppose what I think wrong,
Free to choose those who govern my country.
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For myself and all mankind.

In eleven days of fighting the Germans lost for certain 697 aircraft (there were probably many more which failed to return to their bases) and British Fighter Command lost 153. Sixty of the British pilots were saved.

Radio location was responsible for much of Britain’s success. But sight must never be lost of the fact that it was the fighter pilots who carried the day. For in the first intensive phase of the Battle—from August 8 to 18—the British losses were as serious to the Royal Air Force as the German losses were to the Luftwaffe.

That is, in respect to the comparative strength of the two opposing forces.

The second phase of the Battle of Britain took the form of an intensified air attack on fighter airfields. But Britain had her back up, and the fighting was, if anything, fiercer than ever. For although in the two weeks, August 24 to September 6, Fighter Command destroyed 562 aircraft, its own losses were 219 fighters, 132 of whose pilots were saved.

On September 7 the attack was switched to the City of London, and this phase lasted for four long weeks, during which the Luftwaffe lost 883 aircraft. The most expensive day of all was on September 15, when we destroyed 185 of their planes.

On September 18 no less than 740 German aircraft were over England, and on the 27th Germany sent over 850 planes.

Reichsmarschal Goering found at last that he could not afford such heavy losses, and the Battle of Britain was called off. The threat of invasion was also killed. In daylight alone, Germany had lost no less than 2,375 aircraft.

But the price paid for the salvation of Britain by the fighter pilots was heavy—375 pilots killed and 358 wounded. These were Englishmen, Scotsmen, Irishmen, Australians, South Africans, New Zealanders, Canadians, Americans, Poles, Czechs—some of the finest types of mankind (one almost says “boyhood,” so youthful were the majority) in the world.

Let us remember Mr. Churchill’s words: “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few,” and let us never forget them.
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Fire—the great destroyer

By WILLIAM BEECHAM

With the setting in of summer comes the day of fire risks. Each year sees bush fires causing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage and, far too frequently, resulting in unfortunate loss of life.

But fire hazards and risks as we know them today are nothing to the dangers of the past, for in early days fire was, indeed, a terrifying monster.

Two-thirds of Rome was destroyed by fire in A.D. 64; Venice was almost wiped out in 1106; York was completely razed in 1137; Oslo was destroyed in 1624; the greater part of London disappeared in 1666; Moscow burned for five days when it was fired by the Russians—in an early scorched-earth policy—in 1812; Hamburg lost 2,000 houses and faced a damages bill of £70,000,000 in 1842; Chicago lost property valued at £40,000,000 (including 17,000 houses in an area of 32 square miles) in 1871; Boston had a £15,000,000 blaze in the following year; San Francisco had its fire and earthquake horror in 1906 (1,000 lives lost and damage amounting to £70,000,000); the Brussels Exhibition went up in flames in 1910 with the loss of £1,770,000 worth of buildings and exhibits; and Smyrna was burnt out in a fire which cost £20,000,000 in the Greco-Turkish war of 1923.

That list is by no means complete, but it is sufficiently overwhelming to make the average man ponder, and the insurance broker lose many a night’s sleep.

But the Great Fire of London, although it lasted for four days and four nights, destroying 13,200 houses, 85 churches (including St. Paul’s), all except one of the city’s markets, the Guildhall, the Royal Exchange, and practically the whole of the Inner Temple, appears to have caused no more than a dozen deaths. But it left over 100,000 people homeless, and obliterated almost the whole of medieval London. The damage was estimated at £10,000,000, a sum almost equal to £50,000,000 of modern coinage.

As for the 1940 fire of London, when the Battle of Britain raged, its full story remains to be told. Doubtless the financial losses incurred were almost astronomical; the death roll, we know, was terrible. But both were lightened by the outstanding heroism of the men, women and children whose struggle amazed the whole world.

London’s docks burned brighty during those terrible days, but not for the first time, for Cotton’s Wharf was destroyed in 1861 when the fire burned for nearly a month. In 1923 the Victoria Dock went up in flames, the damage being estimated at £1,000,000, and when the West India Dock suffered a like fate ten years later, the damage was four times greater.

Theatre and cinema fires have always possessed an added element of terror, the casualty lists in many cases being particularly heavy.

When Mrs. Conway’s Theatre in Brooklyn burned in 1876, no less than 283 persons lost their lives. In 1881, the Opera House at Nice caught fire and this resulted in the death of 150 persons. But when, during the same year, the Ring Strasse Theatre in Vienna went up in flames, the death-roll was the highest ever recorded in any fire of its kind, for 794 persons were killed. Six years later the Exeter Theatre fire cost 188 lives.

Then came the turn of the cinema. More than 200 persons, mostly women, were burned to death in a Paris cinema fire in 1897; 16 children lost their lives in the Barnsley Cinema fire of 1908; 60 persons died in the Valance Cinema fire of 1919; and the official death roll was 160 when the Boyestown (U.S.A.) Cinema caught fire in 1908. In 1929 there were 70 young children killed by flames, smoke and crushing in the Paisley Cinema fire and panic of New Year’s Eve.

Not long ago there were a number of hotel fires in the United States. The LaSalle Hotel in Chicago went up in flames and 61 persons lost their lives. Then, only four days later, the Canfield Hotel, Dubuque (Iowa), suffered a like fate with the loss of 40 lives. Several further outbreaks led to a severe policing of fire regulations.

Last year the department store fire in Christchurch (New Zealand) shocked all Australians. Forty-one lives were lost, and mystery still shrouds the outbreak. This fire led to a recommendation for sweeping changes in fire control, prevention and fighting throughout our sister Dominion.

“Not a pleasant subject,” did you say? Unfortunately not, but as many of these fires were caused by carelessness, those casual discarders of lighted matches and glowing cigarette butts may be given to think. For the fire of Chicago, which lasted for 48 hours, was caused, it is thought, by the accidental overturning of a lamp; many of Australia’s disastrous bush fires are caused by careless and up-thinking campers; the Boston Coconut Grove holocaust which killed over 400 people was the result of insufficient precautions; the Ringling, Barnum and Bailey Circus fire, which cost 165 lives, was through neglect (the huge canvas tent not having been fireproofed)—indeed, many fires need not—should not—have happened.

And although science continues to make rapid and spectacular advances in its treatment of burns and shock, the majority of patients—and the majority of fatalities—should never have been.

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**What they thought of Congress**

Mrs. Joan Dowson (vice-president Ex-Servicewomen's Association):

The beginning of our R.S.L. Congress was rather confusing for one attending for the first time. But it is obvious that congress is of great value, as it enables a policy to be formulated which is in accordance with the general opinions of the great majority of its members, and gives delegates a great deal of information to take back to their sub-branches.

I thought that often the speaker on a motion did not get a fair opportunity of being heard, either because of other delegates' side-conversation, or because of his own non-use of the microphone.

It is surprising the number of old Army associations which are renewed during congress, and the 'M.E.M.A.S.' (Middle East Mutual Admiration Society) was prevalent. The same old generous spirit of the A.I.F. still prevails, especially in their ability to see another's point of view, and it was very pleasing to see delegates' sincere appreciation of their women-folks' efforts as evidenced by the manner in which they accepted the report of the President of the Auxiliarys.

An Old Digger (name withheld):

The President's report was an excellent effort and well thought out, whilst not too lengthy. It covered completely the League's activities for the past term.

Hugh Leslie had all the answers. Still, credit where it is due. Hugh is a fount of knowledge and his judgment is sound. The general consensus of opinion was that the Land Conference was well chaired and was highly satisfactory.

The Mining Conference, a new phase of congress, was a big success. But it seems that the committee will have a job to implement the motions carried. Stan Watt received a great hand at the conclusion of the agenda for the able way he had conducted the business. It would appear that the innovation of a Mining Conference has come to stay.

The highlight of congress was the increased number of young men attending, their increased interest, and the most marked improvement in their debating. Keep it up, lads!

I feel the young men are beginning to fully appreciate just what a big job the League has to do. Their attention and contributions to the debates most certainly indicated it.

A feature of congress was the critical analysis of Executive committee reports. In this regard, I feel it is a good, healthy sign. In my opinion all delegates are duty-bound to express on all occasions any views which might be contrary to those expressed by the Executive committees, provided, of course, that the member is sincere in his view. I hope that this state of affairs will continue.

Summing up, one cannot help but feel that congress was satisfied with the work of the out-going committees. This is indicated by the electing to the Executive all the past members with one exception. A great vote of confidence which must thrill the men who have done their best in this great cause.

In conclusion, I feel that right through congress there was too much appeasement and not enough fight.

We are still prepared to accept promises year after year when the results obtained suggest positive action should have been taken and promises not accepted.

Finally, I would appeal to delegates to preach the gospel of the League, get your members interested, do your utmost to induce eligible persons to join our ranks. The power of the League is in its membership strength and its will to fight.

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Mr. F. Corness:

The debate on Anzac Day was most informative and of a high standard. The clear and logical way in which every speaker put forward his case was highly commendable, whilst the absence of heat was most pleasing. The result, as expected, was close, being decided probably by delegates representing more than one sub-branch, although the very able speech given by Miss Mary Meares won many votes for the status quo.

There was a very evident and sincere desire on the part of all delegates to do all that was possible in helping their old comrades. The decision to open up Faversham House as a veterans' home was a big step forward in caring for the Diggers who are finding it difficult to keep respectable on the old age or service pension. Cooperation is the keynote to such ventures as this, and it is to be hoped that all sub-branches will be willing to make a worthwhile contribution to ensure its success.

Finally, I think it can truthfully be said that much good will come from this year's congress, and although a certain amount of latitude was given to some speakers, Mr. Hunt kept a firm hold and deserves our thanks for the very excellent and efficient manner in which he carried out his duties.

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Goering said to Hitler one day, “You know, I believe you’re mistaken in saying that all non-aryans are below German mentality.” The Fuehrer replied, “How do you know that?” So Goering said “I’ll show you.” They went out together and called at a china store owned by a member of the Party. Goering asked, “Have you a left-handed tea service?” The proprietor replied, “No, I’m afraid I haven’t such a thing.” Then they went to another shop owned by a Party member and received the same reply. Finally, they came to a store owned by a Mr. Cohen, and Goering again asked, “Have you a left-handed tea service?” and Mr. Cohen replied, “Well, now, you’re very lucky, I’ve just got one in stock. But naturally it will cost you more than an ordinary tea service.” Goering paid for it and came out with Hitler, turned to him and said, “There you are! Didn’t I tell you they were smarter than us?”

After a minute or two, Hitler replied, “I still don’t see you’ve proved anything. It was only a bit of luck his having one in stock.”

Little Boy: “What part of the body is the fray?”
Teacher: “The fray? What are you talking about?”
Little Boy: “Well, in this history book it says, the general was shot in the thick of the fray.”

The Romeo of the garrison battalion was getting nowhere fast with his new girl friend. “Do you smoke?” he asked. “No,” she curtly replied. “Do you drink?” She silently shook her head. “Do you cuddle up?” Again the reply was “No.” Then, in desperation, “Do you eat hay?” This time the reply was forceful. “Of course not.” Whereupon the soldier shrugged his shoulders. “Gosh, woman,” he said, “you’re not fit company for man or beast.”

The Tommy sergeant-major was tough. He had given Private Jones strict orders that at 1000 hours each day he must, without fail, water the square of lawn outside the orderly-room. But when he came around on one particular morning Jones was not to be found. The S.M. raved, and sent for the private. Jones came, and the S.M. let fly: “Didn’t I tell you that the lawn was to be watered every day?” he stormed. The private nodded his head. “I know you did,” he replied, “but look at the weather. Why, it’s been pouring hard for nearly twenty-four hours.” The S.M. looked Jones straight in the eye. “That’s no excuse,” he bellowed. “Surely you’ve got a ground-sheet.”

Bosun: “I do sympathise with you about Smith running off with your wife. I could scarcely believe it; I thought he was your best friend.”

Quartermaster: “So he is, but he doesn’t know it yet.”

A couple of recruits were discussing their company officers.

“You know,” said one, “I feel I’d like to punch that hard-boiled sergeant-major in the nose again!”

“Again?”

“Yes, again—I felt like it yesterday.”

Tim: “The sergeant said, ‘Got a knife?’ and when I said ‘Yes,’ he said, ‘Well, cut out the talking.’”

The combined 48th and 2/48th Battalions are holding a reunion on Friday, December 3, in the 16th Battalion Hall, Bazaar Terrace. The admission will be 5/-.

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PERSONALITIES

Frank Smith, of the South Perth sub-branch, who, for some time past has been in the North-West, is now in Perth again for a brief spell. Frank, who is an up-and-coming writer, is busy on a story of the old goldmining days.

Mr. W. P. Griffiths, J.P., a member of the North Fremantle sub-branch, is standing for election as a councillor of the South Ward, Fremantle, and his many friends in the League will wish him the very best of good luck.

Mr. G. W. McPhee, who for some years was the hon. treasurer of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers’ Association in W.A. and who has been living in New South Wales for the last couple of years, hopes soon to return to this State.

Mrs. Winifred Bissett was recently given a warm welcome by members of the Press sub-branch as the first woman member. Mrs. Bissett, who is the W.A. representative of The Australian Women’s Weekly, served in the London Ambulance Service and later as a V.A.D. in World War II.

Alex Cunningham, of the Gloucester Park sub-branch, is keenly interested in mining these days, having a "show" in the Nullagine area.

Mr. K. Brew was recently elected president of the newly formed Broomehill sub-branch.

"NO! NO! NOT YET ———"

Colin Watkins, of the Nedlands sub-branch, has been appointed editor of Splinters, a sub-branch journal which is now in its 15th volume.

Congratulations are due to the editor of The Sniper, the Mt. Lawley Inglewood sub-branch monthly journal. A neat and interesting little job, this.

Mr. J. F. Berry, secretary of the Manjimup sub-branch, is now working overtime on a local home-building scheme for ex-servicemen.

Mr. J. B. Fitzhardinge, a member of the State Executive, was recently elected president of the Institute of Architects in Western Australia. This is indeed an honour for such a young man.
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Reconstruction Exhibit at Show

The 1948 Royal Show provided a good shop window in which the general public could see for themselves the types of training available and the quality of workmanship done under the Post-War Reconstruction Training Scheme.

The exhibition, which was housed in a large marquee kindly loaned by the Army, was sponsored by the Public Relations Division of the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction in order to assist in the placement of trainees who, after attaining 40 per cent. proficiency in the training centre, are placed in industry to complete their training under qualified journeymen.

The exhibits ranged through the 150 trades in which training is carried out, and also included photographic panels of University and rural-type training.

It is estimated that over 10,000 adults viewed the exhibition on the two main days of the Show, and the general comment was one of favourable surprise at the scope and quality of the training. Enquiries were received by the officer on duty from employers desiring to take on trainees, and it is confidently expected that others will follow.

One of the features of the exhibition was a number of statements made by those concerned in the training scheme—employers, unions, ex-service organisations and the trainees themselves. These were displayed on cards behind the models. These statements told of the value of the scheme to the individual, to industry and to the nation, and indicated that the eighty million pounds which the training scheme will cost for the seven years it is in operation can be regarded as a national investment.

The assistance of the training authority and the Commonwealth Employment Office was sought and willingly given to make the exhibition an outstanding success. It now rests with the community in general and employers of labour in particular, to co-operate by taking advantage of the benefits offered through the subsidised employment scheme so that placement of trainees can be made smoothly and regularly. Thus can be facilitated the commencement of training for those who are still awaiting their opportunity.

A STRONG AIR FORCE

At the 32nd Annual Congress, a resolution was passed: “This Congress requests that an adequate and strong air force, based on past experience and with a broad view for the future, speedy protection of the vulnerable coast-line of the Commonwealth and its Territories, be established.”

The Minister for Air now states: “...I desire to inform you that the Government is fully appreciative of the need for the provision of a strong air force and is giving effect to that policy to the full extent of the manpower and other resources (including financial) available for those purposes. ... The strength of the Permanent Air Force will be supplemented by Citizen Air Force units, and training will be provided for certain members on the Reserve. ... I hope that many ex-R.A.A.F. personnel who are now members of your League may see their way to join the R.A.A.F.”

THE ANZAC CLUB

NOTICE TO SUB-BRANCHES

The Swan Brewery has intimated that there is an acute shortage of 5-gallon kegs, and that deliveries will be governed by the availability of supplies.

For this reason, secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches are requested to minimise orders for kegs. As previously notified, the Brewery will not deliver those small barrels to the country. All empty kegs must be returned promptly.

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48th BATTALION REUNION

The first reunion of the combined old 48th Battalion and 2/48th Battalion was held at Wembley Hall, Perth, recently, and proved a great success, over 100 members being present.

Brigadier Leen (the old 48th), of South Australia, wrote wishing “the boys” all the best.

The executive had hoped to see their old M.O., Dr. Collins, present (he was over from Sydney on the Medical Conference), but unfortunately, he had left that day for Sydney, en route to England.

Mr. L. Challon proposed the toast of the Battalion. Brigadier Ainslee, in responding, said he was proud to belong to a battalion with such a record and wished members “all the best” and hoped they would turn up to these reunions, where they met pals of their army days and could chat over their battles once again.

Messrs. Byron and Driscoll, with their musical dialogues, kept the boys in good humour and, as the stewards saw that the glasses were kept filled, everyone voted the night “tres bon” with a request for a repeat performance before long.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Two hundred and eighty-five properties have been purchased for War Service Land Settlement at a cost of £1,875,086.

These figures were given recently by Lands Minister L. Thorn.

“Offers for sale of properties are still being received at the same rate as last year,” he said.

“However, owing to the rate of allotments the Board is preparing plans for development of Crown lands to operate as soon as equipment is available.

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ALTHOUGH of late quite a number of public bodies, trade unions and other organisations have taken a decisive stand against Communism, it is still apparent that there is—particularly in high places—for too great an amount of apathy towards Communism and Communists.

"It can't happen here," is a state of mind which seems to die very slowly, and too many of our citizens—widespread awake in other activities—leave the menace of Communism for someone else to deal with.

For, make no mistake about it, Communism is a menace—a real menace to all of us.

During the war years most of us who served, together with the majority of the civilian population, looked forward with some eagerness to the "new world" which we were told we might expect when hostilities ceased. No one will deny that many of these pictures of the new era were sadly overdrawn, but even the sketchiest of them seems impossible today. And why? "Mainly, it would seem, because the Russians refuse to "play ball" with the rest of the world. They refuse to co-operate in any scheme which is for the betterment of the world as a whole; being concerned, wholly and solely, with their own pre-eminently selfish outlook. The menace of Communism hangs over the whole world, casting a shadow which dulls the outlook for all of us.

No one needs telling how far Russia has spread her tentacles in Europe. But apart from the numerous countries now thoroughly dominated by the hammer and sickle, the number of avowed Communists in France, in Italy and in other democracies is most alarming. And these people openly admit—and boast—that, should their countries be drawn into a war with the Soviet, they would be on the Russian side.

"Foreigners would do that," recently commented one of our readers. But, unfortunately, the Communist threat is by no means confined to foreigners or to foreign countries.

Communism in Britain

Let us look at Britain today. Beaten almost to her knees in the greatest global war in history, she now has some 50,000 Communists within her shores. Recently The Sunday Chronicle investigated the matter with some thoroughness, and I make no apology for quoting extensively from some of the facts unearthed.

There are approximately 50,000 members of the Communist Party in Britain, supported by a considerably larger membership of its ancillary organisations.

The 50,000 are organised in 18 district party committees, which cover the whole of England, Scotland and Wales, and some 360 branches, with sub-units down to street, factory and office groups.

The district party committees are controlled by the executive committee, consisting of 37 members.

This committee meets about once every six weeks, leaving the day-to-day direction of Red activity in the hands of the Political Committee, which meets weekly and corresponds to the Politburo of the Russian Communist Party.

There are nine sub-committees of the executive, covering Organisation, Social Services, International Affairs, Women, Youth, Local Government, Cultural Matters, Economic Affairs, and the Science Advisory Committee.

Other departments deal with organisation, propaganda, Parliamentary affairs and the international sphere.

Party education—the training of agitators—is in the hands of an education section, working in conjunction with a Students' Committee and Marx House.

A number of trusted party members play a leading part in the direction of a labour research department, and party propaganda is based on the facts and figures it produces.

There are ten weekly, monthly and quarterly publications under the control of the Party. It distributes also the weekly organ of the Cominform and the Soviet publication "New Times."

The main centres of Communist strength in Britain are London, the Midlands, Clydeside, Lancashire and South Wales. Industrially, the greatest party strength is in the engineering industry.

Next in order of strength come transport, building and mining, with an increasing membership among professional, clerical and scientific workers.

Top Priority

At the 1948 Communist Party Congress there were 27 delegates who were members of the Association of Scientific Workers, a high percentage for a comparatively small association. Work in this association and among scientific workers generally is a number one priority in the Party at the present time.

Particular attention has been paid to Trades Councils. Among those listed in the Party files are four members on the executive of the Leeds Trades Council, three and a vice-president on the Bradford body, three and the secretary of the council at Luton, five on the London Trades Council plus its secretary, the president at Shipley and the secretary at Wembley.

For many years the Communists have concentrated their efforts on capturing key positions in the trade unions—with considerable success.
All this activity costs money. Where does it come from? The latest published accounts of the Communist Party, covering the year ending September last, show an expenditure of £33,000, which does not of course include the accounts of the "Daily Worker," much of the local expenditure by branches, operating cost of bookshops or that of ancillary organisations.

A conservative estimate of the total annual expenditure of the Red Fifth Column in Britain is £100,000.

The Party denies that it receives financial assistance from abroad. It claims that all its funds are raised in dues from members, from sales of literature, and from donations.

Such is the pattern of Red political aggression—the instrument of the Communist "cold war" in Britain. It is ready at any moment to exploit any grievance, real or imaginary.

A short time ago it was Greece and the Italian elections. Later the dockers.

Now it is the turn of the engineering industry to receive the attentions of the provokers of discontent. Special efforts are being made through the Young Communist League to foment trouble among the apprentices.

Tomorrow it may be the mining industry.

Although the Communist Party in Britain is not officially under the direction of the Cominform, it conforms very closely to its directive.

For Communism in Britain is, as elsewhere, part of an international conspiracy. In some places its best friends are unemployment, hunger and misery; in Britain they are apathy and ignorance of its true aims and methods.

There are 50,000 Communist party members in the population of 50,000,000. "A tiny minority," say the complacent.

Yes, but in Russia 5,000,000 Communist Party members hold a population of 193,000,000 in ruthless subjection. In Czechoslovakia, fewer than 1,000,000 Communists in a population of 14,000,000 seized power overnight.

Big battalions are not needed to destroy a democracy from within.

Small squads can be even more dangerous, especially in Britain where we have for centuries been spared extremist rule. Because we have enjoyed that freedom for so long, we are apt to think it is automatic and fore-ordained.

That is not so—even in Britain.

In that turbulent year 1790 Curran said: "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt."

The need for vigilance was never greater than it is today. If we fail in vigilance, servitude will follow, as it has already followed the failure over much of Europe.

"The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.

"Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Working men of all countries, unite!"

Those are the final sentences of the "Communist Manifesto" written by Marx and Engels one hundred years ago.

They represent the policy to which the Communist Party of Great Britain and its counterparts throughout the democratic world are committed today.

That is the policy of the armed revolution, of the violent overthrow of governments, to be achieved by the penetration of the trade unions and all democratic institutions, by burning from within, by fomenting strikes and disorders, by scientific, carefully planned political sabotage.

"Know Your Enemy" is a wise principle—in the "cold" political war as well as in the war of arms. Since Communism is the bitter enemy of our democracy we should study the deployment of its forces and the strategic positions it holds.

**Communism in Australia**

Here in Australia we have open Communist leadership in several of our most powerful trade unions. We see Communist officials making trips to Russia for "schooling," and we find a number of Communist publications on open sale, spreading the insidious doctrines of the party.

Would the Soviet Government allow non-Communist activities in Russia? Would it allow any of its citizens to visit Australia for schooling in democracy? Would it allow anti-Communist journals, books or pamphlets to be published anywhere in its own territory? The questions are really foolish, for there is but one answer—NO.

Our Tasmanian contemporary, On Service, recently published portion of a "private and confidential" document which was issued to members of the Australian Communist Party in 1946. This document makes eye-opening reading, for it says:

"Keep production low. Ban overtime. Keep up the small stoppages; go slow; organise resistance; exploit key positions to cut down all production by small sectional strikes. Our party's commanding position in the coal and transport industries enables us to use strangulation tactics on all independent industries."

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

The Twenty-first Annual Conference of the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliaries was officially opened in Anzac House on Wednesday, September 24, by the State-President of the League (Mr. W. J. Hunt) in the presence of a very large gathering of delegates and visitors. The guest of honour was Mrs. Agnew, daughter of the late Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson and sister of Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor in Berlin.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Ceremony of Remembrance, after which the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) welcomed the guests and said how much she regretted the inability of the Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and Lady Mitchell to be present.

The State President then gave a most stirring and inspiring address on the aims of auxiliary work, which was received with loud acclamation.

Mr. Hunt, in declaring the conference officially opened, spoke in glowing terms of the work of auxiliaries during the year, and congratulated members on the wonderful success which had crowned their efforts. Special mention was made by him of the splendid support auxiliaries everywhere had given the League in the War Memorial and Food for Britain appeals, and he conveyed the thanks of the Executive to the women for their loyal support. Mr. Sten (senior vice-president of the League) supported these remarks, and referred to the honour which had been conferred on the President when she was awarded the M.B.E.

Mrs. Stockmin (the honorary State Secretary) presented the annual report. This covered every sphere of the work of the executive during the year, which continually becomes more strenuous for members.

The presentation of cups won by auxiliaries during the year was made by Mrs. Agnew.

The Hopperton Cup for the most outstanding work during the year was won by Claremont auxiliary for the second year in succession.

The Wilson Cup to the outstanding country auxiliary was won by Gnowangerup.

The McKinlay Shield for the winners of the Shield games was again won by Nedlands.

Mrs. Mortimore, of Narembeen, a former Country Vice-President, presented a cup to the Manjimup auxiliary, who were runners-up for the Wilson award.

Mrs. McKinlay presented Mrs. Agnew with a bouquet. In accepting this, Mrs. Agnew said how much she appreciated being present. She wished to especially thank auxiliaries for their wonderful efforts in Food for Britain appeals, and stressed very strongly how much the gifts of food meant to her fellow countrymen.

Professor Ross (president of the Soldiers’ Scholarship Committee) paid tribute to the wonderful assistance received from auxiliaries who sent donations for the fund.

The following representatives from kindred organisations were present: Sister Clifton (Returned Nurses), Matron Ferguson (Hollywood Hospital), Matron McDonald (Lemnos), the presidents of War Widows’ Craft Guild, Partially Blinded Association, T.B. Association, T.P. & I. Association, Maimed and Limbless Association, Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives, Country Women’s Association, Soldiers’ Welcome Committee, Unity Cheerio Club (Bayswater), Legacy Auxiliary, Ex-service Women’s sub-branch, Ex-service Women’s Association, Housewives’ Association, Women’s Service Guild.

At the conclusion of the proceedings all those present were entertained by the Executive to supper in the supper-room, and here many old friendships were renewed and new contacts made amongst delegates from the country branches.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, business sessions of conference were held. Over 130 delegates were present, all items on the agenda were fully discussed, and many recommendations made for the betterment of the condition of ex-service men, especially in regard to pensions, housing, etc. Reports were read by cup winners and runners-up.

Many and outstanding were the efforts which these auxiliaries made to enable them to raise funds for the ex-service men and their dependants.

Election of officers for the Executive resulted as follows:

State President: Mrs. McKinlay. 
Hon. State Secretary: Mrs. Stockmin.
Country Vice-President: Mrs. Craydon, Waroona (elected by the State President).
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Henderson and Prue.
Trustees: Mesdames Randall, Brown and Crofts.
Committee: Mesdames Cullen, Burgess, Dix, Scupham, Lynch, Ames, Adamson, Sherlock and Orgill, and Miss Hammersley.

During conference, country delegates visited hospitals and homes where ex-service men are inmates, and they were entertained at a social in the War-Blinded Soldiers’ Restroom and to a social and dance by the Nedlands auxiliary.

Foveshom House, York, requires a small cream separator and a small butter churn. Any former member of the League who may have either or both of these to dispose of is asked to contact Anzac House, Perth.

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**THEY SAY...**

To the Editor,

Sir—I would like to compliment "Albion," the author of a most interesting and inspiring article on "Tolerance." "Albion" eloquently expresses a viewpoint that is shared by all thoughtful people, namely that the future of our civilisation depends entirely on the necessity for inculcating the principles of friendliness, toleration and goodwill between humans of all nations and creeds.

Ex-servicemen who have fought for the noble principles on which Britain and the British Commonwealth are founded are naturally horrified at the amazing development of the foreign and dictatorial ideologoes permeated by the Communists. While there may perhaps be some reason for the success of Communism among the drudging and starving masses of Chinese land-tailors, there is little excuse or reason for the spread of Communism in Australia.

My reason for so highly complimenting "Albion" for his excellent article, urging the dissemination of goodwill and toleration among all the peoples of the world, should be apparent. If the advice and exhortation given by "Albion" could be universally adopted, there would be little reason for any person to become an advocate for Communism.

Apart from the Communistic aim to sweep away the barriers which exist between the various religious sects, there is no excuse for the propagation of Communist principles among the free peoples of the world. Ebenezer Elliott opines:

What is a Communist? One who hath yearnings
For equal division of unequal earnings.
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Yours sincerely,
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The Menace of
Communism

(Continued from page 17)

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specialised grievances. This applies
particularly to housing. We have
introduced go-slow tactics and have
halved the housing programme. We
have managed to double building costs
but have put the whole blame on pri-
ivate enterprise.

"Make trouble. Get people used
to strikes and chaos and the flouting
of authority. Every demonstration is
a Revolution in miniature; it may be
regarded as a practice run for the
real thing.

"Raise the sectarian issue. Certain
intellectuals can be very useful to us
if properly handled.

"Defend Russia. Always remem-
ber that the ultimate purpose of all
our tactics is Russian victory in the
coming world war, which it will be
necessary for the Soviet to make upon
Britain and America.

"All the Party's resources should
be used to make Russia popular and
to give the impression that her inten-
tions are peaceful, so as to prevent
the bourgeois-democracies from arm-
ing in protection. Above all, the
directions of the Central Committee
must be implicitly followed in regard
to treatment of the atomic bomb ques-
tion. It may not be possible to re-
veal the real strategy on the atomic
bomb to the rank and file. The Party
demands obedience and silence.

"Maintain propaganda. Do every-
thing to spread propaganda, especi-
ally among people who do not know
you are a Party member, and who
will accept your word personally,
without knowing what is behind it.
Our 25,000 Party members must be-
come the biggest whispering gallery
in Australia.

Remember readers, the people writ-
ing, publishing and utilising this ad-
tise are Australians. Is there not
something wrong? Is there not a
menace here? Britain has 50,000
Communists in a population of
50,000,000. Australia, according to
the Party, has 2,500 in about 7½
million.

Let us not be naive. Let us not be
apathetic. Let us not be sheeplily
stupid. No one minds whether his fellow
neighbour, his fellow workman or his
fellow sub-branch member is a Lab-
our, a Liberal or a Country Party
supporter. No one minds whether his
fellow man is a Protestant, a Catholic
or of some other religious belief. But
a Communist is beyond the pale. For
Communism is no mere political be-
ief. It is even more than a religion.
It is a way of living, a creed of
existence.

And this country rejects it. The
League rejects it. Individuals must
reject it—not merely by word of
mouth but, where necessary, by
ACTION!

This is Official
(Continued from page 4)

of the League's accepting respon-
sibility to conduct the ex-servicemen's
parade; and a recommendation that
an approach be made to the civil
authorities in Fremantle, Boulder,
Kalgoorlie, Northam and York, asking
their cooperation with the local
R.S.L. when arranging functions in
connection with the visit.

Other reports included Poppy Day,
Remembrance Day and Mining (Mr.
Watt), Apazec House and Anzac
Club (Mr. Ferguson), Amelioration
(Colonel Mansbridge), R.S.L. Hostel
(Mr. Watt), the R.S.L. Booth at the
Royal Show (Mr. Chaney) and the
A.R.M.S. Committee (Mr. Douglas).
The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.

Osborne Park
Membership Drive

The Osborne Park Sub-Branch is
starting a membership drive in its dis-
trict, beginning on Sunday, November
20, with an effort to bring the League
and the sub-branch to the notice of
all new residents of the district who
are members or eligible to be mem-
ers. This effort is to be one of per-
sonal contact where possible. Several
members have nominated to be League
standard-bearers on this occasion, and
it is to be hoped that the result will be
encouraging.

The State President (Mr. W. J.
Hunt) has kindly consented to be the
guest speaker at our usual meeting on
Wednesday, November 24, which will
be the meeting immediately follow-
ing the drive, and all who are con-
tacted will be invited to attend. His
subject will be: "The League and its
Policy," and other speakers will out-
line the work of the sub-branch in
all its activities.

The sub-branch cordially invites all
the newcomers to this meeting and
they can rest assured that their wel-
come will be warm and spontaneous,
so come along and meet the boys.

Meetings are held in the R.S.L.
Memorial Hall on the corner of Main
and Cape Streets, Osborne Park, the
President is Ted Feltham and the
Secretary, Tom Meagher, both Dig-
gers of World War II.

Remember, you need the R.S.L. just
as much as the R.S.L. needs you, so
if you have come to live in Osborne
Park renew that 1949 crown with
your local sub-branch and work with
them for the League and its ideals.

Re-establishment
Notes

The Chief Poultry Adviser of the
Department of Agriculture states
that, owing to the uncertain supply of
building materials and the limited
amounts of feeding stuffs available
to poultry farmers, it is doubtful if a
newcomer to the industry could build
up a profitable poultry farm on unin-
proved land. He suggests that ex-
servicemen desiring to enter the
poultry industry should endeavour to
purchase either fully developed
poultry farms or properties sufficiently
advanced to make further expansion
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Any further change of address before Stars are actually received should also be notified.

Members and co-members of the Mercantile Marine are asked to make personal application for Campaign Stars to the superintendent of the appropriate Mercantile Marine office, who will be the issuing authority.

Campaign Stars to which a member of the Forces dying on war service or within three months of his ceasing to be on war service, is entitled will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the War Service Estates Act. This section provides that the medals of a deceased member which are not bequeathed to some specified person by will shall be delivered to such person or institution as the Minister or an authorised person approves.

Campaign Stars to which a member of the Forces, who has died three months or more after ceasing to be on war service, is entitled, do not form part of his war service estate within the meaning of the above Act, and the legal representative of the next-of-kin, as the case may be, should advise the appropriate issuing authority accordingly in order to establish his entitlement to such Stars.

Where a person who served as a member of the Mercantile Marine or was employed in connection with civil aviation is now deceased, the next-of-kin, or the person entitled to the estate, is requested to advise the appropriate issuing authority accordingly in order that the Campaign Stars may be obtained by or sent to the person entitled to receive them.

The Defence Medal and the War Medal, 1939-45, are not yet available for issue, but a further announcement regarding these medals will be made at a later date.
Sub Branch Activities

It is the aim of "The Listening Post" to make its columns of wide interest to members of the State, and the Editor welcomes reports from sub-branches. But in order to make as broad a coverage as possible, secretaries and publicity officers are asked to confine their reports to a maximum of 200 words on any person or places should be typed or written in CAPITAL LETTERS, and copy should be in the Editor's hands by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

BASESDEAN

Our sports nights are an attempt to be attractive now. A new dart's board and darts were recently purchased and we are endeavouring to get a league together. But that is a challenge. The cement brick required for the building of the conveniences are well under way, so one hopes that the plans are completed, erection will commence. We are indeed sorry to hear that Mr. Tucker, who has been so generous in making the bricks, has been advised by his doctor to take things easy. It is only moderately hoped that he will soon be 1A again.

BEROOMEHILL

The inaugural meeting of the Beroomehill sub-branch was held on September 21, with a fair attendance. The following office-bearers were elected: President, E. Brew; vice-president, M. Clayton; honorary secretary, J. Hopkins; honorary treasurer, T. Sarwell; auditors, C. Harvey and J. Bruce; committee, J. F. Hillman, A. Hillman, J. Thompson, F. Marchant, E. Harmer, and G. H. Harmer.

BREMANTLE

We are deeply concerned at the indifference displayed by members in not attending the monthly meetings of the League. It has been a tremendous job in confronting the anomalies and problems of ex-service men and women, and the too numerous examples of non-attendance one night in a month? To frame sub-branch policy and try to do a little service for more unfortunate comrades. Think over that if you are in good circumstances, good for you. But, for goodness sake, think of our more less fortunate comrades, who occasionally need a helping hand. It will give you a kick to do something unsightly now and again. Mr. Bernie Burrows recently reported on a very detailed and interesting description of the official visit to Claremont Hospital for the Insane, and has gained the sympathy of support of comrades in showing a little sympathy and help to those who were once their own comrades. This sub-branch is definitely against all the waste of time and use of the Commonwealth money and is of the opinion that the League should continue to be the main body and not be confused with other non-party political organisations. President and vice-presidents (4) will open on November 4 and close the 18th. November and the branches of the sub-branch will meet on December 2, at 9 p.m. Election of treasurer, treasurers and committee will take place early in 1949.

EXATTING

The matter of the school was discussed at the September meeting, when Mr. L. E. Bowring presided. Members expressed the opinion that they had originally been adopted in order to facilitate the attendance of members in the State, but of recent months, it has been found that many farmers were making a weekly trip only to town and had insufficient postage to make the trip worthwhile. Members were also under the impression that the opinion of a better attendance would result from the meeting, and that being changed, as a large number of them found social calls made demands on their time. It was decided that the matter be published and a decision made at the next meeting. The secretary advised that the houses being built under the scheme were available and could be

obtained from him. The matter of allocation of Commonwealth State Beneficial Homes was also discussed and the Executive is to be asked if it recommends the formation of local committees with R.S.L. representation for the allocation of houses. Amongst the correspondence tabled for the information of members was a number of circulars dealing with rehabilitation and grants.

Greater interest is now being shown in the activities of the new sub-branch and membership is gradually being built up. The sub-branch will celebrate its first birthday in December. The ban on things proceeded to the 20th, and the committee members have been rather successful, both socially and financially, and have attracted quite a number of new members to the sub-branch. On each occasion we were assisted by the Scottish bands. The proposed garden competition to be carried out under the auspices of the sub-branch has been postponed until early next year. This competition should be of great interest to the returned ex-service men of the district and should prove very successful. We visited Heathcote on October 10 and distributed the usual smoke and refreshments.

MANJIMUP

At the meeting on October 14 the secretary (Mr. J. F. Berry) reported that the membership had now reached within four of last year's total of 915, but Mr. A. McLeod was presided over a sparse attendance. Members learned with pleasure of the offer made by Mr. G. Greaves to do some renovations to the hall in preparation for the annual reunion on November 26, when it is hoped the State President will be in attendance. As the result of a recent inspection, it was reported that the hall, which is to be taken to put down gravel, paths on either side of the hall, raise the level of the front path and make a gravelled apron at the rear door. A report on the Annual Congress was given by Mr. Fred Taylor, one of the Australian representatives the sub-branch. He considered the visit most instructive. The sub-branch welcomed a new member in Mr. E. Hayes. The management committee of the sub-branch has refused the application of the Education Department for the use next year of the R.S.L. Hall as a classroom. Application was made by the local headmaster (Mr. J. E. Davenport) after the hall supper room had been considered and proved unsuitable. Members considered that in their opinion ample time exists for the provision of additional accommodation before school commences in 1949. The anticipated needs of the school next year will be for over 500 pupils and the attendance at the moment is embarrassing what accommodation is available. Tenders were called some time ago for additions amounting to £3,000 and it is understood that the contract has been awarded. The sub-branch has extended an invitation to the State President (Mr. Hunt) to attend their annual reunion to be held in the R.S.L. Hall on Saturday, November 27. It is hoped to make this year's effort reminiscent of the past, when it was recognized as one of the highlights of sub-branch functions. Enquiries have been received by the secretary (Mr. J. F. Berry) from six applicants interested in war service homes. With this

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MOSMAN PARK
The September meeting was very poorly attended, which was not surprising on such a rough night. For this sub-branch, the A.A.M. comes to have concluded for the season. Although beaten through the year we are determined to organise sound teams for next year's series. At the last fixture played at home to Mr. Lawley a large crowd of visitors and members held a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the visitors winning the night by a very slight margin. Matches are eagerly awaiting reports from branch delegates, Messrs. Brown, McCormack and Love, who represented them at the recent Congress. From the social side of the sub-branch, two dates to be remembered are November 13 for the annual dinner for members and wives and December 28, when the children will hold pride of place during the visit of Father Christmas.

MT. HAWTHORN
Sub-branch meetings have been well attended and great interest is being manifested in sub-branch fixtures. Our membership figures have now passed the 500 mark and are steadily increasing. This happy state of affairs is entirely due to sub-branch efforts to build up membership. At our meeting held on September 30, talks were given by Ron Halcombe and Alf Dickenson. Among those present were representatives from the following sub-branches: Albany, Claremont, City of Perth, Gloucester Park, Kalamunda, Kendall, Melville, North Perth, Fremantle, Safety Bay, South Perth, Subiaco, Yokine and Victoria Park. It was a grand social evening.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD
The ladies' committee continues its activities. On Friday, September 17, at Wathall's Hall, they held a cabaret dance which was a success both from a social and a financial point of view. Our cricket team has taken its gear out of mothballs and is preparing hard for the important matches which start in November. It defeated a team led by W. D. & H. O. Wilks in a scratch match recently. On September 21 the sub-branch held a combined sports night in conjunction with the Legion of Ex-Servicemen. This was well attended and enjoyed by everybody present. At the October general meeting it was reported that the next time the sub-branch is involved in a debate the opposing team was invited to attend the general meeting at Wathall's Hall, and the debate was conducted immediately after the conclusion of general business on the night. It is thought that this arrangement, besides providing entertainment for the members, will supply a more stimulating atmosphere for the debaters, who, in the past, have complained of having to speak in almost empty halls or rooms.

BRISTOL PARK
The first move to improve our block commenced on September 17th, when a "full dress working party" moved five loads of earth to build up the first four feet to the level of the footpath. The efforts of the workers were increased by several young ladies, who were thoughtfully brought along refreshments and made it almost a social event. Another working bee will be necessary to complete this job and eight men will be required to completely replace the previous party, and we hope to have the block fenced before Christmas.
functions are being planned for the near future, and everyone is requested to attend the next meeting if possible. Do not forget the next meeting of the month at the Progress Hall.

SOUTH PERTH

The big occasion for September was the annual smoke social. This was held in the School Hall and grand success. Among the 60 guests were the State president and Mrs. Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sayer. A pleasant surprise was the presentation of a special cigarette to Mr. T. W. B. Scott, who had been a member for many years and had been a sub-branch treasurer. Mr. H. H. M. Bartle introduced a serious note into the proceedings when he spoke of the necessity of putting the League 'before personal prejudices, particularly in relation to the sub-branch. The sub-branch could well take this to heart in the light of the attitude that the sub-branch committee has shown in its efforts to acquire a hall. We respect the decision of our usual scribe, Andy Scott, to resign from the sub-branch affairs, but we are sure that this will benefit the sub-branch, inasmuch as he has been active in the affairs of the League.

We all hope Andy will soon be with us again, and that Mrs. Andy has recovered from the illness to which she has been ailing.

VICTORIA PARK

A fair attendance of members at our October meeting with interest to delegates reports on Annual Congress. Plans are being made to have a special sports evening arranged for Thursday, December 1. Visitors from other sub-branches have been invited to play in the various games. The A.R.M. Shield competition has closed with Victoria Park beating but not disregarding the opposition. A general strengthening of our teams would make us a fine team the next season. Your sports director would be a pleasure to any team with possession of the trophy; no individual has worked harder than our members. The next meeting was advanced to December 8. Try and bring a mate with you for an enjoyable evening.

WARRONA-HEMAL

Recent meetings of the sub-branch have been well attended and quite large as the volume of business is handled. Because of the demand for local members, it was necessary for him to leave the district, Mr. Tom Law asked the sub-branch to accept his resignation from the position of sub-branch president as from the October meeting. Several members spoke in glowing terms of the endless work done for the sub-branch and for the R.S.L. by Mr. Law, and the secretary, who was instructed to record in the minutes the members' appreciation of his work. The secretary had recently visited Harvey and took part in the first debate in the town. The sub-branch has been very active, and the leader, Mr. All Bartle, pointed out that this was brought about mainly because the member's interest is in the sub-branch. At the present time only one team is available in the sub-branch, although the sub-branch is ready to accept new members who are willing to make the sacrifice. If the sub-branch is to continue taking its part in zone debates, it will be necessary to form more teams so that practice debates may be held. Next zone debate will take at Yarloop on Tuesday, October 28, and the Warroona-Himal team was Messrs. All Bartle, H. L. Purcell and Dave Ballard. With the local agricultural show rapidly approaching, the sub-branch is helping to raise the matter of the sub-branch hot dog stand, which is to be set up for the final closing of the October meeting. A good-sized working party had volunteered for duty and a special meeting of hot dog vendors was called. At this discussion, the final details were drawn up for the equipping and efficient operating of the hot dog dispensary on the show ground. At the social evening following the October meeting, members took the opportunity to congratulate Mrs. C. M. Gray on her recent election to the State country view president of the women's auxiliary. Also congratulated was Mr. Grant, who was re-elected to his position as sub-branch member and sub-president, who has been in charge of the sub-branch, and the sub-branch was the president of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L.

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STATE EXECUTIVE

The first Executive meeting following Conference was held on Monday, October 4, when retiring members were farewelled. These were Mesdames Robin McLean and Kajigren. Mesdames Ames, Orgill and Miss Hamannen, the new members, were welcomed. Mrs. Brown was again elected assistant Secretary.

Royal Perth Hospital visiting has been carried out each Friday as usual during the last three weeks, over 130 visits being made to ex-servicemen with comforts distributed by Executive members on behalf of country auxiliaries.

Claremont Mental Hospital was visited by Mesdames Cullen, Stockman, D ix and Sherlock.

Hollywood Hospital has been visited bi-weekly by auxiliaries as peer roster and many country Diggers have been contacted by request from auxiliaries.

The State President and State Secretary attended the social in aid of the Blind Soldiers Rest Room and were also present at the social held by Confidence delegates of the Nealeans auxiliary.

Mrs. Stockman and other members of Executive were the guests of City of Fremantle auxiliary to the tea given by them to hospital patients. Mrs. Henderson was also present and reported that she had visited Pinjarra auxiliary and presented two certificates of service.

The September birthday party was attended by the State President, State Secretary and members of the Executive.

Mrs. Henderson, Senior Vice-President, attended the 20th birthday party of Victoria Park auxiliary committee.

Hospital committees were appointed for the remaining year. Mrs. Dax was elected Chairman for the Royal Perth Hospital Committee, with Mrs. Burgess as Vice-Chairman. Hollywood Hospital, Northbridge, Chairman, Mrs. Lynch, Deputy Chairman, Home of Peace, Mrs. Sherlock, Chairman of Trustees and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Caltab as Vice-Chairman. Publicity Officer: Mrs. Prue Hunt. All information is to be sent to her, and whenever possible, full reports of metropolitan functions will be given.

Mrs. Mortimer, secretary of Narembeen auxiliary, who had been at Mount Hospital, having undergone a serious operation. We wish her a speedy recovery to health.

Mr. G. J. Hard, secretary of Rockingham auxiliary, who has been in hospital, is now in a much improved condition.

The State President (Mrs. McKlnly) left on Wednesday, October 20, for a holiday in the Eastern States. Best wishes are extended for a happy time from auxiliary members every where.

BAYSWATER

On Thursday, October 14, the auxiliary held a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson. The State President (Mrs. McKlnly), members of the Executive and representatives from nearly all metropolitan auxiliaries were present and enjoyed a very nice evening. The supper arranged by the members was a quiet and relaxing event following a long day for Mr. Arthur, the new president, made her maiden speech as he. The president and his wife welcomed the visitors to the social, which was given as a gesture of thanks and appreciation of the efforts of everyone who work on the annual function, the Bayswater auxiliary had provided for the State Executive Committee, and her band and helpers are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements made for the entertainment.

DARLING RANGE

The annual meeting was held on June 9. Officers elected were President, Mrs. Hay; vice-presidents, Mesdames Hensworth and Austin; treasurer, Mrs. Davenham; secretary, Mrs. Pye; and members of Council, Misses Smith and Whear. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Donaldson, where tea was enjoyed by about 25 people.

FREMANTLE

On Sunday, September 26, members of the City of Fremantle auxiliary were hostesses to ex-servicemen from Lemnos, Edward Millen Home, Sunset and the Home of Peace, when they entertained them to high tea. Guests numbered about 70 and were conveyed to the Eltham Hotel by a special bus.

From its opening to its conclusion the afternoon was an excellent programme was provided for their entertainment. Tea, which was a sumptuous meal, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The fare included meat and vegetables, fruit salad and ice cream. Everyone had a thorough time, and we hope many of our members will join us in the future,

WAROONA-HAMEL

The president (Mrs. R. A. Haynes) presided over an excellent attendance at the monthly meeting held on October 1, members were present and expressed their pleasure on the appointment of Mr. Haynes as State Vice-President.

The president stated that she had attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Juahir Farmers, and the box of books packed and despatched by Mrs. R. T. Haynes, which contained a number of old books and documents, was presented to the State President.

During the meeting, Mrs. Haynes made a speech on the occasion of her appointment as Country Vice-President and expressed her pleasure on the appointment of Mr. Haynes as State Vice-President.

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“Eggs-a-Cook” lined up for the annual show on Monday, October 4, at Anzac House Supper Room. A good attendance (over 100 old members) rewarded the efforts of the committee. The Loyal Toast, followed by that of Fallen Comrades, was proposed by President Jim Everett, and a list of members who passed on during the year was read and acknowledged in silence.

Frank Sharpe proposed the toast of the 44th Battalion, and this was replied to by Bill Hunt, who mentioned particularly the need of the younger chaps taking an interest in R.S.L. affairs.

We were very glad to have three representatives of the 11/44th Inf. Battalion in Capt. Lonnie, Lieut. Baker and Pte. King. Colonel Garner proposed the toast of this unit, which was responded to by Capt. Lonnie.

Our fellow member, Ross McLarty, arrived at this stage, and was warmly welcomed by his old friends and comrades.

Jack Cunningham, in command of the piano, was well up to his usual form. Jack Holman got his laughs with his stories, songs and always popular dancing. Everyone went out, with the beer, about 10.45.

They’re all looking forward to next year, so here’s hoping!

The meek are not only inheriting the earth, but in some cases they are getting their faces pushed into it.

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**ARMADALE**—President: A. F. Griffiths, Armadale; Secretary: E. E. Chisholm, William Street, Armadale; 3rd Wednesday each month; Chisholm Club Room, Armadale; 8 p.m.

**AUGUSTA**—President: W. E. Ellis, Augusta; Secretary: F. H. Brown, Augusta Hotel; 1st Wednesday in each month; “Dunleith,” near Augusta Hotel; 8 p.m.

**BAKER’S HILL—CHECKLINE**—President: C. C. Rose, Baker’s Hill; Secretary: T. A. E. Labich, Baker’s Hill; 2nd Thursday each month; alternatively, Baker’s Hill and Checkline.

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