RED PROPAGANDA IN OUR SCHOOLS

A recent article by the R.S.L. National Executive, in its anti-communist drive, claims that the Russian Embassy in Canberra is distributing inflammatory communist propaganda material to Australian schoolchildren.

The article refers to the ten-year-old son of an R.S.L. member in N.S.W. who received "68/3 worth of propaganda booklets" from the Russian Embassy in Canberra. The schoolboy had written to the Russian and American Embassies, and the British High Commissioner's office, seeking for objective information about their respective countries. The Russians sent 7/6 worth of material, the British 1/1/2 worth and the Australians 13/3 worth. These estimates of costs being based on figures supplied to the R.S.L. by an experienced printer.


FOR WHOLE CLASS

They also sent 33 copies of a pamphlet entitled "USSR 1961" for distribution to the whole class. Altogether there were $40 pages of reading in the six booklets.

They included passages urging internal subversion and support for world communism.

Such passages (offered to a ten-year-old schoolboy) included:

- "The sharper the class struggle, the more important becomes the role of Marxist-Leninist ideas in building and mobilising the masses to fight for communism."

- "However the form in which the transition from capitalism to socialism is effectuated, that transition can come about only through revolution."

Guarded Jealously

At the State Executive meeting on September 5 it was announced mistakenly that no permit be granted for the erection of any structure in the vicinity of the State War Memorial.

South Suburban Games Start

At last a start has been made with the south-suburban inter-sub-branch games, the participating teams being Kenwick, Maddington, Gosnells, Kelmscott, and Armadale.

Riverton is unable to take part at this stage, which means there will be a bye.

Those competing in the initial round had a very enjoyable evening (win or lose), which augured well for the future. Games (mixed nights) are played on the first Tuesday each month. Contact your secretary and obtain the venue for your sub-branch's next games night.

Bring your wife along and make it a regular social engagement. Games played are darts, bowls, squash, table tennis and bridge.

The host sub-branch each month supplies refreshments and ladies are requested to provide supper.

£3/5/ Loss Shown On R.S.L. Ball

Though it was an acknowledged social success this year's R.S.L. Annual Ball was run at a small financial loss, Mr. B. J. Flanagan (its voluntary organiser) reported at this month's State Executive meeting.

The ball was held at Anzac House on July 20—the Friday of Congress week. Receipts totalled £184/19/ and expenses £188/4/. Mr. Flanagan said seven Miss Crowning Glory candidates who attended had received complimentary tickets.

Better Seen From The Outside

Eastern States overland visitors for the Commonwealth Games may see something of an air-conditioned ambulance on their way through Norseman and Cunderdoo.

Regarding the State Executive this month as League representatives at the annual meeting of the St. John Ambulance Association Miss Stella White said reference had been made at the meeting to the bashing of the vehicle at those centres around Games time.
Emergency Service For Northam

Following a meeting of leaders of the community in Northam Town Hall on July 13—at which the Director of Civil Defence and Emergency Services (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) explained the objective and organisation of the voluntary-emergency services it was intended to create throughout the State—it was resolved that such a service be inaugurated in Northam.

At a subsequent meeting of the Northam sub-branch, on September 5 Major Phillips proposed that the sub-branch undertake the organisation, training and operation of a rescue section.

The R.S.L. was an organisation particularly well fitted to follow this line, as Major Phillips said. Members had all seen, during the war, the conditions under which rescue operations would have to be carried out. They would not be unmaned by the sight of blood because they had had previous experience of it, and were used to discipline and to obeying orders.

TRAINING

The meeting very readily accepted this proposal, and members will commence training as soon as the necessary instructional material and equipment is available.

A further proposal adopted by the meeting was that arrangements be made for all members for a 35-minute period on a selected subject at each monthly meeting.

The first of these speakers will address the October meeting on "The Civil Defence and Emergency Service."

BRIGHTER MEETINGS

As with most organisations, one of the League's main problems is that of encouraging satisfactory attendances of members at sub-branch meetings. There are many reasons why chairmen will effMinently handle the normal business in half the usual time if they kill the meetings. It should be the aim of every sub-branch committee to brighten up the meetings, and this can be done by a modest amount of advertising.

Don't waste the time of members with minor details. Important business should be done by the committee and summarised in a few pages.

Deal with things in the main, and let committees work out the detailed implementation of the members' wishes. A well-planned agenda conducted by an able and as-
THE LISTENING POST

SEPTEMBER, 1962

Land Settlement Problems

DURING recent weeks the spotlight has again been focussed on War Service Land Settlement, and there is an obvious and urgent need for remedial action by the “powers that be,” both State and Commonwealth.

THE LEAGUE expects an assurance from the Minister in charge of the scheme that confusion in the minds of settlers will receive immediate and sympathetic attention.

IT IS contended that a wider scope should be provided for the Appeal Board and there is reluctance to accept a “rehashed” reply to recent representations in this direction. The subject was reopened with the Minister by correspondence in June this year. In his reply, the Minister quoted a decision made in 1958. This is not good enough.

ON AUGUST 20 a State-Congress-appointed deputation waited on the Minister and was given a good hearing. A constructive case, based on factual information, was presented relative to Valuations; Commitments; Transfer to the Bank and the Appeal Board.

IT WAS coincidental that a series of articles appearing in the Press at that time dealt with the same problems. Unfortunately, the questions posed in both cases remain, so far, unanswered.

A SPECIAL Sub-Committee appointed in 1961 by the State Government to investigate various aspects of the War Service Land Settlement scheme came up, apparently, with only one recommendation. This was to the effect that the issue of final valuations should be accelerated. The recommendation (and its implementation?) is most commendable, but a more important consideration is that the valuations should be just and realistic.

Big Crowning Glory Line-up Likely

This year’s Miss Crowning Glory competition looks like being the best since the inauguration of the series four years ago, and should eclipse the pleasing financial results of previous contests.

So far this year 99 candidates have been nominated and nominations don’t close until October 19.

There is every possibility quite possible that there will be 40 or more candidates in the running.

A pleasing feature of the nominations this year is that new sub-branches and organisations have entered for the first time.

Presumably the one entered a candidate once in three years could be continued indefinitely and, without the help of outside organisations, attract at least 40 candidates a year.

As there is general interest in the interest country areas in the matter of a representation of a list of the Maylands’ Home, I have included a date is published below in the order in which they arrived at their request.

It was originally announced that the judging would take place on Saturday, November 17, and the final concert at Anzac House on Sunday 18th.

All candidates and committees are now advised that the final judging will now take place at Anzac House on Saturday, November 10; rehearsal at 10.30 a.m. Anzac House, Sunday, November 11 and the final concert and presentation at Anzac House at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 17.

Would there be more appropriate day—the day we remember the sacrifices made in past wars will see the culmination of a year’s effort to raise funds for Legacy and the R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home.

Maylands Has Garden Plan

It has been decided to improve the appearance of the Maylands Memorial Hall grounds.

Mr. C. C. Salton has presented the sub-branch with an electric clock which is being arranged to dress the timber and enhance the feature post and fence alongside the crescent drive-in.

Mrs. Smith reports increasing popularity of the flag-bridge afternoons, to which the ladies have taken a real interest.

The ladies’ committee has presented the sub-branch with an electric clock which has been installed on the entrance gate.

At a recent meeting it was decided to invite all members of the club to the sub-branch reunion dinner in appreciation of the good services rendered to the sub-branch social affairs.

Reports on Council were interesting and the meeting was addressed by a representative of the Council.

The next meeting will be held on the 24th, at which time a vote of thanks will be tendered to the sub-branch representatives.

Dorn, Anne, Joondanna, Sally (P.G.M. sub-branch); PAGE, Maxine Kuyk, Hill Top Park (Central Districts Women’s Aux.); MURPHY, Gus, Bunbury (Boons, Bunbury); FRAKONI, Rob, (Boons, Morley Park); RUSSELL, Susan, West Arthur (ex-branch)men in the R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home.

Candidates To Date

Nominations so far received for this year’s Miss Crowning Glory competition are as follows, the name of the sponsoring body in each instance being shown in parentheses:

THORNTON, Joan, North Perth (M.C. Saloon); MEADOWS, J., Gosnells (Margaret House); KUBA, Eileen (Boons, Perth); TAYLOR, Thelma, Nor- tamore (Air Force Assn.); TEMBY, Owen, Katanning (F第三届); BUSCH, Marilyn, North Perth (S.E.C. sub-branch); BARRAS, Muriel, East Fremantle (M.T.T. sub-branch); SMITH, Judy Anne, B occupy Brook (Boon, Brook); ANDERSON, Carol, Moora (Moora R.S.L. sub-branch); BRIDGEWOOD, Sue, Cottesloe (Boons, Perth); CHAPPELL, Julie, Tumbarumba (Western Districts); DORAN, Anne, Joondanna, Sally (P.G.M. sub-branch); PAGE, Maxine Kuyk, Hill Top Park (Central Districts Women’s Aux.); MURPHY, Gus, Bunbury (Boons, Bunbury); FRAKONI, Rob, (Boons, Morley Park); RUSSELL, Susan, West Arthur River (ex-branch); GILES, Rosaline, East Fremantle (Bruce Rock Womans Aux.); GOULD, Irene (Boons, Perth); HOWARD, Lyre, Northampton (Ex-branch); CHAPPELL, Julie, Tumbarumba (Western Districts); DORAN, Anne, Joondanna, Sally (P.G.M. sub-branch); PAGE, Maxine Kuyk, Hill Top Park (Central Districts Women’s Aux.); MURPHY, Gus, Bunbury (Boons, Bunbury); FRAKONI, Rob, (Boons, Morley Park); RUSSELL, Susan, West Arthur River (ex-branch).
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What The League Asks For Papua-N.G.

The R.S.L. National Executive, after examining at length the problems confronting the future of Australia in Papua and New Guinea, endorses the following principles:

1. The territory of Papua and New Guinea is a vital part of Australia's line of defence.
2. The eventual successful and harmonious transfer of authority to the indigenous population is of paramount importance to Australia.
3. Australian citizens, including many ex-servicemen, have made a vast contribution to the welfare and the development of the territory, particularly in post-war years.
4. It is essential that in the developing situation the interests of these people be properly safeguarded.

Having these things in mind the National Executive calls on the Government to take the following steps:
1. Clearly define the territorial boundaries of Papua and New Guinea.
2. Increase the defence forces of the territory to ensure complete security and protection of the people, with facilities for speedy and effective action against disruptive forces.
3. Establish principles for the proper safeguarding of Australian industries and investments that are playing such a vital part in the overall development and progress of the territory.

Ex-P.O.W. Reunion in Tasmania

Interest is growing in the Australia-wide ex-P.O.W. reunion to be held in Hobart on February 23. Ampol will contribute 50 gallons of petrol to the overland trips, while Ansett-A.N.A. has agreed to a reduction of about 45 in the fares from Melbourne to Tasmania.

Those interested should contact the president of the W.A. Branch, Ex-P.O.W. Association, Mr. A. Westley, of 72 McMillan Street, Victoria Park (6 6442) by November 1 so that final arrangements can be made.

League Has Hopes Over Visit

A League request that time be allotted, during the Royal visit early next year, for Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to see something of the League's activities in each State is being referred to the State Governments.

The request was made to the Prime Minister by the National Executive as soon as the visit was announced.

Mr. Menzies' reply was as follows:

"Planning for the visit of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to the various States is, of course, very much a matter for the States themselves. However, in accordance with your request, I have arranged for your suggestion that time be allotted in each State for her Majesty and His Royal Highness to see something of the work and organisation of the R.S.L. in the States, to be brought to the attention of the State Governments."
PILGRIMAGE TO CRETE
From LILIAN G. HARRIS, ex A.A.N.S., A.I.F.

It felt a strange pilgrimage to the military cemetery at Suda Bay in Crete—the cradle of European civilisation—for an Australian with a national history so new.

A strange resting place for those who in the main had known it merely by name, though many knew many lie in other old lands where history began.

Flying from Athens to Heraklion, which was the centre of my interest of the ancient history of Crete, travelled from there to Canea by local bus.

Local buses are preferred, enjoying the contact of the friendly, unspoilt folk of the island.

Canea is the capital of Crete, though lesser populated, and the site of an ancient city. Crete, lying between Europe and Africa, is a narrow island of the Ionian Sea, divided into three main parts: the highest, Mt. Ida, reaching 8,000 feet, the island others inhabit miles wide and 150 miles from east to west.

In part, the island is an almost alarming journey cutting across the mountain ranges, skimming the chain of mountains, and rounding hairpin bends at high speed, with gorges and deep forested valleys underneath, and I was greatly relieved when we reached the valleys themselves.

Travelling through this northern part of Crete we passed many villages, some poorer than others, some delightfully shaded with trees and with running streams, never very far away. Always there were the villagers sitting and chatting, and inside their homes and interested in the buses passing through.

WAR SCARSC
Many villages were high in the mountains, yet all had war scars, a reminder of the villages and the people I had known. Travelling through the island, one could not fail to notice the many villages which had been destroyed by war, and others struggling to rebuild.

On local buses I was always the only foreigner, but was no stranger when I questioned about it. My mission was to discover if there was an Australian and that my mission was a Suda Bay, which was Soufian, and sympathetic looks at once, I was made to believe that I was a friend who had returned.

Suda Bay was a memory for many of the Cretans. Sometimes a clerk, school-teacher or English would be a passenger eager to try out the local bus and the next day the whole bus would be the same. The journey took a long time for a distance of 90 miles, but very much enjoyed as each village was a stopping place where huddled scenes were enacted—friends meeting, the soldier returning, others farewell. Food was sold at each place, mainly bread—baked without restraint or little pieces of meat cooked over charcoal and given to me on a wooden splint, and full of flavour. The soft drinks were invariably of good quality.

Stopping half way at Gournia, on the coast, and at Kastelli, the Ban influence is obvious. In the centre of the town there were old houses with their minaret, the heavily-built Venetian ramparts and some arches still standing, and narrow streets give a distinctly Oriental flavour.

General Crete reduced much of the coast to ruins and rebuilding goes on place and past conquerors and occupation have left their evident. At the village of Vrissis huge plane trees shade the road, and some of the ancient marble columns can still be seen.

The grave I sought was that of an Australian. With all British cemeteries all in splendid condition, flowers from me made their way to the cemetery, but none to the graves of those who survived.

I heartache
I walked slowly along the road,along the names and ages of young men from 20 years onwards. I had been given only a fragment of each man. The names were inscribed: "Known only to God!"

There are 1,700 war-dead buried here—300 Australians, 300 New Zealanders and 300 Greeks. Each grave has a small headstone and under each is a wooden log.

My heart went out to them so much earlier than the others whose bodies we had brought home. It was late afternoon when I left, but there was no sign of the bay overlooked by their resting-place and from which the top of the cliff, the war's end, was very silent. I felt, indeed, that this was a far distant, forgotten ground forever Anzac.

As I signed the visitor's book, I added that I was there on behalf of all those whom I didn't know. I was sure that case was in my heart.

Off To Mt. Macedon

The nomination of Mr. Steel, Bishop of Perth, and Mr. Christer of Albatross for a civil-defence training course at Mt. Macedon (Vic.) was approved by the State Executive.

1963 Slogan Contest

Members are invited to submit entries for the abovenamed competition. Entries should be short, and to the point, on the following lines:

- Race: Public Service, Loyalty too
- Maintain by Strength '62
- Enrol all you know: watch '61 grow
- The competition carries a £5 prize for the submission judged best
- Entries should be addressed to the R.S.L. State Executive, The Victorian Hotel, Perth and the envelope endorsed "slogan."

Australian Probe Into Effects Of Captivity

Australia was one of the few countries in the world to carry out special medical surveys of ex-prisoners of war. Repatriation Minister Swartz told a meeting of the Queensland Prisoners of War Association recently he said that Australia had been one of the most vigorous efforts in the field of research into the effects their years of captivity had had of their prisoners of war. Mr. Swartz said that Australia was the only country to carry out the medical examination of its troops taken prisoner by all the allies. He had undertaken a special limited medical survey of his expatriates of war. Australia had made at a survey of the per cent of ex-prisoners of war and then the complete survey of all available survivors. In the second survey more than 12,000 men were interrogated and medically examined. The only living survivors to miss the survey were those who either died or letters sent them or whose addresses were unknown.

Mr. Swartz told the conference that following the release of ex-prisoners of war the Japanese a new report was attempted by a local committee of each man. These reports had proved to be of great interest to the families of the prisoners as the report of a former prisoner of war had applied for a variation of benefits or medical treatment.

During the meeting the Prime Minister, Mr. Swartz, as patron. Mr. Swartz served with the 2/26th Infantry Battalion (8th Division) in Malay, New Guinea and Burma. Over a year as a prisoner of war.

Naval Recruits Entertained

Ninety-seven junior naval recruits from the Leufoew Naval Depot were given the formal command of the day's outing on September 30th. The occasion was held at The Naval Recruits Association and the members of the R.S.L. and other organisations—acting in a stand-in fashion for the day. The majority of the recruits were from other towns and cities. Reporting on the occasion at this month's State Executive meeting, Mr. Dodd paid a special tribute to the contribution of Anzac staff officer, Mr. Marshall. He had been told by the Anzac organisation that he had also been on the failure of two of the scheduled vehicle to turn up, and even so entertaining them in his capture of Australian ships.
R.S.L. WARNS ON DEFENCE

The National Executive of the R.S.L. finds it necessary to remind the Government and the nation of the unstable position in South-East Asia. We want to warn that our national defences must be looked at now and geared to meet emergencies which may arise.

Our land forces are one battalion in Malaya and two permanent battle groups in Australia. These are what could be used immediately.

Behind this are eight C.M.F battle groups in various stages of un-readiness—further weakened by the fact that members are leaving at the rate of 40 per cent a year. Many members are under-age and could not legally be sent overseas as the law now stands.

National defence must be further rejuvenated by the re-introduction of selective National Service Training. New Zealand has already found this necessary. This would mean that an additional 15,000 men would be placed under training in the near future.

The R.S.L. is perturbed at the fact that three-quarters of the Army vote from consolidated revenue goes on maintenance items such as food, pay and clothing, only one-quarter going on capital expenses such as weapons and new equipment.

The League stresses the fact that in these uncertain times it is essential that this country face the need for a reasonable reserve of trained and semi-trained manpower.

Collection Boxes Available

Tins that collection boxes for use by country sub-branches—by arrangement with local hotel managers—are available at Anzac House. A number of sub-branches have already taken delivery of one or more of the idea being that the sub-branch committee accepts responsibility for forwarding the contents from time to time to Anzac House, where the money is credited to the R.S.L. veterans' home fund.

A Ticklish One

For Hyden

The land on which the Hyden R.S.L. hall stands is owned privately; the vacant block adjoining it belongs to the League. This was said by the last State Executive meeting, presided over by Mr. R. J. Stoddart. Seeking authority for steps to resolve the anomaly, Mr. Stoddart said it appeared that representatives of seven sub-branches in the area had been present.

Succinct Summary On The Need For More Members

If justification for the League's membership drive were needed it is to be found in the following article from the handbook "The Road Back" under the heading: "The Need for More Members in the R.S.L."

A bigger Commonwealth-wide R.S.L. membership spells the difference between the League's aim to promote greater appreciation of the principles of democracy and its efforts to improve the communities in which the Digger lives.

When the big majority of ex-service men now belong to the R.S.L. they are guaranteed adequate solution of housing problems, employment and welfare commission.

The R.S.L. sub-branch, which lacks the support of a big membership, will never be able to discharge the respectful attention of those who hold public offices in local government, trade unions, and other circles.

The R.S.L. belongs to you! It is run by returned men, to carry on the fight of the war against the day of war. It is the organisation of groups of important influence.

More manpower in the League simply means that ex-servicemen are given the opportunity to help share the huge cost of fighting for the things that benefit all Diggers.

Every financial problem with which the R.S.L. is confronted—on the sub-branch, state branch or Federal level—will be considerably eased when a substantial membership-increase is assured.

You have reason to be proud of your war service, but you have equal reason to be proud of the R.S.L.

The R.S.L. belongs to you! It is run by returned men for returned men, to carry on the fight of the war day by day. It is the organisation of groups of important influence.

The R.S.L. is prepared to meet emergencies when the need arises. From the handbook to "The Need for More Members in the R.S.L."

PRESERVING WHAT WAS Fought For

From "Mutli" (September, 1962), official journal of the R.S.L. in Victoria

Just to see us as others see us! After the hysteria of the hostility of a mine to communism it was good to read the considered editorial of the "Ararat Advertiser" on August 4.

Under the title "Preserving What Was Fought For" the paper said:

"It is encouraging to see the uplift in membership of the sub-branch of the Returned Servicemen's League in the Ararat district. Sub-branches have a fine record of membership in the district, matching the equal fine record of the R.S.L. as a whole in welfare and repatriation.

"The wars in which Australia fought were not fought by us. There is a world beyond justice that those who defended us and our way of life should be well cared for now.

"The R.S.L. goes further and wider. Through its anti-communist and anti-cancel- ment campaign it recognises that what we fought for must be preserved. After the war, Opinions on the campaign may differ but, whatever they may be, it should be noted that the dangers to our way of life lie not only in what may seem odd ideas in our capital cities, but lie also within ourselves. It is not enough to say that we must all be pro-democracy."

The secretary of the Communist Party in South Australia, Mr. J. Sentey, said on August 13 that 20,000 leaf-lets had been printed for distribution to schools protesting against the R.S.L.'s recent action in seeking an inquiry into communism in schools.

The leaflets refer to the R.S.L. branch witch hunt against teachers and students. What nonsense is it to attach sordid and unpatriotic motives to teachers who suggest that the Soviet Embassy should be closed and to complaints of anti-russian motives to students who want to protest against the Soviet Embassy for material to help in their studies.

"I hope all of this is blown out of proportion. I think the R.S.L. branch should be left to carry on without interference."
Change In Venue Of Lecture Courses

Civil-defence lecture courses, previously conducted at Anzac House, will in future be taken to sub-branches.

This was decided by the State Executive Committee on September 5 at the request of a party of residents who had complained of the long distances necessary for attendance.

GEAR-LAG

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LEAGUE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

By J. R. Duncan

R.S.L. Co-operative Trading Coy.

On 1st December, 1921, the trustees of the proposed R.S.L. Co-operative Scheme—C. H. Lamb, A. H. Priestley and W. A. Woodham—issued a circular to returned soldiers. A copy of the proposal was printed in "The Listening Post" of 20th December, 1921, and was as follows:

"It has been decided to submit to the R.S.L. Co-operative Scheme a proposition in connection with the Trading Concern already existing in the Perth Sub-branch of the League and in recommending this scheme to the subscribers, it is desired to point out the very great success which has attended the efforts of the Branch up to the present date.

"Operations were commenced with capital of £625 and the first Balance Sheet showed an ordinary profit of £134.17s.6d. on assets of £1,161 10s. 5d. which were purchased for £625 mentioned above. The profit and loss account for the period from 8th June, 1920 to 31st July, 1921 shows a net profit of £121 14s. 7d. and is in the spite of the fact that the margin of profit is infinitely smaller than that charged by the ordinary retailer.

LIMITED COMPANY

"So great has been the growth of the business that the Perth Sub-Branch has decided that it can no longer function on a small scale, and has therefore decided to immediately form a Limited Company to take over the whole of the Assets and Liabilities of the Trading Department. The scheme is being advertised in the public press, and the proposal is that the company should be a Limited one and have a nominal capital of £5,000 divided into 10,000 shares at £1 each which will be issued and sold as follows:

(1) 2,500 fully paid up shares to Trustees for the use of the Executive of the R.S.L.
(2) 1,500 fully paid up shares to the Company's Directors as a Loan of £1,500.
(3) 1,500 fully paid up shares to the City of Perth for £1,500.
(4) 5,000 8½% first preference shares for £500.
(5) 500 5% second preference shares for £50.
(6) 500 5% ordinary shares for £5.

These shares will be sold at the rates of £1 each and if any shares are not taken up at this price they will be sold at the actual costs incurred at the time of issue.

"The Company is now in course of formation and the shares will be sold at the price of £1 each from the time of the formation of the Company.

"The result was the formation of the Returned Soldiers' Co-operative Trading Coy., Ltd.

"On the formation of this company 1,000 shares were sold to Mr. A. H. Priestley, Mr. W. A. Woodham and Mr. C. H. Lamb, each as a subscriber to the League. The cost of forming the company was £20, which was paid into the clerk's hand by Mr. Priestley, who carried on the business of forming the company, and the company was incorporated with a capital of £1,000, divided into 10,000 shares of £1 each.

"The directors of the company were elected as follows: Mr. C. H. Lamb, Mr. W. A. Woodham and Mr. A. H. Priestley, each holding 1,000 shares, and Mr. T. H. Braham as Trustee for the League, holding 500 shares. These directors were instructed to proceed with the formation of the company and to take all necessary steps to bring the company into being.

"During 1920, after the conclusion of the war, the League went into liquidation and the amount paid to the Trustee amounted to £4,000. In 1921, the company was re-formed and the shares were transferred to the League and held in the names of the directors. The shares were returned to the League in 1926 and the League now holds 5,000 shares, £1.50 each, which are held in trust for the League and those held in the hands of the R.S.L.

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PAYMENT TERMS

This payment of £200 annually would continue as long as the R.S.L. Co-operative Trading Company continued to trade.

The R.S.L. Hostel

During the 1939-45 war the Salvation Army, under the auspices of the Sportsmen's Council, conducted a building society known as the Red Shirts. The society occupied the corner of Murray and Pier streets, a brick building which was sold to the State of Victoria and the University of Melbourne for £400. The building was used for various purposes, and it was considered a suitable building for the purpose. The building was then taken over by the League and continued to function as the R.S.L. Hostel until 1948, when it was taken over by the Sportsmen's Council and used as a hostel for sportsmen. The building was subsequently used as a hostel for sportsmen and was one of the few buildings of its kind in the city.

THE LISTENING POST

September, 1962

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The Listening Post

They Didn't Shiver At Yealering For Long

This year's annual reunion of the Yealering sub-branch on the night of August 18 was warmly convivial despite a thermometer-reading of 30deg. F., writes sub-branch scribe “P.F.” He concludes:

Twenty representatives from four adjoining sub-branches, together with local ex-servicemen (whether R.S.L. members or not) plus local-government members and M.L.A. Mick Gasyer, left little elbow-room when they sat down to three large, neatly-decorated tables, which gleamed under the weight of good things the ladies had provided.

What a wonderful job these people do. Thanks to these ladies!

Old friends Neel Davidson, Ron Rutter, and original sub-branch member Eric Davies, arrived from Perth and responded in turn to the toast: “R.S.L. and State Executive.”

Eric referred to land-settlement problems and possible means of solving some of the difficulties.

Our thanks go to these chaps who give their time to travel such distances!

We were also favoured with the company of Douglas—usual—usual reunions.

Remembrance, Service, Loyalty too maintain by Strength in '62

POPpy DAY

Poppy Day preparations were well advanced, with 20 country orders to hand. Fund-raising Committee chairman N. Davidson reported to the State Executive this month.

He said that the special cards ordered were still in the hands of the printers. The committee's report, which was adopted, recommended that:

- The present system of distributing poppies be retained.
- The poppies remain untagged.
- The Women's Auxiliary proposal for voluntary-collector cards be endorsed.
- State Secretary Webb said thatFriends Day meeting of metropolitan sub-branch presidents and secretaries was being arranged, probably for October 18.

Names Omitted

It is regretted that the name of Mr. A. V. Rodger, Country Vice-President for the central area of the State, was omitted from the list of Country Vice-Presidents for the 1962-63 Conference Year, in the August issue.

The name of Mr. J. White, State Executive member, was also omitted from the top of the list of State Executive members.

Apologies are tendered to these gentlemen.

Go Elsewhere, Says Minister In Reply To The League

Declining a League request as outside the scope of his department, Repatriation Minister Swartz has suggested that renewed representations be made in other quarters.

One of the most popular amenities at the R.S.L. Veterans' Home is the bowling green, officially opened last March. Above you see the line-up of players for that occasion. They are, from left:

BACK ROW—J. Kenyon, F. Sharpe, R. Corbett and F. Smith.

FRONT ROW—J. Malsey, S. Welbey, A. Cameron and L. Oliver.

The request was for the Government—in cases where the life of an ex-serviceman or any of his dependants can be saved—to meet the cost of specialised treatment, in Australia or overseas, when those concerned are not in a position to pay for such treatment.

The Minister's reply was as follows:

"Even if it were acceptable in principle the application in individual cases of what the National Executive proposes would involve very considerably problems of medical and general administration, the nature of which needs no elaboration."

"I note that the basis of the proposal is the belief that such cases should be the responsibility of the community as a whole. It occurs to me that the principle of community responsibility is already reflected in the organisation and scope of public health service in Australia which make it unlikely that appropriate medical care could be denied on financial grounds alone to any citizen in the situation."
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asks C. R. Collins

ALTHOUGH July 4, 1955, was celebrated as Independence Day by the inhabitants of the United Colonies of America, the Declaration of Independence was not finally approved by the Thirteen Colonies until July 2, 1776. Britain did not formally recognize the independence of the United States until 1783.

New Weapon For Army Units

The fully-automatic 7.62 mm. rifle is now available for use in non-infantry units, schools and training establishments of the Australian Military Forces.

Announcing this new weapon, Army Minister Cramer said the new weapon would replace the British light machine-gun in non-infantry units.

It was a heavy barrelled version of the American M-1903 Springfield rifle, but with a shorter barrel and a simplified mechanism.

Infantry battalions were replacing the Bren and Vickers machine gun with the new weapon. The maximum range of the weapon was 500 rounds per minute.

Cyclic rate of fire is 600 rounds per minute. The weapon is designed to achieve without magazine changes or other stoppages.

HISTORY OF LEAGUE

(Continued from Page 8.)

Brisbane (Company Directors: A. D. Powell (Chairman), E. A. R. Scott (Vice-Chairman)) was incorporated on September 13, 1946.

It is proposed to hold an AGM to elect new Council members for the year 1956.

They advised that the building would not be used for business purposes and should be sold. Negotiations continued with the Brisbane General Building and Development Company Limited, and the Council continues to support the building.

Although this involved expenditure for the purchase of the property at £10,000 per year this was offset by the previous payment of £1,000 and rent received for the Bar and Blinds of the League's Room of £250. The trust funds were also released by the sale of the property.

Many improvements were made to the building and the number of beds could be increased by adding a third floor. This trend continued, and by the end of July, 1955, a special committee met at the C.W. Court, M.L.A. (Chartered Accountant and Business Consultant), H. L. to find...
**Nominations Sought For £3,350 Post**

The League, and other Australian organisations representing ex-servicemen, have been invited by the Minister for Repatriation to submit three nominations each for a £3,350-a-year post as member of a war-pensions tribunal.

Th closing date for the submit to the Minister is October 6, but to allow time for the list of names to be submitted to the Secretary, W. Webb, Anzac House, Perth, without delay.

The particular supplied by the Minister for the selection are as follows:

Lists of names in accordance with Sub-section (4) of Section 55 of the Repatriation Act 1920-1961, for appointment to a period not exceeding five years from 15th December, 1962, to a branch of the Repatriation Department of a War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal, will be submitted by the R.S.L. National Secretary in Canberra by September 21.

Local applications for the post should be submitted to the Secretary, W. Webb, Anzac House, Perth, without delay.

The purpose of the selection is to assist the ex-servicemen, and the selection is to be made from the list of names to be submitted to the Minister for Repatriation and to travel by air or otherwise as may be required by the Minister.

Salary will be at the rate of £2,500 per annum plus allowance for travel expenses.

A necessary condition is that each nominee shall have had a service of five years in the Forces within the meaning of the Repatriation Act 1920-1961.

The list submitted by any organisation must contain the names of not more than three nominees. It is desirable that the "Members of the Forces" whose names are submitted have had "war service" within the meaning of Sub-section (4) of the Repatriation Act 1920-1961, and that a member of the Appeal Tribunal shall be eligible for appointment. Particulars of the ages, service in the Forces, and qualifications of the persons nominated, should be submitted with the lists.

**Interest In Housing Scheme Keen**

Loans to clients had accounted for practically the whole of the £40,000 Australian Commonwealth money raised to start the R.S.L. Building Society in this State Housing Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart told the State Executive this month.

The results so far—without any advertising—had been very successful, he said. The State Congress, in July, authorised the formation of one or more societies.

Mr. Stoddart said it was now proposed to raise further finance immediately for a continuation of the scheme.

Country people, he said, had shown considerable interest. Loans had been advanced and the scheme could be extended to rural areas provided customers and guarantors were located within the confines of towns.

The primary object of the scheme is to assist ex-servicemen, personnel not eligible for assistance under the war-service homes legislation of 1918.

**Big Issues In East**

The main topics of the National Executive meeting in Canberra last month were the New Guinea (the Mandated Territory) question and the constitutional issue. Acting-State President E. C. Townshend told the Executive at its last meeting.

Mr. Townshend praised the forthrightness of the recent visit of the Prime Minister to New Guinea by Territories Minister Paul Hasluck, and he said the state branches of New South Wales and Queensland were playing a tremendous part in the League's campaign.

Mr. Townshend said a Press statement had been released asking the Government to do something about the matter.

The general opinion at the meeting was that, as Australians had once been given an opportunity by referendum to continue their commonwealth, but had turned it down, the Government would be unlikely to give the authority without the approval of a referendum.

**League Seeks Redress Of Land Problems**

A deputation arranged by State Congress this year was received by Agriculture Minister Naider and Land Settlement Board chairman J. M. Clayton on August 30.

The main points discussed were: valuation, commitments, and the procedure for securing the land. The state government's inability to pay due to the large number of claims, and the land was delayed beyond a reasonable period and were unrealistic.

Mr. Naider promised that the matter would be given to the League's representatives and that he would closely examine the supporting figures presented by the deputation.

**Applying For "Stars" And Medals**

Advice has been received from the Army Records Office that the forthcoming Commonwealth Games and the Royal Tour early in the New Year may bring an unusual demand for initial or replacement issues of campaign stars and medals.

If all applications are left until the last minute, the Army Medal Section may not be able to meet all requests.

Early application should be made by all ex-service people who may be required to wear medals during either of these events. Only by this means can they be sure that their requirements will be met.

Applications should be made to the Army Medal Section, Albert Park Barracks, Melbourne, S.C., giving full name, army number and present address.

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What Can Be Done By A Small Sub-branch

The Coorow-Waddi Forest sub-branch's record of activity for the past 12 months is a good example of what can be done with a small membership.

With only 34 members enrolled, this sub-branch raised over £45, half of various official functions and as well carried out—and paid for—the decoration of two rooms at its hall.

The cost of the work was £1,000.

One of the rooms houses the sub-branch's 500-book library, which is well patronised.

During the year the sub-branch learnt with regret of the passing of one of its foundation members, Mr. W. Greaves. A busy bee, it was organised to assist the family of an ex-serviceman recently killed while felling timber on his farm near Latham. A cheque for £42 was raised to enable the purchase of a rainwater tank.

Subsequently sub-branch members assisted the man's widow in grading and carting her seed-wheat.

The sub-branch admires the effort and now keeps up the farm for the sake of her two young children.

A 25-pounder gun purchased from the Department of the Army has been given to Mr. Freecorn accepts War Fund

Wardenship

The wardenship-elect of Mr. Freecorn, who is the Left vacant by the death in July of Mr. J. W. Anderson, has been filled by the appointment of the former, Mr. Freecorn, who has been a prominent member of the community and is very active.

His term of office has been extended by the Miss Crowning Glory Competition, and he is an active supporter of the Community Welfare and Social Work.

Executive told Of Work Of Visitors

Since Congress, members of the R.S.L. Corps of Hospital Visitors have made 159 visits to League members undergoing treatment in hospital. Hospital Visiting Committee chairman President W. E. Macnamara reported to the State Executive this month the need for additional funds for the purpose.

The executive approved a further approach to sub-branches for donations in support of activities of the R.S.L. Corps and brought it in £361 8s. 6d.

Mr. Macnamara said that 10 years ago Congress had recommended that sub-branches donate £1 each year for the purpose.

Post-graduate Awards May Be Applied For

The trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund are again inviting applications for a post-graduate scholarship for study overseas, and for higher-training education awards for study within Australia.

EDUCATION AWARDS

The higher-training education awards are for post-graduate studies in any field, courses being eligible for: (a) Any course at any approved university or institution in Australia, (b) The higher-training education course at the college or university, and (c) An approved course at any approved course in any field.

The awards will be granted to a maximum amount of £1,000 per annum.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open to the following groups:

(a) A man who has been a member of the Defence Forces for at least 12 months and has passed the examination prescribed by the Royal Australian Corps of the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force, or the Royal Australian Army, and has been recommended for the award by the commander in chief.

(b) A member of the Royal Australian Navy, and who has been a member for at least 12 months and has passed the examination prescribed by the Royal Australian Corps of the Royal Australian Navy, and is an approved course for the study of any branch of the Defence Forces.

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THE SCHOLARSHIP

The fields of study for post-graduate scholarships are:

(a) Any course at any approved university or institution in Australia.

(b) The higher-training education course at the college or university.

(c) An approved course at any approved course in any field.

An applicant wishing to pursue any other branch of study may apply to the trustees for a scholarship in that field.

The scholarship is valued at £1,000 per annum and will be tenable for a period of up to three years.

This year's Annual Day speaker was Mr. E. M. Lewis, M.L.A.

Port Hedland

The Port Hedland sub-branch reports a busy month with two very successful activities. The race ball and the debutante ball, held on the same night, were attended by a large crowd and it was the general opinion that the decorations and the general organisation were excellent. The ladies' auxiliary made an outstanding contribution to the enjoyment of the evening by providing a supper which satisfied everyone.

The total income from the race ball was £50.

The debutante ball was held on the same night and sub-branch scribe "Bowen arrah" was greatly impressed with the well-prepared presentation of the 12 debutantes and girls of Port Hedland, Pat Thompson and the girls' committee.

There is no doubt about the Port Hedland sub-branch members. They are a power to be reckoned with in their community and live up to the traditions of the sub-branch as a part of the welfare and social life of the district.

Mr Freecorn accepts War Fund

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English Vicar Says Thanks

Through Mr. E. K. Hoar, Agent-General for W.A. in England, the Vicar of Harefield, the Rev. Canon J. H. Freecorn, has conveyed his thanks for the League's £500 donation.

Mr. Hoar said he had made his usual Annual Day visit to Harefield and reported that the money had been wisely spent, on restoring the Australian Chapel in the village church.

Mr. Hoar said the church was beautifully decorated with an abundance of flowers for the Annual Day service.

Ex-service Poles

The Polish Ex-Service League Association held its annual meeting on July 15, 1942. Mr. G. Redzinski, M.C., A.C. General Manager, and Mr. E. Wawrzykiewicz, honorary secretary, enquired about the Polish community in W.A. celebrated Polish Soldier's Day on Aug. 16, 1942.

In the Perth Town Hall there was a commemoration service at which the Polish Legion, which was represented by Mr. P. Kurowski.
City Of Perth At Home To A Famous Band

Thanks to the far-sighted efforts of Will Ferrier the City of Perth sub-branch is to be at-home to the famous R.A.A.F. Band under the command of Wing-Commander Hicks on the night of Sunday, November 25, in the Supreme Court Gardens.

The proceeds will be shared equally by the War Veterans' Home and Legacy. Secretary Stan Hunter, of Legacy, was a mine of information to the organising committee, and a really top-notch night will be provided for music lovers.

Sub-branches are invited to organise similar functions for the occasion of this double-barreled effort of fund-raising. Cushions will be available and usherettes will be provided to ease the comfort of patrons who require them.

The band will be in Perth for the duration of the November games it is a fine gesture on the part of the sub-branches to put in this extra effort on behalf of War Veterans’ Home and Legacy, and it is confidently expected that substantial public support will respond in their generous West Ausy manner as usual.

Saturday-night dances continue to draw good attendance. Indeed, many West Ausyans have dampened the ardour of many of our older citizens, but it is hoped that the weather will draw them away from their TVs toorganisation of parties of this critic.

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NOTES FROM UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

32nd Battalion

The 32nd Battalion Association held its 43rd annual dinner at the Shalbourne Hotel, Perth, on Tuesday, October 2, due to lack of space in "The Listening Post" the report has been delayed.


The secretary submitted a brief summary of events for the period. A 12 months period during which messages received from members living in country areas who through business reasons or ill health, were unable to attend the meetings during the year.

These included Clarry Halkavy (Sale, Victoria), Tom Rogers (Darwin), T. Clegg (Darwin-bound).

Chas. McElhiney (Manjimup) and W. Ciehand (secretary 2/32 Bn. Association and "Curly"

No year had been a more successful one for draft repairs at Hollywood were: Doug Napoleon, Jack Mack, George Mundaring, and W. Hardman (gen.) Park.

The toast was given by W. T. T. V. R. and the gavel was picked up by Mr. J. Courtenay.

The annual reunion, 2/32 Bn. Association, 1963 will be held at Anzac House on October 12 (Sunday, Week Tuesday). Costs of admission have been raised to 2/ per head. A charge of 2/ will be made to cover food and refreshments, while those who are in the habit of doing so may pay their annual subscription at the door.

The doors will be opened at 6.20 p.m. this year, and prandial refreshments will be served. So it is the intention to have everyone seated by 7 p.m. The official speeches should be over by 9 o’clock that should give everyone plenty of time to knock of and German by the score. Bring your own tins if necessary, but above all bring yourself. 

28th Battalion

The annual reunion of the 28th Battalion Association will be held in the first Perth (1), Lord-street Drill Hall on October 23 (Saturday) at 8 p.m. To enable the catering arrangements to be finalised members are requested to forward the usual subscription, as early as possible, to one of the following:

R. C. M. V. E. S. L. W. W. M. M.

28th Battalion Association, Victoria Park.

To curtail expenditure, those forwarding subscriptions will have their names handed to them at the door.

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ROYAL TRENCHES ASSOCIATION—meets third Thursday in each month at 7 p.m. Tel: 218. President: W. T. H. Price. Secretary: T. J. C. Milne.

ROYAL NURSES’ VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION—meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. Tel: 218. President: J. W. Clifford. Secretary: E. F. J. Alexander.

ROYAL NAVY VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION—meets fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Tel: 218. President: A. H. Godden. Secretary: J. H. Underhill.

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Above you see Eric Bain and his two sons, Laurie (left) and Allan. The Bain family, of Woodlands Station, Meekatharra, are keen and generous supporters of the War Veterans' Home. The donation of a bullock by Mr. Bain senior and cheques of £30 from each son, are material proof of their interest in the welfare of the veterans.

Beware War Souvenirs!

Over 130 lb. of gelignite and 28 "live" grenades were among lethal war-souvenirs and explosives collected by Army authorities during April and May this year.

Announcing this recently Army Minister Cramer said that a total of 5,365 items had been handed in--about the same number as in the first quarter of the year.

This indicated that there were still large quantities of dangerous explosives lying in homes, backyards and vacant allotments. The public was aware of their dangerous potential and was actively co-operating with army and police authorities.

Items recovered included small-arms ammunition, aerial practice bombs, flares, hand grenades, mortar bombs, high-explosive shells, gelignite and detonators.

"Live" or suspect war souvenirs should never be discarded or buried on allotments, nor should they be handled by members of the public, Mr. Cramer said.

Army or police experts should be informed so that safe demolition could be carried out.

Two of the many recoveries during the second quarter, which illustrated the danger of discarded explosives, were:

- An aerial practice bomb recovered by police from a group of children who were trying to explode it in a fire.
- A 3-inch high explosive bomb recovered from a small boy who had picked it out of a rubbish bin.

There were many instances where inept handling of live wartime souvenirs could have resulted in injury or death.

During the quarter army demolition teams had worked over 600 man-hours and travelled nearly 5,000 miles to make the recoveries.

The biggest recoveries had come from Victoria (2,657 items), followed by New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

Meeting Postponed: Because it coincided with Show Night the State Executive meeting to have been held on Wednesday, October 3, has been postponed by the State Executive until October 10.