CONGRESS: RULING
STATE EXECUTIVE

Two West Australian items submitted to the 40th annual Federal Congress of the R.S.L. at Brisbane late in October were ruled out of order as the matter did not exclusively concern ex-servicemen.

The State secretary (Mr. Chappell) said this in a report to the State Executive on behalf of the W.A. delegates.

The items, he said, referred to the lifting of sales tax on tobacco at a cost of £75,000 to the Treasury, and to the provision of beds in hospitals for ex-servicemen.

Mr. Chappell said he was directed to consider whether the issue of beds in hospitals was an appropriate matter for the Congress to consider.

LONG AGENDA

The agenda, Mr. Chappell said, comprised 204 items compared with 205 last year. Of the 14 official delegates ten were World War II men.

Of the 33 items submitted by W.A., seven in connection with pensions were referred to the League's Pension Fund and would be dealt with early next year.

Fourteen items were carried over and the remainder were either withdrawn or lost.

There was a tendency to defer land items to a special land conference to be called by the Federal president (Sir George Holland) early next year.

It had been difficult to get a serious attitude to land matters because of differing conditions in each State.

Of particular interest to the North-West sub-committees were the items relating to the per capita rate and the employment of Japanese divers.

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Rather than a State outlook, Mr. Chappell said it appeared that the Federal Office was working under difficulty due to its imminent transfer to Canberra.

To finance the transfer some League investments had been realised at a considerable loss. States would be asked to make capitalisation payments in advance to avoid further loss on realisation.

An Australian delegation would again participate in the New Zealand Anzac Day observance, leaving Australia on April 12.

Next year's League Congress would be held in Sydney.

LEAGUE PRESSURE LEADS TO NEW ALLOCATION FOR WAR-SERVICE HOMES

Following intervention by the R.S.L. a fresh allocation of £300,000 is being made available for war-service homes in Western Australia this year.

This was said to be the latest intervention by the Federal President of the League (Sir George Holland) during his recent official visit to the State Executive on November 23.

Mr. Stoddart told the executive that the Federal president of the League (Sir George Holland) during his recent official visit to the State Executive on November 23 had been notified of the additional allocation by the Federal Minister in charge of war-service homes (Mr. McManus).

Also, Mr. Stoddart said, a request from Sir George to the Minister for a visit to W.A. "without delay" by the Director of War Service Homes (Mr. Lucas) had been answered in the affirmative.

DIRECTOR COMING

The Minister had informed Sir George that the director would visit the State early in the New Year.

Mr. Stoddart said that copies of letters received by several members of the Federal Parliament from the Minister had been sent to Anzac House.

They were in reply to telegrams from the members following their attendance at a special meeting of the housing sub-committee at Anzac House earlier in November on the £500,000 cut in the Commonwealth allocation for war-service homes in this State for the current year.

It appeared, Mr. Stoddart said, that the Minister's letter in each case had been compiled by the director who had evaded the point that in May of this year he had advised the State Housing Commission to plan a programme for 1955-56 similar to that of 1954-55—a matter of great concern here.

Since the previous executive meeting the sub-committee had considered six cases where land was bought from League headquarters by ex-service personnel or their dependants in overcoming housing problems.

Mr. Stoddart said that the thanks of the State branch of the League were due to those Federal Members of Parliament who had attended the special meeting of the housing sub-committee and assisted the League in its representations.
A Thought For Our Veterans

"Peace on earth, goodwill towards men" is the coming season's prime reason and lesson. What more fitting task have League members, not only at the present season but all year round, than to fulfill this particular text and ensure the well-being of our veterans at Faversham?

This is fully recognised by some sub-branches, as is evidenced by the following list of visits paid to the veterans' homes during the past month.

November 3: Quarinding sub-branch. Women's Auxiliary, visited Faversham, provided music, afternoon tea, strokes and cakes and sweets for future enjoyment.

November 13: Kellerberrin sub-branch members visited and brought with them Christmas presents. Red Cross sub-branch, Auxiliary, Christmas hampers, sweets and books. W. H. Brain, Tingle-dale, books. Mosman Park sub-branch, Christmas cake. V. W. Thomas and R. W. Thomas, clothes. City of Perth sub-branch, Auxiliary, cigarettes. Waronna-Hamel sub-branch and auxiliary, biscuits, fruits, cigarettes, cigars, sweets and cakes. To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith also, thanks for making up 12 large curtains for the partitions of one of the dormitories. Mr. Smith is the secretary of the Public Service sub-branch.

If such goodwill continues at the present rate our veterans may look forward to a very enjoyable and happy Christmas and New Year.

On Sunday, December 18, State Executive members and their wives will be visiting Faversham to join their old comrades at tea and provide some music and distribute Christmas cheer.

One very good suggestion has been made to the committee regarding Christmas presents for our Veterans at York. Make YOUR MEMBER a 1956 financial League member by the sub-branch paying his capitation fee. Think it over and surely you will see much merit in the suggestion.

Our local and superinten-tent will be taking their well-deserved holiday as from December 31, having completed 12 months duty. A war widow and ex-sister (Mrs. Colless) will be relieving during their absence.

To all sub-branches, women's auxiliaries and members of the League, Red Cross, Air Force Association and the many friends who have helped in any way the past year, both 'the veterans' and your committee's grateful thanks and sincere wishes for a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to you and yours.

Sub-branch Quarters Once Hotel

The new Beverley R.S.I. sub-branch quarters, which were opened by Mr. E. O. Davies (a State vice-president) on November 18, were once the post-office hotel premises.

The building was bestowed to the sub-branch by the late Mr. I. Powell before World War II.

Conversion of the building for its new purpose has involved the removal of the top storey and renovation of the ground floor to provide committee room, office and a spacious billiard room.

Mr. Davies said that the contractor (Mr. Reynolds) had made an excellent home for the sub-branch and its auxiliary, and congratulated the president (Dr. Cullen) and his committee on a great job done.

Dr. Cullen said he thought the achievement was to be regarded merely as a beginning.

Mr. W. Gillespie traced the history of events relating to the building since it had come into the possession of the sub-branch.

Among other speakers were Messrs. J. J. Mann, M.I.A., and A. J. Hartley of the State Executive.

The presentation by Mr. Dav-ies during the evening of a Certificate of Service to Mr. Mox-om--a former secretary and president--took members by sur prise and drew their warm ap plause.

W.S. Homes Head On "Defensive"

War-service homes had been a burning question with most State delegations at the League Congress in Brisbane and the director of the War-Service Homes Division (Mr. S. Kell-er-berrin) --one of the great achievements of that period since World War I.

He had said that the biggest headache to the administration was the decision to keep expenditure of the year to £20,000,000, Congress had decided to ask for additional finance to enable a reversion to the practice of taking over existing mortgages for eligible applicants.
Indian Seeks Closer Bonds Of Friendship

The Indian High Commissioner in Australia (General K. M. Cariappa) is looking forward to the development of stronger ties of friendship and cooperation between Australia and his own country.

At a reception accorded him by the R.S.L. State executive at the R.S.L. State Headquarters during his recent visit to this State General Cariappa said that in a rapidly changing world, with big things happening in Asia, it was well to have, good friends.

He said he wanted to see the comradeship in war had stood shoulder to shoulder in the face of a common enemy maintained in an era of peace.

"Let us keep up this wonderful family of democracies forever so that people today and tomorrow can live happily in a free world," General Cariappa said.

He felt that Australians were becoming more interested in India. Already he said, Australia's voice was being heard among the nations and she had a wonderful opportunity of playing a part in international affairs.

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Terms of Equality

There were now more Englishmen in India than ever before and they were far happier there living on terms of equality.

India, although a republic, was in the Commonwealth to see what she could not get in the past and not what she could get out of it.

She wanted to work for peace in a truly democratic way. She disliked "isms" of any sort being imposed on her, but was prepared to try the good things from any "ism."

She wanted to build a more prosperous State in her own way.

The Fascist nations had been defeated in World War II and the world was now largely divided into two camps-Communism and Anti-Communism.

Peace Area

India was in neither camp and looked to herself as a peace area, believing in non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations and in the creation of a state of affairs leading to real peace in the world.

General Cariappa said that now he was on the eve of his departure for India he would like to say how fortunate Australians were to live in such a paradise on earth—though they could not all seem to appreciate the fact.

This enormous and prosperous country, he said, had room for many more people and he would suggest that in peopling Australia might take more notice of comradeship in arms as a criterion of entry and not insist on migrants being of the same stock as themselves.

Such people would help to develop this country and in increase its stature in world affairs, he said.

He had always enjoyed the hospitality and comradeship extended to him by the R.S.L. The State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) when introducing the speaker said that the reputation of Indian soldiers stood deservedly high in Australia and that through the British Empire Service League, Indian ex-servicemen were seeking closer association with kindred bodies in other Commonwealth countries.

He expressed the hope that India's growing influence would send the two countries more firmly together, and asked General Cariappa to convey to his Prime Minister (Mr. Nehru) the League's greetings.

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GREAT because the national prestige of the League is derived from the accumulation of the successes of your sub-branch and the sub-branch next door and all the other sub-branches throughout Australia.

Now it is up to you to make your plans to play your part, next year. In building up the effectiveness of your sub-branch.

Now is the time to add your contribution to keeping the League GREAT.

"IT'S GREAT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE!"
League Rally At Wagin
Draws 16 Sub-branches

Sixty-two League members representing 16 sub-branches attended a joint meeting at Wagin on November 19.

Declaring the meeting open, the State president (Mr. W. S. Loumio) said that a thorough discussion of League affairs at a joint meeting was likely to have a strengthening effect on the sub-branches within the area, and was to be preferred to single visits by members of the State Executive at annual functions.

At a group meeting it was possible to cover a much wider area, and not only to convey to sub-branches present some idea of the work of the League but also to hear sub-branch viewpoints.

With Mr. Lonnie at the meeting were the State secretary (Mr. Chappell), M.H.R., Townshend, Davidson, Llewellyn, White, Rolfe, Mendrik and the Anzac House club manager (Mr. Mitchell).

To stimulate discussion at an open forum session the subject was introduced as follows: League finance (Mr. Rolfe), welfare (Mr. Townshend), repatriation (Mr. Davidson), land (Mr. E. O. Davies), recreation (Mr. Chappell), Anzac Club (Mr. Mitchell).

It is hoped to conduct similar conferences at Kalgoorlie, Carnarvon, Geraldton and Albany during the year.

Ticket Sales
Cr~iticised
At Yarlool

The November meeting of the Yarlool sub-branch was critical of raffle-ticket books being distributed by sub-branches in various parts of the State. Members expressed sympathy that sub-branches were not upset the stomach, but said that they were not prepared to peddle tickets continually among rest-rooms.

Appeals were not uncommon in any district but in the Yarlool area they were becoming quite unpopular, it was said.

The sub-branch decided that in the future it would not apply to the League's reputation any more than good.

League Joins
Quest For
Missing Man

A quest by the British Legion for information regarding the whereabouts of a missing ex-service woman (Mr. F. T. New) being taken up in Australia by the R.S.L. at the request of the British Empire Service League. He may be somewhere in Australia.

The information is being sought on behalf of Mrs. Lucy Tubbs of Inver-road, Sumarees, Jersey, Channel Islands. Mrs. Tubbs is a sister of Mr. New. It appears that Mr. New was missing from an intelligence unit of the Australian Expeditionary Force in Singapore when it fell to the Japanese. He was taken prisoner and died at the end of the war repatriated to Australia.

Mr. F. T. New is not to be confused with his brother, Mr. W. R. New, who was also taken by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore. He was a civilian but is now reported to be dead.

CARING FOR
MEMORIALS

Speaking at the Joint meeting of sub-branches held at Wagin recently Mr. Lonnie announced that it was his intention to lay a poppy wreath on the local memorial in the town. He pointed out to sub-branches their responsibility to ensure that local monuments were not allowed to fall into a state of neglect, and that they should be at all times kept not only in a good state of repair, but also that they should look neat and tidy.
The League As Others See It

What some eminent persons in various walks of life feel about the League is reflected in the following remarks from messages read at the recent Federal Congress.

The Queen: It is my sincere hope that this meeting of your delegates may result in ever increasing interest in the League and for all who belong to it.

The Duke of Gloucester: I can assure you that the loyal support of the British Empire Service League is a great encouragement and inspiration to me.

Earl Mountbatten (Grand President of the B.E.S.L. and life member of the League): I trust that the future will always hold a place of pride for the work achieved by your organization.

Lieut-General H. Wells (Chief of the General Staff): The Army is mindful of the League's constant interest in the welfare of the ex-service man and the work that goes to form a Chaplains' League to interpret the good and bad to Army's problems to the community with sympathy and understanding.

Lieut-General R. Bierworth (Commander-in-Chief British Commonwealth Forces Korea, and former S.O. W.C. War Command): I believe we can say without smugness that the League has played a tremendous part in shaping our national destiny. The young officer on the lineTin's desire this role to be maintained.

Lieut-General C. Culhane (Deputy Chief of the Turkish General Staff): I would like to recall the memory of the Australian and Turkish heroes whose blood, 40 years ago, mixed together on the soil of the Gallipoli Peninsula, and who, in the recent Korean war, fought together side by side against the same common enemy. It is for the freedom of the world.

The Very Rev. J. O. Anderson (Dominion president, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.-Members of the Dominion Legion recall a warm feeling of comradeship and a deep respect for what they think of Australian ex-servicemen.

Albany R.S.L. Makes Move

After 35 years' occupancy of premises in Empire Street, Albany sub-branch has moved its headquarters to a recently acquired site on Hot on-road, opposite Dog Rock. Portion of the building is to be used by the newly formed R.S.L. Club.

The hall at the old address was to be transported intact to the rear of the new premises—on November 20. Weekend busy-bees to get the grounds in order have been in vogue for some time.

Poles Say Thanks To "Aussies"

The aircraft carrier Vengeance which returned to the United Kingdom recently after two years' service with the R.A.N. has been thanked by the Polish Ambassador in London for assistance given to the Polish ex-service ship Bratislava which was approaching the end of her voyage.

The Ambassador has conveyed through the British Foreign Office and the Admiralty, as a result of an explosion in the Bratislava, a member of her crew, was seriously injured. A signal from the Polish ship was answered by the Vengeance which altered course and, after administrating first aid to the injured seaman, took him to Portsmouth, where he was admitted to hospital.

As a consequence of this treatment he received he was able to leave hospital within a short period.

HOSTEL CLOSES SOON

The League will be closing down the R.S.L. Hostel in Melbourne on Saturday, January 22.

Branches interested in the furniture or effects should arrange with the manager to inspect anything they may desire to purchase and then return the items to Shelburne Street, Melbourne (who are handling the disposal), at 62 St. George's-terrace, Perth.

DECISIONS AT CONGRESS

Among matters the R.S.L. at its 40th annual Congress in Brisbane decided to press for the following:

The Reparation Commission dealt with claims which have been referred to the University of World War I, full reparation questions whether their claims are to be met by: (a) duty on war service or not (Victoria). (b) The restoration of previous class of war pensioners and R.S.L. pension scheme or rates of pension to those eligible (W.A.).

Extension of benefits under the war widows and dependants scheme, which include treatment at country hospitals (W.A.).

Travel vouchers to next of kin of ex-service patients in repairation hospitals (Vic.).

Extension of benefits under the Special Co-operative War Pensions Act, 1925, to domiciled in Australia and elsewhere (Victoria). (c) The extension of benefits under the South African War (1900-1902, W.A.).

Elimination of the tax on the granting of war-service application (Vic.).

The eligibility of ex-service women with or without dependants for war-service homes (S.A.).

Reversion of the War-service Homes Division to the practice of taking over existing mortgages for eligible applicants (Vic.).

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Albany Entertains Its Founder's Grandson

Recently the Albany sub-branch had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. N. W. Lockyer, a grandson of Albany's founder, Major Lockyer, who annexe Western Australia as British territory.

Intimation from the Toowoong (Queensland) sub-branch—of which Mr. Lockyer is a member—of his visit was only received an hour or two before his arrival at the port with his wife on board "SS. Hector."

The Lockyers were met at the boat by the Albany sub-branch president (Mr. Harry Millar), the vice-presidents (Messrs. Ron Pearson and Keith Butler), the immediate past-president (Mr. Jack Booth) and the secretary (Mr. Harold Colvin).

The visitors were taken to the top of Mt. Clarence for a view of the town, and then to Residency Point where, in December, 1832, their forbear's proclamation was made.

The memorial tablet erected at the point was viewed by Mr. and Mrs. Lockyer.

The party then adjourned to the Freemasons Hall where they were joined by the wives of the sub-branch officials for the annual dinner, after which a visit was made to the Town Hall where the local municipal council was in session.

The committee adjourned for the purpose of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Lockyer and requesting them to sign the visitors' book, which contains among other things the signatures that of Queen Elizabeth.

The Mayor spoke of the historic interest of Mr. Lockyer's visit.

Later the visitors were escorted back to the ship by sub-branch officials where the visitors assisted on becoming the hosts.

New Clubrooms At Pinjarra

The annual meeting of the Murray sub-branch was held in the new clubrooms at Pinjarra for the first time recently.

The new room has been valued in excess of £3,000 but was erected largely with the voluntary labour of members at cost to the sub-branch of only £1,300.

It is to be officially opened shortly.

The sub-branch is one of the oldest in the State, having been formed in 1919 with the present Leader of the Opposition in the State Parliament (Sir Ross McCarty) as secretary.

WORK DONE AT KENWICK

The Kenwick auxiliary held its annual meeting late in November with 27 out of its 32 members in attendance.

All office-bearers were re-elected, and the reports disclosed a successful year's activity.

The provision of clubrooms was noted with appreciation of the harmony existing between the sub-branch and its auxiliary.

Members took part in several street appeals during the year, their efforts on Poppy Day resulting in a collection of £48/8/.

Social functions and a street stall raised £60 for auxiliary funds, raffles another £31, and a fetes last month brought a clear profit of over £40.

Special guests at the fete were Lady McCarty (who opened it), and Misses Stockwell and Ames and other members of the State Executive.

The Hollywood Repatriation Hospital was visited on occasion and the Edward Milne Mid-weekly comes the first Sunday of each month.

The auxiliary has more than held its own in the McIndoe games.

Members are assisting the sub-branch to arrange a children's Christmas treat for December 19, and plan to entertain old diggers early next year.

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Canteens Trust Softens War-Caused Hardships

More than $310,000 was spent by the Trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund during 1954 in providing financial help for men and women who served in the Australian Forces in World War II and for their dependants.

This is revealed in the seventh annual report of the Trustees. During the year the trust spent £181,000 on welfare relief, education, and unemployment. The amount spent on education was £120,000, which was spent helping affected children.

Help in the form of financial support was provided to 6,300 children of ex-servicemen and 4,100 widows and dependants. Of these, 4,000 were directly helped by the trust.

The report indicates a need for continuing support, as there are still many families in distress.

Yampli Helps League In Big Appeal

The Yampli R.S.A. sub-branch has subscribed £111 3/- to the University Medical School Appeal fund. A cheque for this amount was recently handed over by the chairman of the sub-branch, F. A. Pat Banto (in person).

The money was raised on Cockatoo Day, at 1,500 miles north of Perth, where the population is 90.

The Yampli sub-branch is proud to possess its own War Memorial, "This is the true spirit of the League in action," said the State secretary of the League (Mr. Chappelle) referring to the donation.

Leader Impressed

The Federal president of the League (Sir John Howitt), who is impressed with the way in which the branch has handled its work, has commended the branch for its assistance in dealing with welfare issues.

He said this in a letter to the office: "The work of the League is outstanding, and the branch has maintained its position in the eyes of the community." He added that the branch's work should continue to be supported.

IN REMINISCENT MOOD

The following reminiscences come from the pen of Allen L. Watt, a former member of the State Executive.

During my 32 years service on the State Executive in 1922 Congress for State president was the most astonishing event. The R.S.L. sub-branch had been the subject of much controversy. It was in that year that the branch had become a registered charity.

The report indicates a need for continuing support, as there are still many families in distress.

DINNER WITH A DIFFERENCE

There was something different about the annual dinner and Christmas party of the Shenton Park R.S.L. sub-branch this year.

It had a special significance for members in that their hall has been cleared of debt—and in less than five years, too.

A less cheerful topic of the evening was the retirement of the sub-branch president (Mr. Cliff Kett) after approximately ten years in office.

The dinner was held in the R.S.L. Hall, Onslow-road, on December 10.

R.S.L. Success

The Bunbury Spring Ball, organised by the local R.S.L. sub-branch was attended by 6,000 people. The State president (Mr. Lonnie) who opened the fair praised the sub-branch on its initiative.
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As at November, 1955.

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Mrs. Royold welcomed the visitors, who included members from the Pinigley, Wagin and Katanning auxiliaries and Mr. and Mrs. James Dooney, Hall, Crabb, Powell, Young, Job and Friend.

At the afternoon gathering songs were rendered by Mesdames walkers Little and Trelford, and a humorous recitation by Mrs. Skewes.

Mrs. Skewes gave an account of her visit to the Eastern States as representative of Western Australia's auxiliary.

The visitors inspected the hospital, and at one of the afternoon's events was a buffet tea followed by competitions; games and dancing. There was community singing with Mrs. Kuckn and Mrs. Rosier, of Katanning, playing the piano.

Mrs. Royold presented Mrs. Stocklin with a cheque for £20, as the sub-branch donation to the Night School appeal, and another for £50, for the most need in land.
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Thanks for Services Rendered

A main task of the League is to help ex-servicemen and the widows of ex-servicemen.

Thousands have received such assistance.

Further testimony to the success the League is achieving in this direction has come in two letters of thanks received by the League president recently.

The secretary of the Canning sub-branch (Mr. E. J. Haynes) writes as follows:

I have been authorised by the members of the Canning sub-branch to write and thank members of the Executive and Mr. Hall for the great assistance which was granted to me last year.

Especially to Mr. Hall I am greatly indebted. His courtesy, patience, and advice so readily given was invaluable to me, and I had previously no idea that such assistance was available to the widow of a serviceman.

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SIR GEORGE HOLLAND GUEST AT KOJONUP REUNION

The presence of the Federal president of the R.S.L. (Sir George Holland) at the annual reunion of the Kojonup sub-branch seemed a fitting reward to the hard work done by branch members over the years since the formation of the sub-branch in 1919.

A sub-branch spokesman said this in an account of the reunion.

The pioneering work of such men as Messrs. J. H. Davis, J. B. Robertson and J. Harper had made the Kojonup sub-branch one of the best in any district.

The union had been the most successful ever held in Kojonup.

Toasting the R.S.L. sub-branch president (Mr. S. Crook), he said that the R.S.L. existed for the benefit of returned men and to assist them where possible.

For Diggers

Responding, the State president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) outlined the work the R.S.L. had done on behalf of ex-servicemen, referring particularly to settlement, housing and assistance for aged diggers.

The housing schemes for returned men, Mr. Lonnie said, were second to none in Australia and it was hoped that the scheme might be extended to other parts of the State.

Aged Diggers of World War I were receiving special attention from the R.S.L. at a cost of £2,000 a year.

In the event of another world war Australia would be called upon to play a bigger role and it was therefore necessary to increase the population to at least 25,000,000, with at least 3,000,000 people residing in this State.

Vital To Security

Sir George, in his address, agreed that a greatly increased population was vital to the security of this country.

To a great extent the R.S.L. had been responsible for the migration scheme now in operation, he said. Since World War I the scheme had brought 1,000,000 people to the country. One person in every nine was a post-war migrant.

With the difficulty of getting sufficient numbers from Britain, a new hall was built with a front section serving as a Hall of Honour.

After the last war the younger members wanted a hall of their own and the construction of the present R.S.L. hall had been completed.

Australia Day Observance

To a League approach for the nation-wide observance of Australia Day on January 26—

The actual day of foundation—

each year the Prime Minister's Department has replied as follows:

'This matter was discussed at a recent Premiers' Conference but no decision was taken. Some Premiers thought the proposal worthwhile whilst others were of the opinion that the existing practice should continue.'

Notwithstanding the national character of Australia Day, it is subject to regulation solely by the Governments of the States. Moreover, even if it were constitutionally possible for the Commonwealth to do so, the Commonwealth Government would be loth to legislate on the celebration of Australia Day without the prior consent of the States.

'Such unanimous consent does not seem possible.'

This information was supplied to the W.A. branch of the League by the federal office.

THEIR THOUGHTS GO BACK

These are Remembrance Day pictures taken in Perth during the two-minute silence heralded by buglers posted at various points in the city. The solemnity of the occasion is reflected in the expressions seen on the faces of the people as they pause in their pursuits at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" to recall the sacrifices made on the field of battle.

Homage to the fallen of both world wars was paid at a wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial at the same time.

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