A Nation Remembers

Following is the text of an address given by Repatriation Minister Swartz to a Remembrance Day gathering at Toowoomba (Queensland) on November 11 last.

"Forty-four years have passed since an amendment was signed to end a war which was designated, with hope and faith, as the war to end all wars.

"Since then the world has pursued through an even greater conflict and now living under the threat of nuclear devastation. For our time is a remarkably better world, if war is not to recur.

"Those who served in the Second World War should be justly proud of their contribution to the defeat of the Axis forces. Their courage and sacrifice should be a constant reminder to us of the values we must uphold today."

New Headquarters To Cost £52,716

The League has let a contract for the construction of a new national headquarters building on Constitution Avenue, Canberra, to a local firm at a cost of £52,716.

"Australia’s casualties equaled 64 per cent of its population, and from the dread fear of war, soldiers will be liberated to work always for men, never against them.

"In this war Australia suffered 80,000 casualties, including nearly 32,000 killed. During this war Australians were awarded 12 Victoria Crosses."

HOME AGAIN: State President W. S. Lonnie (right) is seen here being greeted at the League Christmas party at Anzac House on December 18—the day he returned from his trip recruiting tour of England and the Continent on behalf of the Australian Government. (For other Christmas Party pictures see Pages 8 and 9.)

Tribunals Ensure That Justice Is Done

Repatriation Minister Swartz said recently that war-pension entitlement-appeal tribunals were the final stage in a most comprehensive system of appeals for ex-servicemen seeking repatriation pensions.

He said the tribunals provided the opportunity for each of the members of the Repatriation Commission (Brigadier F. O. Pullen, the deputy chairman (Mr. A. L. Gould) and an assistant commissioner (Mr. W. Rigby) who must be ex-servicemen to put their own cases personally.

"These tribunals must, and do, give ex-servicemen full opportunity to present their cases. In fact, they are asked to ensure that not only is justice done but that it is seen to be done," he said.

He was opening the fourth national conference of War Pensions Enquiry Appeal Tribunals in Sydney.

Each of the four tribunals consists of a chairman, who must be a barrister or solicitor—and two members who must be ex-servicemen.
High Praise For Men In Colour Ceremony

Lieut.-General Sir Ragnar Garrett, Honorary Colonel of 1st Battalion, Royal Western Australian Regiment, who on the occasion of presentation of colours to the regiment sent a message to the Queen, received a reply from Her Majesty in the following terms:

"I sincerely thank you for your letter but was sure that the kind message of joy and good wishes was a great reward.

Sir Charles Gairdner said he felt proud that Western Australia could put on such an excellent parade and that in spite of the disadvantage of marching on grass everything had gone with clockwork precision.

The Premier said: "We are all very proud of the regiment. The presentation of new colours to the regiment by the Duke of Edinburgh was a great occasion and would serve as an inspiration to all those who will serve for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Cramer said: "I thought the parade was magnificent. I would be grateful if you would convey to all ranks my congratulations on an outstanding parade. All ranks participating were a credit to themselves and to the Army as a whole."

Tribunal Post To Be Filled

The League has been invited by the Government to submit a panel of names for consideration in the selection of a nominee for appointment to the post of chairman of the No. 4 Assessments Appeal Tribunal for a period not exceeding five years.

The salary is £3,835 a year plus travelling allowance.

The tribunal is based on Sydney but the selected nominee must be prepared to operate in such States as may be determined by the Minister for Repatriation and to travel by air or otherwise as the Minister may require.

Nominations for the post should be lodged at Anzac House, Perth, in time to reach the League's national office by January 17.

A necessary qualification is that each nominee shall be a "member of the forces" within the meaning of the Repatriation Act 1920-1962 who has been admitted to the rolls of the High Court or of a Supreme Court of a State.

The Act provides that a chairman of an Assessment Appeal Tribunal shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Particulars of age, service in the Forces including "war service," and other qualifications of the persons nominated should be submitted.

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Birdwood House Impresses A Games Visitor

An official of the New Zealand athletic team which visited Geraldton for the "Commonwealth Games" preview was so impressed with Birdwood House—R.S.L. headquarters—that she has sought information on how it came into being.

The official, Mrs. Fitzsimmons, who was "chaperon for the New Zealand women athletes, is secretary of the National Patriotic Fund Board in Wellington. The sub-branch will provide the required information because it feels that its cooperation might lead to a similarly fine building being erected in New Zealand by returned men.
Some Thoughts On Communism (Statement from League Headquarters)

It is axiomatic that revolution denies freedom of choice, that conspiracy is an ingredient of revolutionary action, and that when such action is planned and organised on an international scale, national boundaries and sovereignty cannot be respected.

In the promotion of revolution, the normal principles of morality and morality are disregarded. Communists are required by their evolution doctrine to resort to any device, legal, illegal or destructive, and, as a result, according to Lenin, is entirely subordinate to the interests of the struggle for power. He stated, "We say that our morality is entirely subordinate to the interest of the class struggle. At this point we must introduce a new element, the element of international solidarity."

The non-evolutionary, non-exploitation doctrines of the party, and the international, non-national character of the revolutionary movement, declared to be of greater importance in the current policy of peaceful co-existence. Communists would have no non-cooperation beliefs, that they have no ulterior motive in their non-co-operation, but communist doctrine and practice make clear that this is not the case.

The executive committee of the Comintern had this to say in its report: "It is necessary for communists in all countries to get clearly into their minds what the united-front tactics are and what they are not. They are not the tactics of revolution, but united-front tactics are not a democratic coalition, an alliance with social democracy; they are a struggle for peace."

The statement of the Moscow Conference of Communist Workers' Parties makes clear that this is not the case; instead, the united-front tactics is to be applied in the implementation of the policy of peaceful co-existence which itself is a line of mobilisation of the masses.

The Communist participation in, and leadership of, from moves at national and international level means the statement points out, "an intensification of the struggle of the working people to parties to create conditions for the solution of the tasks of socialist revolution; that is for the final attainment of the communist goal."

Well, the communist policy is clear enough. But will the Australian people realise the menace of this thing and face this situation and demand from their government a change in the policies of the same old and represent the international proletariat in record. The capitalist states, stupid and deluded, will refuse to operate in their own destruction. They will look towards another chance to their friends, as soon as their guards are down we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

This quotation, although it is final, is only a "clenched fist" does not accord with the present Soviet propaganda. It might be more than temporarily avoided, expresses clearly the new intienion and determination of the communist bloc to prevail over the other Free World by whatever methods appear or in any given time, no offer the best prospects for success.

Do not forget that the communist organisation in this country has no right to any rules. All is subordinate to the over-riding consideration of world domination.
January was a very important month in early Australian history, as the following selection of events testifies:

- THE DUTCH navigator, Flamingh, discovered the Swan River on January 5, 1697.
- THE FIRST Western Australian newspaper, "The Perth Gazette and West Australian Journal"—now "The West Australia"—was first published on January 5, 1833.
- JEAN François de Galaup, Comte de La Perouse, the famous French navigator, was the first of his countrymen known to have sailed in Australian waters. When France exposed the cause of the revolted American colonists La Perouse served with distinction in the war against Britain which followed. In January, 1788, with two ships, he sailed into Botany Bay only to find that Governor Phillip and the First Fleet had already anchored there. The French ships were courteously received and spent only a few days in the bay. The subsequent fate of La Perouse remained a mystery until 1826, when the wreckage of his two vessels was found in the New Hebrides. The Botany Bay suburb of La Perouse was named after him.
- THE COLONY of New South Wales was officially proclaimed at Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788. Twenty years later—on January 26, 1808—the Fourth Governor of New South Wales, Captain Bligh, was arrested and was eventually expelled from the colony as the climax to a mutiny of the New South Wales Corps. Bligh, who had all the failings of an irascible martinet, had a distinguished record in naval service. As a navigator he was second only to Captain Cook, with whom he had served as sailing master in H.M.S. Reliance during Cook's third voyage of discovery. He served with distinction during Lord Howe's relief of Gibraltar in 1762. Five years later occurred the Mutiny of the Bounty, and the famous voyage of Bligh and his companions from the Friendly Islands to Timor is an open boat. He commanded H.M.S. Director under Admiral Duncan at Camperdown. During the battle he captured an enemy ship by the hard fighting method of boarding. After the bombardment of Copenhagen he was personally thanked by Nelson himself. On his return to England from Australia he was promoted to the rank of rear-admiral but was never employed again in any administrative capacity.
- On January 11, 1799, Bass and Flinders returned to Sydney after their, expedition to Bass Strait having proved that Tasmania was a separate island and not a continuation of the Australian mainland.
For greater Strength and Unity join the League in '63

Improvements To Pusan War Cemetery Sought

A rising out of a resolution at the August meeting of the National Executive an approach was made to the Commonwealth Government for some improvements to the Australian section of the United Nations memorial cemetery at Pusan (Korea).

The League requested permanent headstones for the graves and a suitable memorial dedicated to those who had made the supreme sacrifice and whose bodies had not been recovered.

The Minister responsible for the Australian division of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Mr. Gordon Freeth, has now replied as follows:

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th October 1962, concerning the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, Pusan, Korea.

"It is a matter of regret that the War Graves in the cemetery at Pusan have not been as well maintained as they should be. We are still giving the same service for all the graves in the cemetery. We have come across the field of assistance for afflicted children.

"We have spent over $110,000 on it and we have assisted over 2,000 children.""}

Work Of Canteens Trust For Diggers And Dependents

Among the major problems facing the Services Canteens Trust is that of assisting the widows and orphans of ex-servicemen. This problem was due to war service - the trust's general secretary Major-Gen. R. R. Gordon said in an address to the recent R.S.L. National Congress in Brisbane.

"It calls for very definite action, not only by the Services Canteens Trust Fund, and all ex-service organisations, but it calls for very definite action in the community.

"I am doing what I can, associated with the Australian Council of Social Service, to see that the community is doing something about it.

"When the next thing that you can do, Syd, do you know what you are doing about it? We have something quite definite in mind.

"How much of the social service benefit is lost?

"We are going to take action do what we are doing about it? We have something quite definite in mind.

"We have had that reaction, and we are expecting to go into the regional committees on the points raised.

"We expect that we will be able to improve our service to ex-servicemen and hope that in this way we can bring about, or help bring about, an improvement to service generally in the community.

"There is a great need that arises is access to trained social-service workers. In South Australia we have the perfect set-up and..."
Reparation Benefits (continued)

Unfortunately in September 1949 he became ill, and died December 1949. His vacant position was filled by Mr. B. S. Hegney until December 1950, when his resignation Mr. H. Hall was appointed.

Mr. Hall still occupies the position of League Pension Officer and has had considerable success in handling the League's work, in advocating cases for applicants both on the entitlement and amendments of applications.

Numerous increases in pensions have been granted by the Commonwealth Government since 1949, and in pressing for these the W.A. branch of the League has always taken a prominent part.

In 1949 the W.A. branch, organised joint meetings of the Repatriation Commissions so that their combined weight could be brought to bear on any issue which was being exerted not only on the Government but on the members of Parliament.

The Pensions Committee chairman (Mr. F. Stahl) and the State Secretary were appointed chairman and secretary respectively. The gratitude of the League was expressed to them for their work. A case was made up on behalf of the various organisations concerned.

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In their State. Thus the anxiety of poverty and helplessness, which could be seen in the faces of those who had always haunted the service pensioners, was alleviated.

Gratitude Due

Many pensioners and those seeking pensions and likely to need assistance, whether members of the R.S.L. or not, have cause to feel gratefully for a candid vigilance and unflinching and continuous efforts made on behalf of all ex-servicemen. The League generally and this Branch in particular.

In the past year there has been a decided relation and spirit of co-operation which has existed between the League and the Repatriation Department on all occasions. The League has also published an annual report of present to Congress each year.

Politics and Policies

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Swanbourne Reports A Successful Year

The Swanbourne sub-branch reports a most successful year. The membership figure has increased to 156 largely as a result of splendid efforts by Messrs. Arnold Morcombe and Sydney Wills有更好的

Some further advance has been made in respect to new accommodation. The general meeting approved the action of the committee in this regard and the council has given indications of proceeding with the erection of premises appropriate to sub-branch needs.

This move should take care of the future and provide the means for greater sub-branch and auxiliary activity.

The sporting club was well attended, even now and facilities are available for most sports incident to inter-sub-branch competition. The last meeting attracted a good attendance and everyone enjoyed himself.

New Year Resolutions At Sub-Branch Level

In expressing New Year greetings to his fellow members a spokesman for the Victoria Park sub-branch hopes that they will have resolved in common to get behind the sub-branch executive this year in all its avenues of activity.

Whether it be social activity or competition ideas to help pay off the mortgage raised for hall alterations, or to attend the meetings regularly, he says, their support will make a difference.

He reminds them that the meeting night is the third Friday of the month and by being present they can play their part in sub-branch affairs.

One of the first activities for the year will be an evening garden party at the residence of Mr. Harold Hawthorne. The details will be given at the January meeting.

Early in March there will be a return barbecue at the hall with a party of R.S.L. visitors from South Australia present.

The sub-branch aims to make a big reduction in its mortgage by the end of the year, which will be numerous fund-raisers in action at meetings, and is looking forward to a splendid year from members.

On the main sources of revenue is the hall, which is to be hired by members on a regular basis at any time. Members can help the sub-branch by advertising its services. It helps to pay the rates.

Congratulations For Mr. Lonnie

Among the many congratulatory messages that have reached State President Leonie following the C.B.E. bestowed on him in the New Year's Honours List were a letter from Britain's defence chief, Lord Hadow, and a telegram from Prime Minister Menzies.

A republic of Lord Mountbatten's letter appeared at right.

The Prime Minister's message—addressed "Lieutenant W. G. Lonnie, C.B.E. M.V.O., M.C."—was worded: "My warm personal congratulations on well-merited honour bestowed on you.—R. G. Menzies."

Mr. Lonnie pictured below: Mrs. Lonnie at Guildford Airport after returning from his overseas mission for the Government.

New Stage Reached In Manjimup Hall Bid

Manjimup sub-branch members were advised at their final meeting for 1962 that the Manjimup Shire Council had approved the erection of a war memorial in Coronation Park.

President M. Dunn said that final permission would be sought from the Railway Department on whose land the park was situated.

The Manjimup Apex Club had presented its notice board near the Commonwealth Bank post office, publiising sub-branch activities.

Mr. H. G. Short was appointed joint publicity officer for the sub-branch with Mr. N. Liddelow.

A ladies' night will be held on January 15.

Christmas Cheer For The Needy

This festive season the lodge dispatched over 100 Christmas parcels to returned men and women, many of which received with very much appreciation.

The chief widow stated that it was the first Christmas gift she had received since the death of her husband many years ago.

FIRST ROLE FOR NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Jack Dixon, recently-elected president of the West Leederville-Wembley-Neutral Bay sub-branch, carried out his first official duty when he presided at the Christmas party held in the memorial hall on December 17.

It was a happy night and, although the sub-branch is very fortunate in having Eric Elsegood as a member, it is remarkable what talent shows up from the ranks on such occasions.

Bill Inwood, who was awarded the R.S.L. silver for the 19th slogan, came to life with a song and monologue which earned well-merited applause.

Other entertainment was provided by Ernie McGuckin, Ernie Torkington, Bob Bower, Chas. Brown and Don Carter, who helped to make the night a success.

Geraldton Keeps Up Good Work

On the suggestion of Mr. J. Cunningham the Geraldton sub-branch will again sponsor a fete in aid of the Slowlernen Group.

This information will be passed on to the various organisations which have cooperated in the past. Mr. Bob Duncan suggested that Sunday, March 24, would be an ideal day for the fete. This is the date of the Royal visit, when thousands of visitors are expected at Geraldton.
SEEN AT THE CH

(Left to right) State Senior Vice-President E. C. Townsend, Mr. F. Roos, Miss Mary Meares, State Memorial Warden D. Freeborn, State Secretary W. Webb and State Junior Vice-President J. Rolfe.


(Left to right) Auxiliary State President Tary Mrs. L. Rowe and Messriames T. Town Barron.

(Left to right) North Perth sub-branch and Melbourne City of Perth sub-branch president member J. P. Seriest and Mr. W. Holder.
CHRISTMAS PARTY


(Left to right) Lieut. Commander M. R. Bremell, Mr. R. Carter, Repatriation Deputy Commissioner R. Herman and Mr. J. Robson (Repatriation Department).

Mrs. J. F. Ames, State Secretary, A. L. Forsyth and S.

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In certain cases service in Darwin and Thursday Island and service in the U.K., and, were awarded the Defence Medal are eligible.

British ex-servicemen who served in the U.K., and, were awarded the Defence Medal are eligible.

British, Australian or Dominion Merchant seamen qualify if they have served an aggregate of six months during hostilities on British or Australian merchant ships.

All final decisions concerning eligibility rest with the National Executive.

These fax-servicemen will remain "active" in the R.S.L. by wearing the League Badge with pride, and by their example and interest in community activities attract the respect of all.

By adopting as a personal motto SERVICE SELLS the R.S.L. will expand and prosper and will always be in a position to protect the rights of returned men, and to honour the Leage's motto: The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

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Striking A Blow For Hungry Millions

From the Western Australian Committee of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign comes a request for publicity on its aims and endeavours.

In Perth recently the Duke of Edinburgh stressed the need to think more about the welfare of people if we want to control our environment. He said: "We can grow almost anything in anywhe, but we can't prevent half the world's population from starvation."

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign is implement ing year's Duke's Challenge. It offers a unique opportunity to apply up-to-date scientific knowledge to the problem of food shortage and so improve the welfare of people in neighbouring countries who are waging a losing battle against hunger and malnutrition.

Plans for the campaign in W.A. are now ready and a management committee has been formed to start operations.

Chairman of the management committee is Mr. George Simpson, manager for W.A. of the Reserve Bank of Australia. Mr. Simpson, who is also chairman of the Reserve Bank of Australia for W.A., is a member of the campaign committee.

The campaign will develop in two stages. First there will be a State-wide appeal to inform the public of the campaign and the means by which it can be overcome.

This will be followed by the main fundraising drive in May. Many organisations and individuals have pledged their support to the campaign.

A large team of specially briefed speakers under the leadership of Mr. David Jenkins will address meetings in all parts of the State. Three copies of the film "Hunger in Action" are available for screening at meetings. This film, which is carefully selected, clearly portrays the problem of world hunger and how it can be overcome.

You can help in any of the following ways:

- Alert your organisation to the fact that the Freedom from Hunger Campaign is now going into action.
- Arrange for a speaker to address one of your meetings.
- Arrange for a screening of the film.
- Write campaign literature to your friends.
- Be prepared to support the campaign when the opportunity is presented.

Further inquiries may be made at the following addresses:

Freedom from Hunger Campaign, c/o The Rural Industries and Agriculture Bank, 54 Barrack Street, Perth (23 4121, ext. 262).

Mr. S. Verlie, 7 Sherwood Court, Perth (23 4532).

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**New Rigging For A Famous Old Ship**

If ghosts do walk, perhaps the shadow of Britain’s illustrious admiral, Lord Nelson, roamed the revery of Chatham Dockyard recently. It was there that the corage (eight tons of it) for his famous flagship H.M.S. Victory was made in 1759, and there again in 1962 shipwrights were built a very special order—a complete new set of rigging for the Victory, now the proudest showpiece in Portsmouth.

"Since Nelson’s day," reported Duncan Rand in a BBC General Overseas Service broadcast, "the world, half-dead, half-repulsed, of the tar used as a preservative has changed substance, and the paint, and the raw material of Russian hemp" has been replaced by the commonwealth grown sail.

"The floors of the rigging are exactly polished by sail and passageway of feet and ropes than in 1759. And virtually all the machinery used then was almost certainly driven by human muscle and the Admiral would have been able to make himself more easily heard than heard the thunder of the present-day machines.

"These machines, however, have taken away all the back-breaking part of the rope-maker’s job. At most every point the quality of the rope depends on the skill and judgment of a man, not the automatic reactions of a machine."

1971 now is the rope maker, Cyril Holmes, Rand watched the sail fibres being combined and laid parallel while dressing and preserving is put in and made ready after six processes to be spun into yarn.

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**R.S.L. WOMEN’S AUXILIARY NOTES**

**Half-year’s Donations**

Total **£1,160**

Up to December 27, 1962, donations made by the various auxiliaries this financial year totalled £1,160/2/3. Of this amount £12/16/3 was donated to Christmas cheer, £200/16/ to Hospital Visiting and £341/10/6 to the War Veterans’ Home maintenance fund.

Details of the donations are:

**Christmas Cheer**
- Coolgardie, £5; Swanbourne, £10; Bellevue, £5; Boulder, £3/3/; City of Perth, £5; Quinlaiding, £5; Clifsby, £10; Mt. Hawthorn, £10; Pinney, £5; Belmont, £10; Nedlands, £5/; Osborne Park, £10; Rockingham, £10; Osborne Park, £3; Brunswick, £30; Marigold, £5; Underwood, £10; Karrinyup, £10; Ellenbrook, £10; Wembley, £10; Tuart Hill, £10; Wanneroo, £10; Rockingham, £10; South Perth, £10; South Perth, £10; Northam, £10; South Perth, £10; South Perth, £10; South Perth, £10.

**War Veterans’ Home**
- Menteng, £3/3/; Geraldton, £50; Belmont, £20; Apac, £20; Youngtown, £10; Norseman, £10; Southern Cross, £2/2/; Katanning, £10; Fremantle, £20; Melbourne, £20; Fremantle, £10; Leonora-Gwalia, £20; Fremantle, £20; Ryden, £10; Fremantle, £20.

Details of the donations are:

**Wishes Year End**

Year end wishes are extended to everyone. "There is no word which conveys more of the spirit of Christmas than the word ‘Hope’. As we enter 1963, let us reflect upon the fact that the past and present have been a period of great upheaval and change, but that the future is full of promise and opportunity. May we all be able to put these words into practice in our daily lives, and may the spirit of Christmas live on in our hearts and in the hearts of those we love."

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Battalion Association Notes

EX-P.O.W. Rally

An Eighth Division rally of ex-P.O.W.s of the Japanese will be held at Kurrajong Hall, Croydon, on Saturday, January 5, at 7 p.m. and will be on similar lines to last year's success.

Invitations have been extended to representatives of the forces and an enjoyable night is assured at this event. So make it a date!

Commemoration Service: The annual Singapore Day commemoration service will be held in Kings Park from the 11th hour of the 11th day of November. It is hoped that those who attended the rally will come along to pay tribute and respect to their fallen comrades who died in the Malayan campaign.

Following the service wreaths will be laid on the war memorial by representatives of the Government, the Forces, various units and the Ex-P.O.W. and Relatives' Association. It is hoped that the attendance will at least equal last year's record.

11th & 2/11th

The annual general meeting of the 11th and 2/11th Battalion Association at Anzac House in December attracted a slightly bigger attendance than usual, but figures could still be vastly improved.

Erm MacLeod and Bob Lukey were again elected unanimously as president and secretary respectively.

On a motion presented by Geo. Passmore it was decided by a large majority to grant a scholarship of £40 per annum to a child of a financially deceased member who was financial at the time of his death. Business was concluded by the drawing of the 151 Club Sweep followed by the usual supper and refreshments.

Members of the 2/11th who were p.o.w.s at Singkarak, Java, wished to convey a message to their former comrades. The message ran:

"The 2/11th is still alive and well and looks forward to meeting you again in the near future."

16th Battalion

Christmas parcels were distributed to inmates of All Women Voters' Homes at Sunset and Glendale, and also to sick members in their own homes.

The committee entertained the women's auxiliary with a visit to the Railway Institute on December 13.

The auxiliary celebrated its 16th anniversary recently and a birthday cake was cut and distributed and a basket was given under the bar to Mr. Mr. Smith, President of the Auxiliary, was accompanied by Mrs. Smith and presented the season's greetings.

The committee was resigning from the secretaryship and will be succeeded by Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Drynan's resignation follows some very good work done for the Auxiliary in the past. A team from the Association will be entered for the Diggers' Bowling Carnival next season.

League Praised For Its Fine Ideals

Praise for the League's aims and ideals was expressed by the Governor of Queensland, Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith when opening the National Congress on October 29. He said:

"As Her Majesty's representatives in Queensland it is my duty to convey to you a message from our patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth."

Forty-five years ago, when I was a schoolboy, a family fortune brought me in contact with Diggers from every State in Australia, and we were convivially at home in England. Lifelong friendships were established.

"By no stretch of the imagination could any of us have foreseen what I am about to tell you to-day. The conference of men of the Royal Australian Services, and many campaigns have won a reputation for bravery and dash, which made you famous throughout the world as warriors and good comrades."

War veterans develop a great family group, with all its obligations of unselfishness, self-sacrifice and team work strongly stressed.

"On these high ideals the legacies of our League rest. I have visited many sub-branches of the League in many areas. Amongst the members of each branch, one is sure to enjoy this fine spirit."

Our obligation is to care for our incapacitated and aged comrades, to succour the widows and children and orphans, and to be the champions of their cause."

The world, we must not fail our comrades."

"Secondly, there is a crying need for education for our veterans, Ex-servicemen in Australia, by their example of love of country and unselfish service to their fellow-men are setting an example."

"Thirdly, Australia is in a key position, a bastion of freedom in the Southern Hemisphere. Australia is as important to the free nations of the world as the free nations of the world are vital to the defense of Australia."

"We ex-servicemen must aim to draw men of good heart and character into closer unity and to help to dispel jealousy and division for which have always been the harbingers of war."

"Let us face the future with eyes, steady and courageous, hearts united, as a united nation."

"Then I am confident that the League will continue to be one of the best friends of its sub-branch."

The Christmas Party At Geraldton

The Geraldton sub-branch is in friendly rivalry with the Ross Bowling Club for showing films at its Christmas party.

Mr. Dowie is a former member of the sub-branch and makes a special visit each Christmas to show films. Senior vice-president Doug Morris reported that the Christmas tree had been an outstanding success.

Over 250 children were in attendance and in addition to receiving gifts from a gaily-decorated tree—there were teacakes served and all sweets eaten. The tree was prepared by the women's auxiliary and to ice cream and cocoa was served by R.S.L. members.

Although not a member of the sub-branch, Mr. Bob McCaul (father-in-law of member Allan Davison) volunteered to give the job of Father Christmas and did an excellent job.

Man From Inland Fills A Post

A former official of the Alice Springs sub-branch, Mr. Bob Truran, has been named as the new secretary of the Geraldton sub-branch.

Mr. Truran was vice-president of the sub-branch for two years before arriving in Geraldton in January.

A visitor from Glenelg South Australia (Mr. R. Ogden, was welcomed to the December meeting by Mr. W. Carpenter.

Mr. Ogden is staying with a relative, Mr. Ted Spencer, who is the president of the sub-branch.

Geraldton Move On Japanese Waif Question

The Geraldton sub-branch did not go to the December meeting to commend the Federal Government on the decision to send aid to Japan to help meet the cost of re-establishing the children left behind by Australian servicemen in the Pacific.

It was recently announced that Australia would give financial support to the International Social Service Organisation for Japan.

A past president of the sub-branch, Mr. W. J. C. Moore, said the children should be given as much help as possible because it was a sorry state of affairs that they were looked upon as foreigners in their own country and were being treated as outcasts.

Big Strides Made By Bicton-Palmyra

The Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch has finished its financial year with a membership-tally in the region of 280—an increase of 100 on the previous year.

The auxiliary also is maintaining a steady growth and has shown an appreciable appreciation of the interest shown by the women. Many of them have attended the sub-branch meetings and have given support to the activities of the sub-branch.

The sub-branch, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Gray, has continued its policy of working closely with other sub-branches in the Federal area.

This was very well attended by members of both auxiliaries and the meetings were held on the respective sub-branches.

The sub-branch's new president is Mr. Harry Gray. He was elected to succeed Mr. E. Hadden and Mrs. Luthey for the year 1963.

He is a comparative newcomer to W.A. but has had a most successful year. His leadership of the sub-branch is greatly appreciated by the membership.
**More Naturalisations Than Ever Before**

A record number of 51,377 people were naturalised as Australian citizens during the 1961-62 financial year, Immigration Minister Dowler said recently.

This was an increase of almost 10,000 over the total number of 41,741 people granted Australian citizenship the previous financial year, 1960-61, he said.

The previous record year for naturalisations was 1959-60 when 50,625 citizenship-grants were made.

Mr. Dowler said the 1961-62 record number of naturalisations had brought the total number of people granted Australian citizenship since 1945 to 348,105.

"I believe the excellent results attained in 1961-62 were mainly due to the simplified procedure for applying for naturalisation which was introduced at the beginning of 1961," Mr. Dowler said.

"Although the essential requirement for naturalisation has not been reduced, the new form of application for naturalisation has been made much easier for eligible newcomers."

"All that my department requires on the application form is the new settler's name, sex, date and place of birth."

"Other necessary information is later obtained in an interview with the applicant."

"It is heartening to find that the streamlining of the procedure for applying for citizenship has had the effect of increasing the number of naturalisations throughout the Commonwealth."

"There is, however, scope for an even greater increase, and I hope all Australian citizens and their friends and colleagues among newly naturalised people will be encouraged to apply for it," Mr. Dowler added.

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**THE LEAGUE IN W.A.**

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The activities briefly outlined here serve to show that the R.S.L. is not only an organisation interested in ex-service matters, we have also shown an active interest in items of a national character and as such has influenced not only the officers of the organisation but has many groups all over the country and has in many ways given a lead in items affecting the entire nation.

**CONCLUSION**

The R.S.L. since its formation has taken a very keen interest in the affairs of ex-service members.

Many members, many returned servicemen who have not availed themselves of the privileges and duties of membership, are many executive members who were not eligible to become members of the organisation, and it was the aim of the committee to help these organisations, and providing the means for the continuation of the spirit of comradeship of war, and for the continuation of patriotic service, the Western Australian Branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia. This branch possesses a monumental record of good works.

Surely this is a fitting tribute to the efforts of the executive officers, staff, executive members and branch officers and members of the League who have given their utmost to the service of the nation and enthusiasm as they did in the times of national crises.

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A Concession Sought But Not Granted

A further letter has been received from the Federal Treasurer concerning the following resolution at the 46th National Congress of the League.

“That in the 1962 Pension Plan representations be made to the Government that the age allowance provided under the income tax legislation be half of the pensioner’s and half of the dependent’s allowance separate net income be deemed not to be income of the pensioner’s dependant.”

When this was forwarded to the Federal Treasurer the League was informed that the representations would be examined, and further advice supplied at a later date.

Here is the advice:

“The questions whether the age allowance provided should be altered to substitute a dependent’s allowance separate net income be deemed not to be income of the pensioner’s dependant.”

The need for additional taxation concessions in the circumstances then existing would not have been an appropriate policy.

Nevertheless, the many taxation proposals which have been received by the Government will be reviewed on a suitable occasion in the future and the subject with which your National Executive is concerned are among those which are listed for further consideration at that time.

This decision is disappointing particularly to those who believe a war pension on top of a small superannuation income are taken on the total and therefore fail to qualify under the age-allocation provisions.

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LATEST TRENDS IN W.S. LAND SETTLEMENT
Development on war-service holdings in the 1961-62 season tapered-off considerably and was in the main associated with improvement and maintenance of already-pastured areas.

This was stated in the 14th annual report of the Settlers’ Board.

In the Rocky Gully and Perratup projects the re-planting programme based on the surface-improvement of 300 acres per farm over the three-year period was completed, with an area of 8,800 acres being treated.

In addition an area of 3,500 acres in the Rocky Gully area and 4,000 acres in the Bokalup area were re-planting.

All thinning-out of timber and additional disability-clearing was carried out in the stage where only a minimum amount of final re-planting remained to be carried out in the summer of 1962.

In the Jerramungup and Gairdner River projects surface-improvement was added to a project extended 20,000 acres of root pick, and 10,000 acres were treated for poison cypress.

Farmas unallotted as at July 1, 1961, were maintained and 2,930 acres were top-dressed.

Activities in relation to credit facilities had continued the action of the department and increased expenditure which had largely offset the decreased expenditure on improvements.

Transfers to the Rural and Industries Bank consisted of 57 grazing accounts and 27 leases being terminated for non-payment.

The board regretted that during the year it found it necessary to make recommendations which resulted in the loss of certain of their leases. In each case action was taken to safeguard the financial position of the board and the deterioration of the board’s position.

The Relief Of Hardships

Typical of many cases handled by the League’s Welfare and Relief Committee is the following letter of appreciation recently received from a widow, left penniless about 16 months after the sudden death of her husband.

“I wish to thank you very sincerely for the financial assistance from the R.S.L. which we found a great help, also the groceries which were given to us at the time of my husband’s death.”

We were absolutely penniless and had no food in the house, and I don’t know what we would have done without your help at the time when needed.

“The monthly grants from the Service Men’s Fund have been a wonderful help to us and I am most grateful.”

Reunion At Kensington

The Kensington sub-branch held its annual reunion at the Collins-street hall, South Perth, on December 7.

Past-president “Mick” Lee, seated at the table, was chairman and conducted the evening’s proceedings.

President “Bill” Stafford, who was chairman, had several questions of a political nature which were met with a loud laugh.

Other speakers were Mr. Colvin, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Nash, Armstrong and Smith.

Responses on behalf of visiting branches were given by Mr. H. K. H. South, Perth, and the member for Carle Place.

Committee staffs were present to receive the representative of the League.

The final toast was given by Mr. H. K. H. South, who was thanked for the hospitality shown by the committee.

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A former AFRICAN IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Annual House meeting third Monday at 2 p.m., President, A. C. H. White, 5th Avenue, East Perth. Secretary, R. D. Malcolm, 50 Kenyon-street, Bassendean (18-10-40).

13th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Annual House meeting fourth Thursday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept., and Nov. President, E. J. Andrew, 111 Bonnington-street, South Perth. Secretary, E. F. Taylor, 463 Stirling Highway, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION of W.A.—Meets at Anzac House when calls for, 17th February, 2nd Monday, 18th March, 2nd Monday, 19th April, 2nd Monday. Secretary, W. G. Bartlett, 45 Camden-street, Morley Park. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

11th and 22nd BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION—Meets monthly in Railway Institute, President, J. B. W. H. Macleod, 54 McLeod-street, Applecross. Secretary, G. H. W. Biggs, 13 Comber-street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

ROYAL WAGONERS ASSOCIATION—Meets weekly in Railway Institute, President, T. E. Godfrey, 27 Loton-avenue, Midland Junction. Committee meets Anzac House fourth Tuesday. Annual reunion Show Week Fri., 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

13th and 52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meets monthly in Railway Institute, President, R. E. White, 61 John-street, Collie. Secretary, W. R. B. Pike, 14 Baradine-street, Collie. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

16th BATTALION and 4th BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee meets Railway Institute, President, R. H. McCormick, 64 Morley Park Avenue, Nedlands. Secretary, C. H. C. Nursery, 51 Thomas-street, Nedlands. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

ROYAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—President, Mrs. Kettler, 7-8 Broadway, Nedlands. Secretary, Miss. V. C. Navy. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

1st BATTALION—ANZAC DAY—President: J. Brown, 126 Oxford-street, Bassendean. Secretary, W. D. White, 109 Oxford-street, Bassendean. Fri., 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

54th BATTALION—ANZAC DAY—President: J. M. White, 111 Bonnington-street, South Perth. Secretary, P. Williams, 140 Cambridge-street, Nedlands. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

79th BATTALION—ANZAC DAY—President: J. M. White, 111 Bonnington-street, South Perth. Secretary, P. Williams, 140 Cambridge-street, Nedlands. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

5th M.G. BATTALION AIF ASSOCIATION—President, E. Fraser, 56 Stirling Highway, Bassendean. Secretary, W. G. Bartlett, 45 Camden-street, Morley Park. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR and RELATIVES' ASSOCIATION of W.A.—President, I. B. Hamilton, 150 Avon-avenue, East Perth. Secretary, M. Flannigan, 31 Stirling Highway, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

9th: M.G. BATTALION—President: C. McLeod, 19 Bannister-street, Bassendean. Secretary: W. G. Bartlett, 156 Cambridge-street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

BRITISH EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATION Inc.—meets second Tuesday in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. President, J. N. W. Keay, 481 Oxford-street, Nedlands. Secretary, R. E. White, 61 John-street, Collie. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS—President, R. H. Green, 18 Mantle-street, Bassendean. Secretary, T. E. Taylor, 25 Thomas-street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

192nd AUST. COMMANDO ASSOCIATION—President, E. C. Bartlett, 35 Cambridge Street, Bassendean. Secretary, J. L. Williams, 36 Cambridge Street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION—meets second Monday in August, House meeting, President, J. C. Gear, 68th street, Como. Secretary, H. F. Fisher, 5 Valentine-street, Morley. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

A.G.M. RETURNED SOLDIERS MONUMENTAL WORKS—President, J. L. Williams, 36 Cambridge Street, Bassendean. Secretary, W. G. Leake, 71 Lancelot-street, Belmont. Thursday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

KINGS OF TORBUSK ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—President, W. J. Turner, 574 Alfred-street, Bassendean. Secretary, W. J. Turner, 574 Alfred-street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

YANGSAO ASSOCIATION—President, W. J. Turner, 574 Alfred-street, Bassendean. Secretary, W. J. Turner, 574 Alfred-street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION—President, W. J. Turner, 574 Alfred-street, Bassendean. Secretary, W. J. Turner, 574 Alfred-street, Bassendean. Friday, 17th February, at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 18th March, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee; 19th April, 2nd Monday at 2 p.m., meeting of committee.

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At the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (London) on December 13 over 200 of Britain's old soldiers, the Chelsea Pensioners, assembled in the Great Hall wearing their No. 1 Dress (scarlet coats and tricorn hats) for the now-traditional ceremony of receiving the massive Christmas cake sent them annually by the R.S.L. in Australia.

This year's cake was the gift of the W.A. branch of the League, the various State branches taking the role of donor in rotation.

The cake, which weighed 150lb, was baked in the shape of the map of Australia, beautifully iced and decorated, and incorporated the R.S.L. badge and the Coat of Arms of Western Australia.

The presentation was made by the Hon. E. K. Hoar, Agent-General for Western Australia, who said what a great pleasure it gave him because with the cake came the good wishes of over 250,000 members of the R.S.L.

He had hoped that the State President of the Western Australian branch would have been with him but Mr. Lonnie, who had been in England for some three months on Government business, had returned to Australia only a few days previously.

A message from Mr. Lonnie read: 'Comrades, the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia is proud again to be associated with this presentation and to reaffirm all the sentiments with which it has come to be connected.

"Western Australia, as host State for this year, is represented here today by the Agent-General who himself is a distinguished member of the R.S.L. in our State. Your comrades in Australia, sharing as they do the common heritage, send you their best wishes for this festive season. Good luck and God bless you all!'

The Governor of the Royal Hospital, General Sir Francis Simpson, received the cake on behalf of the pensioners.

He also had a cable message for the pensioners from Mr. W. Webb, the State Secretary in W.A., wishing them all a very happy Christmas.

Refreshments were then served and the toast—to the League and Western Australia—was drunk with great conviviality by the Kenny.

The full orchestra of H.M. Welsh Guards was in attendance and rendered a programme of popular music which included many of the wartime songs, terminating with the old favourite "Waltzing Matilda."

The orchestra was conducted by the Director of Music, Captain W. A. Hoar.

Among the principal guests were the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Allen Brown, C.B.E.) and Lady Brown, Eleanor Col. W. Donovan, V.C., and Mrs. Joynt, the Agents-General of all Australian States.

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