Lonnie Enters 8th Term
As State President

On the eve of his departure for Europe as leader of the State Government mission to recruit skilled workers for industry, Mr. W. S. Lonnie was elected at Congress to his eighth consecutive term as R.S.L. State President.

He defeated two other candidates for the post—Messrs. E. C. Townsend and R. B. Marris. On the previous occasions he has been elected unopposed.

Mr. Lonnie expects to be absent from the State for about four months, during which period leadership of the State branch will devolve upon Mr. E. C. Townsend who was re-elected State Senior Vice-president.

Elected to the junior vice-presidency was Mr. J. A. Rolle, a former senior office-holder.

Mr. F. C. Chaney, M.H.R., continues to hold office as Immediate Past State President.

MOVE REPULSED

A City of Perth sub-branch move to limit occupancy of the office of State President to a term of three years, was firmly defeated on the voices.

Those supporting the proposal argued that members should be encouraged to aspire to the highest office, and that with the frequency of changes was too much placed on the shoulders of the person in office.

Opponents felt the question could safely be left to annual decision by Congress.

Also defeated on the voices was a Bellevue sub-branch motion seeking a reduction in the number of State Executive members from 24 to 18.

Defeated on a show of hands was a City of Perth motion seeking a restoration of fortnightly State Executive meetings.

The State President
Thanks His Team

Many of those who stood close to the State President during the past Congress year received his personal thanks and commendation at the close of the final Executive meeting.

Among those names—and the things said about them—were:

- Mr. W. Walters (retiring from the executive after eight years service). He brought to bear one conception only—the welfare of the League and its members.
- Messrs. T. Lee, S. R. King and F. Graham (also retiring). They had contributed greatly to the welfare of the League.
- The Anzac House staff—faithful and loyal servants and cheerful workers at all times. Messrs. Marshall and Baker had earned the commendation of their colleagues and Mr. H. Hall.

continued to excel in various matters. Mr. Sher-ington never spared himself. To the State Secretary was reserved the major compliment—the happy spirit that prevailed was a good indication of his influence. The efficiency of the State branch was equal to anything in the past.

- Mr. F. C. Chaney, M.H.R. (Immediate past-president)—an amazing fellow in the background who came to light so often with the answer to the problem.
- Executive members and Country Vice-Presidents—earnest workers for the committees and Mr. H. Hall.

Statuette from Nationalist China

TZE-CHENG HSIAO, publisher of the China Daily News, Taipei, who visited Anzac House recently, accompanied by Senator Brunson, is shown presenting a statuette depicting a crying Chinese refugee, to Mr. W. S. Lonnie.
Indonesian Action On West N.G. Condemned

Strong condemnation of Indonesian military moves in Dutch New Guinea was expressed at Congress last month in debate on defence issues.

Congress resolved to press the Commonwealth Government to give its full support to the preservation of Dutch sovereignty in West New Guinea, to discourage the voluntary transfer of that territory to Indonesia and if necessary to accept joint sovereignty over it with the Dutch Government under the United Nations Organisation.

The motion adopted was submitted by the Geraldton sub-branch as an amendment to a Karridale-Augus-8 motion for active assistance for the Dutch Government in its bid to hold West N.G.

Mr. D. H. Morris (Geraldton) said the New Guinea was Dutch territory; the United Nations was requiring an agreement between the two countries without requiring Indonesia to withdraw.

Indonesia's recent history was one of broken assurances. The country had no valid claim to New Guinea, and if Australia were not prepared to stand up for, the legal right of Indonesia to West N.G. she must concede it to the whole of the island.

Australia had full ownership of Palu and sovereignty over the Territory of New Guinea, and thousands of Australians were fighting there to retain it.

Mr. Morris said he believed that the League's policy was correct, but had some doubt about the support given in the community. The League had not made its position quite clear.

N. J. Liaison

Mr. Chaney was successful in his appeal to get full cooperation between Australia and New Zealand and seek a view of the N.Z. Ex-Services Association on the matter.

It was submitted as an amendment to a Doncaster petition for community level of the Zaion of Australia and New Zealand with government by a Vicereoy and Parliament elected by the Parliaments of the members.

Some Points of Note On a Recent Tour

This year members of the State Executive (with their ladies) rounded-off their year's endeavors at the council-table with a six-course dinner at their own cost—In the Anzac House supper-room. (Last year's celebration was held at Boans Waverley Hotel).

The menu included a choice of soups, fried snapper, a choice of entrees, hot chicken and ham, fruit salad, and ice-cream. Desserts followed.

Wines were served with dinner, and beer was also available (and arrived of).

One no doubt easier to digest than the more-often encountered agenda-papers and the minutes of the previous meeting.

He felt that the League must keep the pressure on.

It had been necessary to abandon a lecture-series at Anzac House recently, which had not reflected well on metropolitan sub-branches.

Mr. A. Badger (Northam) said his sub-branch was at the point of forming a local civil-defence organisation with local government cooperation, and hoped that this would be a prototype organisation for similar setups in other areas.

It was agreed:

- To urge on the Federal Government the linking of military and civil defence.
- To seek the inclusion of civil defence as a school subject.
- To press shire councils to put civil defence organisations on a sound basis.

DELEGATE-NUMBERS

This year's Congress was attended by representatives from 158 Sub-Branches with a total voting strength of 217 votes.

This was reported by the State Secretary, Mr. W. L. Johnson, who added that these figures were a substantial increase on last year.
Big Increase In Repatriation Spending

More than 43,000 war widows and their children were receiving repatriation pensions at the end of March, this year, the Minister for Repatriation, Mr. F. A. E. (Fred) Killickle, said in Sydney recently.

A number of war widows who had repatriated have returned to their homes in the present easing up of the war.

Mr. Swartz revealed some figures in his speech, which included the number of war widows who had returned to their homes in the present easing up of the war.

A woman received a pension of £5 a week and a child received a pension of £2 5s.

Under Social Service benefits, a person receiving an age pension is reclassified as permanently unemployed, and will not receive retirement benefit.

So many other women and children who are fit and able to rally around will also receive an allowance of £5 a week.

As a result, a wife under 70 and children if any under 16, received appropriate dependants' allowances.

This was not so in the case of Service pensions.

As a result of the League's approach, the Minister has agreed to rectify this anomaly.

In his reply to Headquarter questions on the reclassification of "Age" Service Pensions on the 10th of this month, the Minister said: "The Service pensions of many old women under 70 and of many old children under 16 will be reclassified as permanently unemployed, and will not receive retirement benefit.

"There was over 600 per cent greater than the amount paid for the same benefit before the 1st of July."

Mr. Swartz said the cost of repatriation was rising at a faster rate than the cost of living, and that he had met with the approval of the Minister.

By the end of the month, the cost of repatriation was expected to reach the £5 mark.

This is the first time that a pension has been increased by so much.

The increase is due to the increased cost of living, and the Government has decided to keep the rate of increase at the £5 mark.

H.M.S. Ark Royal is due to visit Fremantle between August 20 and 30. I would very much like to take this opportunity to meet any old comrades who may serve alongside me during World War II.

"After the fall of Singapore in 1942, I was captured and sent to Lengg, Lower Burma.

"In particular I would like to meet Ted Conolly, Charlie Conolly, and Ronald Smart, all of the 7th M.T. Unit. I realise that they may not be living in Western Australia, but I understand that your organisation can help to get in touch with them again."

"So many others were known to me only by nicknames, that it may well be that someone in your area may recognise mine. I would be delighted to meet anyone who knew me during that time."

"I shall be grateful for any help you may be able to give me in this matter."

(Signed) W. T. G. SMALE.

THE BADGE OF UNSELFISH SERVICE

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IF THE LEAGUE is to function effectively, and to be truly representative of ex-service men, it must have the support of all those who are eligible. The greater the R.S.L.'s membership, the greater will be the weight attached to its representations and the greater will be its potential for assisting needy and deserving ex-service men.

THE LEAGUE with its splendid record of the past can look forward with confidence to the future if—and there is an "if"—every eligible ex-service man plays his part, no matter how small. In the next decade many of the World War I. men will have the need for help and guidance and it is the League who will bear the brunt of this responsibility.

LET US BUILD this League to the strength it should be. Not 17,000 members but at least 25,000. Make this the aim and if the majority of our present members keep this in mind, we must reach our goal.

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Calendar For Belmont

AUGUST 7: Hosts at R.S.L. hall for sports.
AUGUST 10: Auxiliary dance.
AUGUST 12: p.m. at Edward Milen Home to transport about 20 old people to the hills, then to hall for Auxiliary.
AUGUST 14: Committee meeting.
AUGUST 20: General meeting.

The Late Norman A. Powell

We regret to record the death of Mr. Norman Alexander Powell, vice-president of the City of Subiaco sub-branch of the National Auxiliary.

After serving overseas with the 9th Battalion R.S.L. in 1946, he returned to his native town, Mosman, in New South Wales, where he was a prominent and popular member.

Norman was a singularly attractive personality which was not in any way belied by the capacity with which he carried out his work, unselfish, loyal, capable and friendly, he was everything that makes a R.S.L. man.

Under the recently introduced special pension for married men, R.S.L. members who are 60 years of age or over, and whose wives are also members of the League, are entitled to a pension of £2 a week.

The Auxiliary will hold a special meeting to consider the matter.

The National Headquarters of the League will be re-classified as "Age" Service Pensions on the 10th of this month.

Recently the National Headquarters of the League raised the question of a re-classification of "Age" Service Pensions on the 10th of this month.

Mr. Fred Killick, again President of Northam

At the annual general meeting of the Northam sub-branch, held in the Northam Hotel on Tuesday next, August 1, 1962, Mr. F. A. E. (Fred) Killick was re-elected President of the sub-branch for the ensuing year unopposed.

Senior vice-president N. J. (Jack) Campbell and hon. secretary John Roberts, and hon. treasurer Alan Lalique were re-elected unopposed.

Former junior vice-president C. M. Clunin did not stand for re-election and R. E. Gell, formerly secretary for five years and president for one year, was elected junior vice-president.

In his annual report the president said that, thanks to the efforts of Mr. R. W. (Bill) Grace, the sub-branch membership committee, the current membership was now 16 per cent higher than at the same time last year but nearly all the re-classified men were accounted for by men who were left as dependents.

Only about 30 members, including country vice-presidents and former sub-branch president A. V. ( Aub) Badger, were present. (It was a minute meeting.)

The sub-branch has 1,200 members, including country vice-presidents and former sub-branch presidents.

The Auxiliary's poultry sale is due to take place during the year, and the sub-branch has been requested to contribute a number of eggs to the Auxiliary in a degree far beyond what was called for by his duties.
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1963 Education Awards for Children of Ex-Service Personnel

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The categories of eligibility for 1963 are:
(a) Children who will be 12 years of age or over and are children of a deceased ex-serviceesman, and where the Adjusted Family Income is £500 or less.
(b) Children who will be 15 years of age or over during 1963, and where the Adjusted Family Income is £450 or less.
(c) In exceptional circumstances (for example, children of Invalid, Civil, T.B., and Service Pensioners, children who MUST live away from home to receive the required education, or children of deserted, divorced or separated families, where the mother is in receipt of statutory benefits) and where the Adjusted Family Income is £450 or less. In these cases, consideration MAY be given to children who will attain 15 or 14 years of age in 1963.
Any ex-serviceeman or ex-servicewomen interested should apply direct to the Secretary, Canteen Trust, Swan Barracks, Perth. They will then be able to ascertain whether or not they qualify under the adjusted Family Income and whether they are able to obtain assistance for the education of their children.

Education awards will not be granted for primary courses, and priority will be given to children in secondary education, but if sufficient funds are available for the year consideration may be given to applications for other types of education.

The closing date for application is October 15.

The Adjusted Family Income is obtained by taking the Gross Income for the year ended 30th June, 1962, verification will be required of the father or stepfather and/or mother and student from all sources, including Child Endowment, but excluding Repatriation Department War Pensions of 50 per cent or over and deducting theretofrom:
(a) 10 per cent for each dependent up to a gross family income of £1,200 for the year; or
(b) £120 for each dependent if the gross family income for the year is over £1,200.

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Report on Anzac Day Delegation To Dunedin

(from W. H. Stanbury)

Our party consisting of twelve members left Sydney with twelve members of the Christchurch Party, by air, on April 19 (the Auckland and Wellington parties left by separate planes earlier in the day) and arrived at Christchurch after 3 hours flying time.

We were met by representatives of the R.S.A. and tendered a reception at their Headquar- ters. This was attended by representatives of the Gov- ernment, the Mayoors of Christchurch and other civic authorities.

That night was spent in Christchurch and the Dunedin party left by plane early next morning. We were met by representatives of the R.S.A. and our party was divided into groups of six, one for Invercargill and one for Dunedin.

I wish to quote from the report that the arrangement made for our delega- tion was conducted with the highest praise is due to the organisers of the N.Z.R.S.A. for the fact that no detail was overlooked. There was no trouble with anything. In many cases, delegates visiting outlying centres in the country, were invited by the local R.S.A. members and the hospitality was overwhelming.

A S.A. member of our party was appointed by the City of Adelaide, which were presented to the Mayors of Dunedin and Invercargill with comple- ments from the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, a gesture which I think each State might follow up.

With regard to the large banquets, there has the advantage of speed and gives delegates more time at the centre. We should have given the members much more time to get to know each other. We should also have had a way to size up the character of his party, for the purpose of selecting up when required for representation at different centres. Fortunately, I was lucky with the men of the Dunedin party and there was nobody in the party who would not uphold the good name of Aus- tralian gentlemen, and who would not be welcomed in the district again.

One pleasing feature of the trip was the number of schools we visited, and the attentive hearing we received while touring about Australia.

The Dunedin Association had the misfortune to suffer a big loss by fire in the day before we arrived. We arrived at Dunedin and arrived 9 days later than our original plans and were having the debris cleared away when we left. They did not let this interfere in any way with the preparations for the Anzac Day or our entertain- ment.

The one regrettable incident of the trip was that P. Cerl- glano of S.A. was obliged to go into hospital at Gore due to a broken leg. He was permitted to be the party left for Aus- tralia in June 6 and was to be flown home as soon as possible.

I am proud to have had the honour of leading the party on a very memorable trip. The trip’s grounds of staying on and visit- ing a number of R.S.A. men was ad- vanced to W.A. I only arrived back on June 16 hence the late report.

News from Hedland
(from "Bowarrah")

At the meeting on July 18 the business centre around preparations for the Race Ball on August 13 and the Debutantes’ Ball on August 17. The Committee are very busy but still found time to try out our new record player and some records.

July 20. We have already had requests for the hire of this equipment from other bodies and it was decided to make a hire charge of $7.10 per night, complete with operator.—Bob Faulds again. I suppose this soldier is sure in demand?

Yellow Cab Cup, 1962

With the A.R.M.S. Games competition third two the way through and the regressive aggregate are as under:

Mr. Hawthorn, 186.1
Wembley-W. Leed- ville-Floreat Park, 145.5
Gloucester Park, 184.5
Neidells, 140.9
Claremont, 122.1
Nollamara, 129.0
Swanbourne, 139.0
Cottesloe, 133.3
Darling Range, 138.3
Floreat-City Beach, 133.14

WOMEN WHO WORK WITH A WILL

There was no limit to the capacity of the R.S.L.

Women’s Auxiliary, Mr. Lonnie told Congress delegates this year.

During his own period as League president, he said, the auxiliary had raised about $1,000 for the “R.S.L. way of helping green at the War Veterans’ Home.

In her report to Congress the auxiliary State Pres- ident, Mrs. F. Mes, said there were now 35 metropol- itan and 72 country auxiliaries.

A new sub-branch had been established at Port Lincoln. Hospital visiting was one of the main responsibili- ties of the Auxiliary and the auxiliary had raised about $1,000 for the Bowies library.

Money had been raised towards the financing of the new headquarters for the War Veterans’ Home and a canteen was conducted at a cost of $5,000 a year.

Books had been donated to the veterans’ library.

On Sunday, November 28, the women would be conducting a sale at the women’s home, which Mrs. Ames said was attended by the Auxiliary again established at the home.

Money had been raised towards the financing of the new headquarters for the veterans’ library.

The women had observed the customary wreath- laying at the war dead in Memorial Confer- ence Week.

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Red Cross Sunday

Each year the third Sunday in August is observed as Red Cross Sunday, and to mark the occasion, this year a special service, to which all members and supporters of the R.S.L. are invited, will be held at Wesley Church, Perth.

The Rev. Alan Green, Chaplain of Wesley College, will be the preacher, and the service will be attended by the Auxiliary, and there will be a colour party from the Auxiliary, consisting of uniformed voluntary workers.

Bellevue Auxiliary Entertain On Sunday July 1, 1962, the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary again entertained the men of two war veterans living at Sunset and Lemnos to high tea, entertainment and dancing. When they arrived at 4.45 p.m. the guests were served with hot soup, curry and rice, chicken and vegetables and cakes. There were 75 present and all were entertained.

Entertainment by way of old and new tunes were provided by Mr. G. Anderson, Mrs. J. F. Anderson, pianist; Mrs. Osborne, piano accordionist; Mr. Graham Jones, pianist; and Mr. G. Dent, drummer.

The Bellevue State School children’s choir and band, conducted by the headmaster Mr. Cantwell, also entertained. The guests were then invited to dance with the ladies, which they did and there was more dancing.

The Auxiliary was then invited to dance with the ladies, which they did and the Auxiliary thought the ladies had more than enough dancing.

Former State President Dies

It is with deep regret that the death of the late Mr. J. M. W. Anderson, a distinguished member and former State President of the League is recorded.

Mr. Anderson died on Sunday, July 29. He leaves behind a commendable record of service in the interest of ex-servicemen and women.

He was a former Secretary of the Kalgoorlie Sub- branch, and a good representative of the N.L.A. in 1945. He was elected State President during his first term year was largely responsible for the raising of the War Veterans Memorial and expressed great pleasure regarding the acceptance of his record by the R.S.L.

In civilian life he was an accountant for 40 years. From 1945 until retirement in 1955 and also saw service in the Customs Department.

The league takes this opportunity to express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Anderson and family.
The King's Park Board and the League

The superintendent-secretary of the King's Park Board (Mr. J. E. Watson) has written to the State President (Mr. W. Lonnie) outlining the close relationship which exists between the Board and the League. His letter reads:

Before finally retiring from King's Park I would like to record the affinity that exists between the King's Park Board and the Returned Soldiers' League, the Park and the ex-service men generally.

It appears that as far back as about 1890 a rifle range in King's Park, with butts somewhere near where the State War Memorial now is, helped to train men who later served in the South African war to shoot straight. Many of these men are now named on the South African Soldier Memorial in the Park and you will no doubt know that when Revell is needed on the East South African veteran's side of the New Zealand Army the contracts of the Association become suspended until the Board of the King's Park Board, as it was determined at a committee to raise the money for this. After discussion with the King's Park Board, it was decided that if money would be involved, the Board agreed that its executive committee would carry the legislation through the Appeal and using the Board's office as a base, an estimate was made of the foundation work for the new memorial.

MEMORIAL TREES

The whole of the memorial trees in May Drive and 100 of the December Garden there as a result of a suggestion by Mr. Arthur Lovelock, the chairman of the Board, they commemorate men killed in the 1914-18 war. In later years the Board have given the Returned Soldiers' League 200 more trees.

A small committee from the West Perth sub-branch and later from the Public Service sub-branch have for a great many years done admirable work in assisting the Board with all aspects of work in these drives. If the Board has put up generous conditions and set up men to be allowed to grow there can be more income.

Mr. Neagle Retires

An official announcement has already been made of the retirement of Mr. Jim Neagle, ex-service man's representative on the Repatriation Commission since 1955, and it is interesting to recall that for his outstanding service to ex-servicemen and women and to the R.S.L. he was awarded the C.B.E. in 1953. There are few men active in the League today who have not in some way, or in continuous service in responsible positions in the League.

He regards as some of the League's more notable achievements, the introduction of the War Service Tribunals, the providing of Service Pensions, the progress in War Veterans Hospital treatment for additional categories of ex-servicemen, the League's tremendous contribution to the war effort and the alleviation of problems in the immediate post-war years, the ex-service branch and sub-branch movements, Land Settlement in Papua and New Guinea, and improvements to War Service Homes legislation.

He recalls that it was the League that first suggested a War Cenotaph for 1914-18 men and that the League was responsible in 1922 for ensuring that Anzac Day should be a national day.

The League's insistence resulted in Anzac Day always being observed on November 11th, and was responsible chiefly through the efforts of Sir Gilbert Dett, who was appointed as the emblem of sacrifice and remembrance.

Mr. Neagle has carried out his duties with the League for many years with ability, sincerity, and sympathetic understanding of other ex-servicemen's problems. He has set a standard which will be hard to follow.

Sub-Branch Goes

The formal closing-down of the Hilton Park sub-branch was a grand gesture by the State Executive last month.

Membership Committee Chairman E. C. Parrawine said the sub-branch had ceased to operate in July, 1960. Its assets and funds had been handed in at Anzac House, The State War Memorial, by the Women's Auxilliary to the State Executive.
Move To Oust Services From Parade Defeated

Motions on this year's Congress-agenda seeking the exclusion from the Anzac Day parade of representatives of the armed services were overwhelmingly defeated.

Arguments in their favour ranged from the undesirable of "army arms" to the discomfort caused to ageing ex-servicemen by an extended parade.

Speaking in opposition, Mr. D. H. Morris (Geraldton) said it was wrong to deprecate those things which were highly revered a few years ago.

"We are remembering men who died bearing arms-how do we do any better than by doing likewise," he asked.

Mr. F. H. Meyers (Kalgoorlie) said the sub-branch was greatly dependent on the Army for the success of its sub-branch activities. Mr. F. C. Chaney, M.I.R.

"It took a long time to get them back to the services. This year, with a voluntary parade, we had 86 C.M.P. members available.

To meet the acknowledged shortage of serving soldier, it was resolved to place on the incoming electoral roll, selecting the possibilities with regard to precedence for ex-servicemen in the march-off."

**Civil Defence Course Postponed**

The League's fourth series of lectures on civil defence have been cancelled at Anzac House early last month was postponed because of a poor enrolment.

Civil Defence Committee chairman R. B. Marris said the early meeting on the State Executive.

Mr. Marris said that only eight people had enlisted for the course. A very interesting series of lectures has been arranged, but would have been unfair to the lecturers to have expected them to go ahead under the circumstances.

It is a variety of sub-branches were showing little interest in the lectures.

**Treasurer at Spearwood for 41 years**

The Spearwood R.S.L. Annual Meeting was held last month at their Institute.

There was a good attendance and the committee was re-elected for the ensuing year.

When nominations for the various offices were announced, Mr. D. Van Der Pluym was elected by acclamation as President. Mr. W. V. Bryant, ex-President, was elected as vice President. Mr. R. H. Kennedy was elected as Treasurer. Mr. J. A. M. Smith was elected as Secretary.

Mr. H. J. Newdegate, new member of the sub-branch, was elected as a Life member of the sub-branch.

Mr. D. Van Der Pluym, the Branch President, said that the Branch was doing very well, and that the Trend was upwards.

**Millen Memoirs**

Last Sunday Millen were held in the Millen Hall to commemorate the 41 years of service of Millen, who was the Treasurer of the sub-branch.

Millen was born in the Millen Hall and was a member of the Millen family for many years.

"I have been a member of Millen Hall for 41 years," he said. "I have seen many changes in the Hall over the years."

Millen was a member of the Millen Hall Committee for many years and was a well-respected member of the community.

**Fund-Raising Schemes**

R.S.L. "in hat" collection boxes were a great success and the collection was very successful in the sale of blue and white croquet sets for the benefit of the State League Executive.

**Second-mortgage Rights**

The League is to seek, for householders in the War Service Homes Scheme, the right to assign second-mortgages for business purposes to approved persons or organisations.

This was decided by Congress on a motion from the Western Australian branch.

Introducing the motion Mr. D. Marris said that home owners in some cases needed considerable business advantage over those in the Home Owners Scheme through freedom to enter into second-mortgages.

In recent years there have been a considerable accretion to the value of service homes as a result of inflationary factors, leaving a margin of security on which to build a second-mortgage.

The League was given the responsibility of advising individual applicants about their rights in the matter.

Presentations At Congress

A Certificate of Service conferred on Mr. Charles Latham was presented to him at Congress last month.

Expressing his gratitude for the honour Sir Charles Latham had been a member of the League for the past seven years.

The sub-branch trophies, presented this year by the C.M.P. Association, were as follows:

- Col. Coletti Trophy (for the most efficient sub-branch) - Geraldton.
- Newdegate Trophy (for the Metropolitan sub-branch) - Ex-Service women.
- Templer Trophy (for the best Poppy Day figure in relation to membership) - Mr. George Murrin.
- Merv Williams Trophy (for the sub-branch on behalf of the War Veterans' Home in relation to membership) - Belvoir.
- Geraldton Shield (for the most efficient sub-branch) - Coorow-Waddy Forest.
- Armistice Day Trophy (for the best band performance) - Woodstock.

The sub-branch trophies were awarded for the first time this year.

**A.R.M.S. Games Table**

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The State President's Report

to the 46th Congress

The State President in his Annual Report presented at the opening of the 46th Congress covered every aspect of League activities at the international level, at national level and in our own State.

He spoke with regret on the continuation of world unrest and directed the attention not only of all the League institutes extension of the Cold War.

Mr. Long went on to say—five months have a development of the year which is striking very hard at our commonwealth, and it is pertinent to point out that one of the important things in the R.S.L. platform that was of the integrity of our Empire, or our commonwealth, is now known.

One can only hope that the present Government are not being imposed upon the Commonwealth, through no fault, the hardships of the economies and world trade, that those pressures will be blunted by the retention of the ideals of the Commonwealth.

As we all are aware, five million men and women have suffered death or injury in the conduct of the war in the Commonwealth and the greatest institution in the modern world that has led the world in tolerance, in humanity in dealing, and in world affairs and we pray with all the sincerity we have for a settlement that will bring peace to the present difficulties and that the Commonwealth for which Britain and her sons are renowned will again meet this present occasion. Tonight, too, it is pertinent to remind ourselves when we speak of this famous Commonwealth that it has in the post-war world the most clearly and voluntarily National independence to over five hundred million people in a feat unparalleled in the history of the world.

In contrast, the Soviet Block has absorbed 10 Nations, large and small, and over one hundred and twenty million people have disappeared behind the Iron Curtain.

"If we require at any time, any urge to re-affirm our faith in our own Commonwealth and this country—we can be proud of the fact, that five hundred million people today live their own right as a Sovereign Nation because of the tolerance, the generosity and the far sightedness of our British Commonwealth.

New Guinea

"During this year the R.S.L. at its first meeting continued to express its concern about the situation in Dutch New Guinea. It must surely be one of the most remarkable periods, certain of when not much further than from here in Brisbane as the attack is ensuening and the Dutch, who were our staunchest allies in World War II, who suffered as no other Nation did in some respects, who today are our valiant partners in N.A.T.O., seem somehow, to be left out on the end of an international limb. We have an amazing situation constantly occurring in many Nations, that organisation in which we must place our faith, if there is to be a peaceful future for the world. We have a situation where armed aggression by an outside nation is concerned and the nation which is experiencing this aggression is being forced perhaps not the warm-hearted support that its fine record in Dutch New Guinea should entitle it to.

Sub-branches

"During the year, a number of sub-branches have performed outstandingly in the cause of the League, every new premises and sub-branch hall have been erected. Notably this field—and this is where you have got to be careful about those results, where you really are in trouble—Al. Barker, Tarloot, Woorea, Hunnarr, Andrews, and South Perth. Over twenty thousand pounds in assets, in N.S.W. in the wealth of the League but more than that, all the vehicular in which, through people of the discipline in so many ways in those hall happy functions which are acceptable to the life of a country.

Reparation

"In the field of reparation, our representations through not to the extent that it has been hard, but it will return to the attention again. I am certain my colleagues in particular, former State Presidents, will note with interest the War Damage Bill this year will amount to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In that there will be three hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars, and their and the demands being assisted in that manner, seven thousand five hundred thousand pounds in length and breadth of Australia.

"It also highlights our success in persuading the Government to accept the terms of the League for the admission of their troubles are caused or not.

Anzac Day

"This year Australia it means that over five thousand of our most worthy old soldiers and veterans being assisted in that manner, as one of the most important special occasions of the year.

"It is rather disturbing on the reverse to hear the Press reports, that in some parts of the country, that there was a lack of Anzac Day this year. If so, then it will be necessary again to point out that a strong visit in one of the spirit and tradition of Anzac Day.

"It is losing its impact in many part of the country.

Welfare

On welfare matters, the needs of our people are growing as time goes by. One cannot be little thought of any cessation of our activities, because each year grows and more, particularly of our older people, come within the compass of our work. Some of our figures are quite interesting: during the last year we have had over 500 applications for help, interviews and discussions on that in the Department. We are meeting them every month, around £150 each month from our Back Fund, and it may be of interest to know that over the last nine years, including our War Veterans' Home, we have raised and spent over ninety thousand pounds in relief and welfare.

"Over twelve hundred pension cases were handled this year. That shows the welfare work carried out by our staff, particularly by our Mr. Hall who is recognised as one of the leading pensions advocates in all States of Australia.

"A most interesting activity, a wonderful one, is that of our Corps of Hospital Visitors who are visiting the sick people in the Commonwealth and they have carried out some of the over 100 visits during the year, conducted with that, of course, is the wonderful effort of our Women's Auxiliary, whose hospital visits is also approved of which we can be proud.

"Poppy Day was again successful, with sales at approximately twenty thousand and twenty thousand in all, twenty thousand in the State, and I think we can again feel far more satisfied with that result.

"In the field of Civil Defence, the most active are three or four schools have been conducted in conjunction with the State. Mr. Morris as chair of Mr. Marshall as secretary, and conducted most efficiently. Once again, our annual reports featured in our agenda, and in doubt that there will be anything more said about it.

"A new development has been the creation of the National War Memorial. That is the body charged with the administration and disbursement of
funds raised on the afternoon of Anzac Day. Last year, some £10,000 was distributed among worthy ex-service organisations, and this year negotiations are almost completed for similar action in respect to the amount raised. It has been a great source of help to us in the past, and as I know it has been to Legacy and other very worthy ex-service organisations.

“In our general activities, we are endeavouring to help the Commonwealth Games, wherever we can, and think we have already achieved something in the field of billiards, but I would assure Councillor Codd that the R.S.L. will do its utmost in any direction in which our services may be sought. We are completely behind it, and we hope that we will be able to do even further.

“Anzac Club continues to function successfully and that is due to Mr. Nevell and his staff.

Thanks to many

“And now to thank my colleagues, to thank all who have helped the R.S.L. in the last six months. Mr. Webb and his splendid staff whose loyalty could not be better today receiving the spirit of the R.S.L. and the service which we are today receiving is indeed in keeping with the highest traditions of the administration of this organisation of ours.

“I want to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues of the Executive, to the chairman of the various sub-clubs, to the men who have worked hard and long to carry out their tasks, to our own members of the Government and the Opposition, to Minister’s to Mr. May representing the Opposition, and I think on this side of all of them have. We maintain, I believe, that friendly feeling is of even more importance than the work we do, and all of us realise how much to us all to the services, for their unceasing efforts and their unfailing desire to assist to you Colonel Willett, Commander-in-Chief, and to Group Captain Podger, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the services that were rendered during the year to our wonderful Women’s Auxiliary, the last six months of the year were filled with activity, the best fund raisers not with this side of the Black Stump but the other side too. They have raised over £10,000 in the last six months or seven years, they have completed the bowling greens, the Lagoon, and the Home and still come up smiling and willing to do all that we ask of them. It is a great comfort to us to have such a wonderful body in the State.

“This brings to a close my term of office, the year 1962-63 and it remains only for me to say that I hope the year that lies ahead will again be a year of achievement.

The West Leederville/Wembley/Floreat Park Sub-Branch can now claim another social event when they put on their own “Marching Girls Squad” the “Wasinines,” at the Ladies’ Auxiliary social on the 27th June.

A large gathering was impressed by the quality of their performance and a panel of judges in a three way Marching Contest, awarded the prize to the file led by Bob Dower, who had with him Charlie Codd, Les Brown and Reg Priceett.

As can be seen from the picture herewith, the Squad was very neatly dressed and reflected credit on those members of the Auxiliary who prepared the costumes.

THE LAST POST

16th Battalion Association Notes

Owing to pressure of space in these columns, the 16th Battalion notes have not appeared in recent issues of the Listening Post. The Battalion has lost many members in the last three months and, as these names are published in the Last Post column of the Listening Post, members are asked to refer to it to save space in this column.

With the dual purpose of playing bowls with the residents and the presentation of a radiating by Mrs. Newick, members of the Committee and the Women’s Auxiliary visited the War Veterans Home on May 20. Another bowls visit is contemplated by the Committee.

A letter received from Adelaide regarding the making of colour badges to be placed on the R.S.L. badge will be considered at the next Committee meeting. If it is practicable, they may be available at the reunion to be held on October 4.

Mr. J. F. O’Hara had an extended holiday in this State and spent quite a long time with members.

The same arrangements for last year will be made for this year’s reunion.

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Use of Canteen Trust Funds for War Service Homes Finance

The National Executive at its meeting in August of 1961 carried the following resolution:

"That an approach be made to the Commonwealth Government requesting that consideration be given to amending the legislation governing the Services Canteens Trust Fund to enable the Trust to invest its funds in other than Commonwealth or Trustee securities, with the prime object of creating a revolving housing fund to allow the granting of temporary finance to War Service Homes applicants whose applications for loans have been approved."

An approach was made to the Minister for National Development who took the matter up with the Minister for Defence who is responsible for the administration of the Canteens Trust Fund.

A reply has now been received which reads as follows:—

I refer to the representations made to you by the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. that the Canteens Trustees have funds invested at maturity dates to suit the planned expenditure of the Fund with over a period of years and the current rate of interest for reinvestment in Trustee securities is approximately 2½ per cent. Any arrangements such as that suggested by the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. would require to maintain this rate of interest, otherwise assistance to necessitous cases would have to be reduced.

It is considered that it would be in the better interests of ex-servicemen purchasing War Service Homes for the necessary finance to be made available by Parliament at War Service Homes rate of interest which is 3½ per cent.

To make Trust Funds available for the purpose under consideration, it would be possible to sell some of the 3½ per cent and other Commonwealth Government Stock held by the Trustees but it would involve the Trust in a capital loss since the market price of these securities is below par.

The Trustees in considering this matter felt that no action taken should in any way interfere with the present and projected activities of the Fund. With this in mind the Trustees would lay down the following safeguards which still would not in mind consider any allocation of £1,000,000 of the Trust's funds for this purpose.

1. There should be no loss in realising present investments for this scheme.

NOTE. The loss of capital that would result from the sale of the Funds would be approximately £23,000 on the present market price of the first £1,000,000 available.

2. The investments to be made would be of a nature to maintain the necessary funds and the Commonwealth Government to guarantee the return of the principal sum advanced at dates to be determined.

NOTE. Section 8(b) of the Act regarding powers of the Trustees regard to investments would have to be considered in this context.

3. There shall be no loss of income to the Fund.

NOTE. The rates of interest on any part of the funds available for the purpose would be in the best interests of ex-servicemen generically or accord with the investments sold by the Fund.

"Agree with the Trustees' view that no action should be taken which would interfere in any way with the present and projected welfare and educational activities of the Fund; as it is clear that the proposal would involve a capital loss to the Fund and a loss of income, the Trustees would not give consideration to it. It is suggested that suitable safeguards be taken to ensure that the handling of the funds is in the best interests of ex-servicemen; the present proposal would not provide for such safeguards."

The Trustees have also been consulted and are of opinion that the Trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund have indicated that they could not readily make funds available for the purpose suggested by the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. without interference with present and projected activities of the Fund or incurring a loss on investment of capital.

The Treasury understand that the waiting time for loans for the purchase of new homes or for building has practically been eliminated and the proposal would now presumably refer to applicants requiring to purchase old homes only. However, this is a matter upon which War Service Homes Division of your Department will be in a position to give you an authoritative appraisal. It is not considered by the Treasury that the adoption of the proposal would be in the best interests of ex-servicemen generally.
Floreat—C.B. Consolidates

Under the capable leadership of sub-branch president and State executive member Barney Flanagan, the first half of 1962 has passed, with the sub-branch consolidating its position after earlier uncertainties.

After several years of sterling service, sub-committee members Frank Boylan and treasurer Mick O'Sullivan are carrying on with the good work, even though they would have preferred to have handed over the reins of office.

Keeping in mind that one of the R.S.L.'s objectives is the fostering of youth activities, the main activity this year has been the launching of district youth into the under-14 football competition. One team has been entered in the Subiaco Junior Football District Competition and has emerged undefeated after the first round of matches. Enthusiasm has spread rapidly and it has been possible to sponsor two further teams, both of which now compete in the Coastal Districts Competition.

Vice-president Stan Carroll (also of the Florence Nightingale State School) has been a staunch ally of this regard and supported by our ever-enthusiastic president and other sub-branch members, the move has been a successful one. Some equipment has been donated by the sub-branch and further finance is sought to help complete the venture.

Meanwhile, members are still enjoying occasional success with the A.R.M.S. Games. At the time of writing, three winners have been achieved and a few losses suffered. One notable win was against the swimming team of West Leederville-Wembley, whose team went down by a single point.

Hackett House has proved an ideal venue for both the members and guests, who are held on the third Tuesday of each month, and the A.R.M.S. Games at home.

ESPERANCE IMPRESSES

Reporting to the State Executive last month on his recent tour of Goldfields and other centres with Deputy-Commissioner of Repatriation Robson the State Secretary said that the visit to the Esperance sub-branch was perhaps the most impressive of all.

He said the sub-branch seemed to be on the up-and-up and was planning an extension to its hall.

Its president was Wing-Commander Bryant, D.F.C. Of six C.E. clergy of the Kalgoorlie diocese, Mr. Webb said, five had served with the R.A.A.F. and had all taken Holy Orders since their discharge.

League meetings at Norseman and Southern Cross seemed very satisfactory.

Mr. Webb paid tribute to the good work done on tour by Mr. Robson—at one centre he had dealt with 12 repatriation inquiries.

Failing to be good work done at Kalgoorlie by Mr. Fred Rivers, Mr. E. E. Dodd said membership of the club was now about 80, and that of the sub-branch about 250.

The club premises had been renovated recently and looked very smart.

Barunga Boys Meet Again

On July 14 seventeen survivors of the "BARUNGA" D16, torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay on July 16, 1918, held their 40th Annual Dinner at the Criterion Hotel.

Some new faces were added and a few were missing owing to ill-health and business reasons. Joe Hart, who had his 80th birthday on July 19, was unable to attend, and was wished a Happy Birthday.

Bozo Jones got on the wrong bus and finished up somewhere in the bush. Jim Worthington (Geraldton), Len Blakemore (Collie), Syd Edwards (Albany), Bill Tiller, and Vic. Snowden were absent, so was W. Snowball who is in Calais on holidays. Jack Watson and Charles Nicholls were in good health and Joe Hughes back from a holiday in Ireland, and the continued, told some of his funny stories.

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With a membership of 21 out of a possible 24, the Chidlow sub-branch has every reason to be proud, and this must be very nearly a record for sub-branches.

This was mentioned by State Executive member, Hugh Leslie, when he officially visited the Sub-Branch on Wednesday, July 25 to discuss matters relating to the disposal of sub-branch property.

Sub-Branch President, Mr. L. Box, gave credit for the excellent position in which the sub-branch stands to Secretary, Ken Clements, who has been an inspiring example in his enthusiasm for the League.

The meeting was a well-attended one with quite a number of visitors from Mount Helena and Wooloowillup. It is likely that as a result of this visit Wooloroo members will form a team to take part in the Hills Games Competition.

Public Service Get Together

Members and friends are advised that there will be a convivial get-together at Anzac House at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, Sunday, 21. The charge will be nominal and good catering is guaranteed. The reason for the party is 41 years of jolly good service and the desire to extend to one another a little good fellowship. The P.S. Friendship is about to make another happy voyage under Skipper Roy Carter, so book your passage early, no vissesses should be required for this happy tour.

An item of interest is that Purser Bill Boyd has held the position at times coupled with that of Secretary for thirty-two years. What a premier—what a Treasure. We're betting that Bill's is an all-time record.

Monthly luncheons are still being held every third Wednesday at Boans. Excellent guest speakers are getting good audiences, so remember the day and come along for some good munching.
Prove Into Problems Of W.S. Settlers Sought

The League is to urge the State Government to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the administration and operation of the War Service Land Settlement Scheme.

This was decided by Congress on a Kolobu sub-branch motion introduced by Mr. v. Crooks, a former Country Vice-President.

Mr. Crooks said there seemed to be an insufficiency of liaison between settlers and the War Service Land Settlement Board and that at the present time some settlers were not in the right frame of mind to seek satisfactory solutions to their problems.

Meanwhile it was agreed—on the motion of the Karridale-Augusta sub-branch, that the War Service Land Settlement Board should make an investigation of excessive valuations under the scheme.

A supporter of the motion claimed that the original war service settlers in the Karridale-Kudardup district only one remained on his block, and it cited cases of losing sales in the area at figures considerably below the level of scheme valuations.

A motion from the Pingelly sub-branch for the refunding to ex-service settlers of half their property, had the support of proof fences erected on common boundaries of reserves and that fences were also supported.

Submitting the motion Mr. R. Messenger said that such fencing was unsightly and that a 2,000-acre property might require up to 30 miles of boundary fencing.

The same sub-branch was successful with a motion asking the Government to accept responsibility for making firebrakes around all reserves adjoining ex-service properties.

DEEP CONCERN AT APPOINTMENTS

Congress was unanimous in expressing deep concern at the appointment of non-returning men to the War Service Land Settlement Board.

The decision was in conformity with long-established policy on the question. Those who spoke to the motion—and all clearly reflected the reflection of the capacity of any board member to serve the cause—were agreed that the appointments were taken merely to the appointments of the settlement was when suitable returned men were available for appointment.

By decision of Congress a series of Land Conference motions critical of the League's Land Committee were discharged from the agenda.

The League's Land Committee was taken without delay on the Land Settlement Board and other problems of settlers, Congress agreed on a Denhousie motion, that a delegate wait without delay on the War service Land Settlement Board, and other motions were referred to the R.S.L. Land Committee.

They were:

- To investigate butterfat procurement based on a whelk farm.
- To counter-reduced returns in the butterfat industry by a "pro-rata" concession on the cost of artificial feeding.

A Congress sub-committee appointed to consider the position of the W.S.L.S., Appeal Board, drafted the following resolution which received support from Congress:

"That Congress press upon the Department of Supply and Development, and upon the Department of Defence, for conditions relative to the powers of the Appeal Board and urge that such amend

(1) That the Government representative on the War Service Land Settlement Appeal Board should not be a member of the staff of the War Service Land Settlement Appeal Board, and to implement these recommendations, the following words should be added to Section 24 Clause 2 (b) of the War Service Land Settlement Act (1954).

"(b) who shall not be a member of the staff of the War Service Land Settlement Administration Staff.

Copies of proceedings should be made available to every member of the Appeal Board.

(3) That only when the settler has a legal representative, then the Crogen Law be incorporated into the appeal against him.

The Committee further recommends that the regulations should be amended to facilitate the admitting of further new settlers.

Onslow Sub-branch Report

(From Arthur Cooper)

Just a little over 900 miles north of the metropolitan Perth, with its seemingly thousands and millions, is a little outpost of this vast Island Continent called Onslow. Population: 300 whites.

During my extensive service career and whilst en route to England during the 2nd World War, we passed through Onslow, and in the early morning a railway station drew nigh, a sign over the level crossing said "Renoe—The Little City in the World."

Well, comparing a pin point to a hole in the moon, we could rightly put over a sign along the road to Onslow saying "Onslow—Friendliness little town in the West. It is just that, and for a sportsman who loves fishing, shooting, etc., or for a holiday or semi-retirement, this is the place—hot in summer, but not unbearable, and magnificent in winter.

This place and the coast will, no doubt be, in 100 years or with an enlarged population, not Surfers Paradise but Sportsman's Paradise. But I set off to report on our R.S.L. activities.

We meet every third Friday in the month and there were quite a few, met on June 15 when we held an enjoyable evening. The 10 members present, a local kitchen tea robbed us of another 10 members. Instead of an annual general election for office bearer—unanimous decision retained everyone in office, both voluntarily and by vote.

A houseful night by volunteer members in town, where £20 was donated to the Games Fund in Perth and £10 to a sea scout movement starting here by an ex-R.A.N. bloke. Most of the finance was from the proceeds of a raffle at a bachelor's dinner comprising chicke, duck and trimmings and liquid refreshments.

So, as newly elected public officer, I say cheers to all members through the Listening Post. We, the passing through the rugged north, make yourself known to any of us in Onslow through George Madigan, our President.
The “War-caused Disabilities” Factor
In Repatriation Administration

The Commonwealth Government is not prepared to accede to a League request for the automatic granting of repatriation benefits to ex-service sufferers from heart trouble, mental illness and cancer.

The League believes that in the case of ex-service personnel these diseases should be accepted as war-caused disabilities, and that the Repatriation Department should assume greater responsibility for the treatment of mental cases.

Repatriation Minister Swartz, however, has replied to League representations on these matters as follows:

Among the resolutions from the 1961 National Conference, which have come to me for consideration, are several asking that certain specified disabilities be automatically accepted as due to war service. As there is a common principle involved, I think it would be better if I dealt with these resolutions together. They are No. 24, Heart Complaints; No. 25 and 26, Mental Illness; and No. 31, Cancer.

As you are no doubt aware, resolutions in similar terms had been considered by my predecessor and the issues have been debated at length in Parliament, which has not been prepared to accept amendments to the Repatriation Act to extend automatic acceptance to disease in any of these forms.

The basis of our repatriation system has always been that war pensions and treatment depend on acceptance of a disability as due or contributed to, or aggravated by, war service.

The only general exception to this principle is Section 37 (3) of the Repatriation Act, which was enacted in 1943 in the special circumstances of that time to provide pensions and treatment for some cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, whether due to war service or not, provided the ex-serviceman had served overseas.

Provision is, however, made for medical treatment for all cases of cancer in the case of the more seriously war-disabled, and a service pension, including medical treatment, is given to more needy ex-servicemen who are permanently unemployable or have attained the age of 60, provided they have served overseas.

Unfortunately heart complaints, mental illness, and cancer affect all sections of the community, especially those in the higher age groups, and there is no evidence which suggests that their incidence is higher among ex-service men than other sections of the community.

It should also be remembered that the length, nature and conditions of service of the forces were called upon to undertake, more particularly in the 1939-45 war, varied greatly and in some cases did not materially differ from normal life. Whilst in specific cases this factor can be taken into account, in the absence of a general principle, it could not be covered by legislation short of general acceptance of all disabilities.

There will always be difficulty in determining whether a disability is due to war service, and it is primarily for this reason that Section 47 was enacted and why a very generous appeal system was provided. It is true that heart conditions, mental disablement, and some types of cancer often present such problems, as do many other conditions, and it would be quite illogical to accept some automatically but not others.

The Act as it stands is on the soundest possible ground in leaving each case to be determined on its merits in the light of all the evidence. If there is doubt in the mind of the Determining Authority, it is bound to accept a disability as due to war service; however, in many cases (for example, heart conditions, cancer, and mental illness), the medical evidence is sufficiently strong and the Determining Authority is left in no doubt that it is not due to war service.

MENTAL TREATMENT

I should like now to comment on that portion of Resolutions No. 24, No. 25 and 26 which concern the care and treatment of mental cases.

The department provides a comprehensive service for accepted cases of mental illness at all levels of the psychiatric wards of its general hospitals, and in special mental hospitals for those who require custodial care. We believe it bears upon acceptance to any other service in the Commonwealth.

However, you will be interested to learn that I have recently approved a complete review of all aspects of our service by Dr. Hart, our Consultant in Psychological Medicine, in association with a senior administrative officer; their task is to critically evaluate existing arrangements, and to provide a firm basis for future policy, and action.

With this review in mind Dr. Hart was sent overseas last year to study recent developments in Canada and the U.S.A. particularly in the veterans’ administrations.

As you know, patients requiring custodial care are normally accommodated in special repatriation mental hospitals, which are administered by the mental health authorities at the expense of the Repatriation Department. We believe that the number of eligible patients is not such as to justify the establishment of a comprehensive and imaginative repatriation mental hospital service in these circumstances.

The number of eligible patients is not sufficiently large to warrant the establishment of an adequate mental hospital service in these circumstances. There are important legal aspects because mental illness and its legal consequences are a matter for State Law.

I might add that a primary objective of our psychiatric service is, by early care and treatment, to avoid certification, and the results show that we have achieved real success in this direction.

SPECIAL CASES

In some cases it is desirable to treat accepted mental patients at other than mental hospitals in the case of patients requiring special arrangements; for example, the family of the patient may wish to have him treated at a country institution where they can visit him. Again, a patient may need some special treatment which is not otherwise available, or, for example, he may be classified as criminal to insane necessitating special arrangements.

My department is able to assist the State authorities in many ways in making arrangements in such cases. For example, at some hospitals our own psychiatrists assist in treatment. It provides many amenities and its special officers, medical and lay, regularly visit the institutions and keep in touch with patients and their families.

The number of ex-servicemen now receiving repatriation mental hospital allowances has reached 850 and represents many cases in which the results of medical treatment would bring to the patients, their families, and the community the most important benefits.

I think this is illustrated in the background to the report of Justice McClements, the Royal Commissioner on the Repatriation Students Getting More

Mr. Swartz said that the increases had come in two phases, in April and September, and that the increases had been made to bring the allowances to line with those now being received by students under the Soldiers’ Children Education Scheme.

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Callan Park Mental Hospital in New South Wales.

I appreciate the interest of the League in these unfortunate men, and I and my department will always welcome any suggestions the League may have in regard to them. I myself have already visited some of the mental hospitals, and hope to see the others at an early date.
Congress Opened by The Governor

The following speech was made by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gailener) at the opening of Congress on July 16, 1962.

"Before I open this 4th Congress of the R.S.L. of Western Australia, I would like to pay a tribute to Sir George Holland, who as you know, died not long ago.

"I didn't know him all that well, but I do remember him in this hall, and I do know that he was a great barracker for the R.S.L., and his record really is remarkable one: 10 years as the president of a sub-branch, 10 years as the State president and 10 years as the national president.

"We all realize how much we miss him, and that his loss is a very great one to Western Australia and to us here in Western Australia.

SATISFACTORY YEAR

"I think last year has been a reasonably satisfactory year from the R.S.L. point of view.

"The War Veterans' Home, which has been completed, has cost about $100,000. There is a new wing of the War Veterans' Home, which will house another 30 veterans. This is one of the highlights of the year.

"Another one is this new idea of the Father's Day at Leederville, which is coming about. And I think that this is a splendid idea, and if it were possible I think it could even be extended, carrying on, bringing the young up to the way they should go.

MORE MEMBERS

"Since last year, there has been an increase in membership, and about 1,000 additional members, which is the result of the 'door-knock' appeal and so I think that is most satisfactory.

"There are also now 200 new branches, which is a record here. At one of them, the Kununurra, I happened to visit last Sunday, and they were kind enough to entertain me there after dinner.

"Well, that is satisfactory, but I think everyone that is eligible really should join. I mean of course, the R.S.L. does not want to be just a quantity without quality, but anyone who served should have the quality. It's rather important that they should join.

"In this connection, I think the veterans should come and join. The R.S.L. is only a very great one to join in the right way - that is, you must be an eligible veteran. For them they can do it; if they do it in the right way - that is, they should feel that it is a good thing for people to join and that they can do it, and it should be the main reason for their joining the R.S.L., because the service which can be given to the country in peace time is of such a splendid one.

"And in this connection, I think it's a good idea that migrants should come and join the R.S.L. and all those that are here from Europe who have fought for the country. They think it's desirable for many reasons.

"A second reason is that it is a very good way of assimilating them into the Australian way of life at an early stage if they can come in from the door-knock appeal.

"And in connection with this, I think it's rather important that migrants should join and join the R.S.L., because the service which can be given to the country in peace time is of such a splendid one.

"In this connection, in peace time, it's a very good way of assimilating them into the Australian way of life at an early stage if they can come in from the door-knock appeal. Well, think it's a very good idea, and if they do it, they should feel that it's a very good idea.

"And on the other hand, they can do it in the right way - that is, they should feel that it's a very good idea, and if they do it, they should feel that it's a very good idea.

Elections At Victoria Park

The July meeting of the Victoria Park Branch was election night. Officers elected at a not very well attended meeting were: Paton G. Stewart, President; Dr. A. Squires, Secretary; G. Cheal, vice-president; Flints and M. Hine, Minute-Writers; and Publicity Officer G. Cheal. Treasurer M. Hine, Auditor Mr. Orkney, Library, R. Irvine.

Cold and informed was the expression used. Well, that may be true, but if it is true, I don't think it should be so, and therefore I think that this is the third reason why we should encourage veterans to come and join the R.S.L. so that they will hang on to their posts, and the portrait of the Queen is not just a picture on the wall.

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2/2nd BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION - Committee meets in Anzac House, second Tues. each month. President, E. J. Whitaker; Secretary, H. F. Badcock, 111 Connaught-street, South Perth.

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Why The R.S.L. Wants Action On Communism Now

How often when we survey the pages of history and particularly those events leading up to, during and subsequent to the last World War, do we condemn ourselves for not having taken a certain course of action at a certain time.

We can look back with wisdom on events leading up to Munich. We can condemn the Fottress Agreement in the light of subsequent events. In retrospect, we can be. oh so wise, about the Korean War and the victories of Communism in China. But let one individual or one organisation, no matter how good its record, issue one of its timely warnings, and that individual or that organisation will be branded as irresponsible, extremist and witch-hunting. So it is with the R.S.L. in its campaign on Communism at the present time.

The question has been asked—Why is the R.S.L. attacking Communism in Australia? Take up a map of South-East Asia and look at the events of the past 13 to 18 months. Here we will find the answer.

Instability is the key-note of South-East Asia, a condition that the Communists are most at exploiting. It is quite obviously true that any spectacular Communist success in this area could well destroy the confidence of most countries in South-East Asia and turn them from prevaricators and eventually to Communism.

Indonesia is already a country heavily infiltrated by communists who are determined to make further gains by using Indonesia's economic difficulties and the West New Guinea issue.

We are now approaching the crucial period when the events of the next months could decide whether the whole of South-East Asia will eventually become Communist.

For these reasons the R.S.L. warns Australia that we must be prepared to take all measures necessary to cope with any emergency that may arise. We must be prepared to pay whatever price is necessary to bring our defences to a proper state of security is a vital part of any defence structure, and we are determined that the best of our ability the nation shall be warned of the influence of the Communist party in Australia.

We emphasise that the greatest problem we face in Australia today is our own vast indifference plus the opposition, not only of the Communists but also of those misguided people who refuse to believe that Communism in Australia constitutes a threat to our security.

Those Australians who have died fighting against Communist aggression will not thank us for failing to take heed when we are approached with our period of greatest peril.

Recognising fully the dangers approaching our shores we again call on the Commonwealth Government to give the people of Australia a full and timely warning of the dangers at home.

Spreading The Gospel Of Civil Defence

Recently the Minister for the Interior was asked to authorise the period promotion of a pamphlet setting out the newest methods employed in civil defence at home and arrangements for circulation to persons who have attended the various Civil Defence Centres.

Here is the Minister's reply:

"As your letter you to me of the 11th January, 1962, all States have accepted the offer of civil-defence equipment by the Commonwealth, and are proceeding to develop their civil-defence services.

"Similarly, initial steps have been taken to establish Civil Defence Centres in the Northern and Australian Capital Territories. Each State and both Territories will set up their own training centres.

"In order to keep instructors who volunteer to teach at the local training centres up to date, or if necessary, be given refresher courses at the Civil Defence Centre at Melbourne.

"Special training manuals are being prepared for issue to the civil-defence services. These manuals will be kept up to date.

"In conclusion, however, proposed to take any special steps to keep up to date persons who have been indoctrinated but who take no part in one or other of the civil defence organisations."

Medical Units

The Army Medical units Association will be held in the basement of Anzac House on Friday, August 31st at 8.00 p.m. It is an open invitation to all members and their friends (male only) and to any ex-member of any medical unit. Admission 10/-.

For further information, contact the Secretary, A. Dunkin, 99 Weston Street, Carlisle.