Farewell To Governor

A League reception of note this month was that accorded His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, in the Anzac House boardroom on June 10.

Sir Charles, with Lady Gairdner, sails for England later this month prior to assuming the gubernatorial office in Tasmania after nearly 12 years as Governor of Western Australia.

Among those assembled to farewell His Excellency were three former State Presidents—Messrs. T. S. Edmundson, T. Sten and F. G. Chaney, M.H.R.—and members of the State Executive and the R.S.L.'s Women's Auxiliary.

State President Lonnie expressed to His Excellency the League's best wishes for his happiness in the years ahead, tempered with regret that he was leaving this State.

Nowhere, he told Sir Charles, was there a warmer feeling for him than among his former comrades-in-arms.

That had very quickly been taken off him and he had never worn it again, having been presented with another badge to wear in its place.

Sir Charles said he hoped he would always be allowed to be a member of the R.S.L.

He concluded: "This is a moving occasion for my wife and myself, and thank you all for a very kind farewell."

Before withdrawing, Sir Charles was presented by State Senior Vice-President and Membership Committee Chairman E. C. Towsend—among a League tie in appreciation of the great interest he had taken in League affairs.

Sir Charles, he said, had done all he could to encourage people to Join the R.S.L.

- His Excellency is pictured below at the reception chatting with former State President T. Sten and executive member J. Eriester.

Western Seaboard Naval Base

The following resolution which was carried at the 47th National Congress of the R.S.L.

"That Congress continue to press for the establishment of a Naval Base on the Western Australian coast."

was submitted to the Minister for the Navy who has replied as follows:

"I reply to your letter of 25th March, urging, on behalf of the R.S.L., the establishment of a Naval Base somewhere in Western Australia.

The arguments you set out, number (1) and (2) are cogent and I do not dispute them, though the modern naval conception tends more towards mobile bases of maintenance and supply ships rather than to fixed bases unless docking, weapons systems repairs, or such major work needs to be undertaken.

There does not, however, seem to be any immediate likelihood of the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. or either of these countries, joining in the cost of such a base as a matter of their national interest.

The naval military view, and it is one in which I concur, is that at this stage acquisition of such fighting ships will, on balance, provide a greater defence capacity than would a base.

This is not to say that the requirement for such a base is lost sight of or that the arguments you advance are not good and weighty. It is merely to say that at present we feel that more fighting capacity takes precedence over the establishment of such a base. However, you can be sure that the requirement for such a base is not in any way brushed off by the Navy.

"I should like to thank the R.S.L. for their interest in helping to provide defence for this country."

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) J. G. Gorton
Minister for the Navy
VITAL QUESTION

THIS is a time of the year when full pressure should be maintained by sub-branches to increase League membership.

FOLLOWING a membership rise of 641 for the 1962 membership year our task of increasing this figure becomes more difficult, but very necessary.

TO OBTAIN a figure above last year's means, on an average, that each sub-branch would have to take on FOUR new members or "rejoin" above its 1962 total—a rather impossible task.

Every sub-branch should make the membership question priority No. 1, because it is self-evident that without a robust membership the League cannot carry out its tasks satisfactorily.

THE R.S.L. Badge not only indicates a solid bond of comradeship; it has a meaning of practical assistance. Yet many World War II veterans labour under the mistaken belief that the League's work is finished.

THESE men consider that having won privileges and the other benefits that returned ex-servicemen enjoy, the League has nothing more to gain. In other words they are content to reap the benefits obtained by World War I men who worked hard to help their less fortunate comrades.

THERE are increasing responsibilities for the League to shoulder. The youth movement alone offers a challenge where the League can assist in guiding the young people of this country to a proper recognition of their heritage.

EACH sub-branch needs care and help against the problem of providing a home, decent food and attention, and we must live up to our motto—"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"—and ensure (if necessary campaign for the) powers that-to plan and organise for the adequate defence of this country against any would-be aggressor.

"Prosh" Apologies to go to R.S.L.

Following a meeting of the W.A. University Senate on May 27, "The West Australian" reported the following account of the meeting:

"The W.A. University Senate decided last night to express its regret to the R.S.L. for incidents during the students' prosh last month and a photograph in the accompanying magazine Sundry Times.

"The R.S.L. had lodged a protest against the incidents and magazine with University chancellor Sir Alex Reid.

"The Sundry Times published a touched-up photograph of the 'State War Memorial' with a headline This Has To Go. At the bottom of the caption it said that verdant grass in the foreground was referred to as "Undergraduates' guild president Allan Fels who said the R.S.L. letter was "immediate" and the guild would express regret that people had been offended. "The guild intended no offence and had the highest respect for the memorial."

"Even if the guild is a bit half-hearted there is no reason why the Senate should be "a bunch of ex-servicemen" as the Senate described the guild president."

"As the custodians of the memorial, the League believes that a monument which symbolises the sacrifice of millions of Australians is entitled to the respect and protection of the community," the League's letter to Sir Alex Reid said.

STATE EXECUTIVE Nominations

The State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) has held this office for eight years, has but one opposing candidate this year, Mr. E. C. Townshend, senior vice-president.

Mr. Townshend is also a nominee for position as vice-president and, for the two vice-presidential positions he is joined by Messrs. H. G. Holder, R. B. Marrs and P. Pearson, all of whom are present at members of the State Executive. Mr. Rolfe, at present a vice-president, is not re-nominating.

There are four nominations for the three positions as trustees.

For the remaining 24 seats on the Executive, there are 24 nominations from retiring members seeking re-election, and eight new nominations.

The full list of nominations, with the war service of each candidate shown in parentheses is as follows:

**PREMIER**


H. G. HOLDER, Present State Executive Member (1939-45).

R. E. MARRIS, Present State Executive Member (1939-45).

P. PEARSON, Present State Executive Member (1939-45).

E. C. TOWNSHEND, M.B.E., Present Senior Vice President (1914-18).

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**


**VICE PRESIDENTS (3)**

H. O. HOLDR, Present State Executive Member (1939-45).

R. E. MARRIS, Present State Executive Member (1939-45).

J. F. BUCKLE (1939-45).

B. WALMSLEY (1939-45).

J. WHITE (1919-19).

S. WHITE (Miss) (1919-19).

**TRUSTEES (3)**

S. A. MACNAMARA, President Trustee (1914-18).

J. S. L. GRIFFITH, Present Trustee (1939-45).

H. J. B. WHITE, Present State Executive Member (1914-18).

**STATE EXECUTIVE**

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P. PEARSON (1939-45).

R. RUTTER (1939-45).

R. SANDFORD (1939-45).

F. SERRISIER (1939-45).

R. J. STODDART (1939-45).

J. WALLMSLEY (1939-45).

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B. BISHOP (1939-45).

J. BARRIS (1939-45).

J. MENDRICK (1939-45).

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by Peter Westerway

ASKED to nominate a pressure group, most Australian Workers' UnionISTS would mention such organizations as the Chambers of Manufacturers or the Australian Workers' Union. In this country pressure groups are generally regarded as "offish" and "outside" the likely unionist, bodgie sort of help to themselves and no one else.

Yet the most successful pressure group in Australia is one of which he would regard as a threat to a man's chances of a job. A man and a popular one at bar as well, yet people would regard it as a pressure group.

It is the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen Imperial League, usually known as the R.S.L.

At first sight this might seem rather strange. If success is measured by the number of representatives and parliamentary treatment given them by Governments, it must be accepted.

The quarter-million strong R.S.L. is only one of many ex-service organizations, but it has for many years been regarded as the major voice of the returned man. And even since the days of "Billy" Hughes the R.S.L. has been something to conjure with.

Sir Robert Menzies, then a member of the R.S.L., said in 1943, "It is of great importance that main attention be given to the serving of the R.S.L. in Australia. It is the only voice that can speak with some authority from the ranks of the returned servicemen." And he had said in explanation, "The return of the ex-servicemen, in the first place, in Australia, is quite important..." the word "important" being spelt "important".

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Attendance At Manjimup Is Causing Concern

An apparent lack of interest by the majority of members in the monthly meetings of the Manjimup sub-branch is causing the executive committee great concern.

"In spite of our efforts to make the meetings interesting," said President M. Dunn, "the number in attendance remains consistently low."

Mr. Dunn said that over 400 ex-service men in the district were eligible for membership but only a small percentage availing themselves of the fellowship to be enjoyed at sub-branch meetings.

The main problem was to maintain the interest of those who were already members.

Approval had now been granted by the State and Shire Council and the Rail- way Department for a war memorial in the Recreation Park, Dr. Dunn said.

At present there was no set design for this and suggestions would be appreciated.

He thought that it should include landscaped shrubs and possibly a stone to indicate the journey it takes to keep BEX on hand always.

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Prime Minister Speaks At Canberra Unveiling

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Menzies) when he unveiled the Commemorative Stone in the R.S.L.'s new Headquarters Building on May 15 last said:

"This is a very great privilege. I remember being delighted when the League established its Federal Headquarters in the National Capital some years ago. I thought that I could see very great advantages at that time and the League looked at it before I did in the very same way.

"Now that you are entering into your distinctive Headquarters, beautifully placed, detached from the normal business centres of the city, I believe your work can become more and more effective.

"At a time when the Federal Headquarters was in an embryonic stage, I dared to hope that it might be possible by rare event for conferences to take place between the R.S.L. executive, officers and members of the Cabinet and Federal Parliament. It involved a special journey one way or the other.

"Ever since you came here, Mr. President, this has improved out of all sight.

"Quite frequently I find myself only well to talk to him and to a few of his colleagues—and it has been a very pleasant, a very profitable thing. The knowledge of what goes on in the Rocks, the Rocks in the Rocks. I can see it happening in Canada and elsewhere, and I believe it is happening in this very city, and, of course, the League has been a very good and a very honourable thing.

"It must have been under great temptation in its early days to become a sort of political party. I venture to say that it had its day. It was the day of the Rocks, the Rocks in the Rocks, not to have suffered enormously in the effectiveness of its work.

"It decided not to be a political party. It decided that there should be a Rock for all colours. It has reared a body of men and women—especially people of people of high public service, of keen public duty, of keen public interest, to all points of view of the city, with things to be sought and things to be desired, and within the lights of broad civic responsibilities."

"At a time when some bodies may be regarded as press power groups, the League has earned the highest esteem and authority. This, I think, is a remarkable achievement that has not come about by accident.

"I know that I have had ten years of being able to discuss the League with Sir George Reid, an eminent Australian, and he has now been succeeded by Mr. Lee. He is carrying on the tradition, and indeed, adding to it, and therefore I want to express my acknowledgement here of the work the League has done, of its influence on the affairs of the community, the growth of a League in the true sense, consistent with the pursuance of the welfare of its members.

"Now, as for today, this is a remarkable occasion, and I think it is a remarkable occasion for the reason of the fact that this most imaginative act has taken place. That is the most imaginative act of which I have heard. That is the most imaginative act that I have heard in this Rock, too. It is a piece of the Rock of the Rock. It is a Rock of the Rock. It is a Rock of the Rock."

I hope to have the opportunity while I am here of having quite a few discussions with your own Executive members and I do know that you are always interested in the Rocks in the Rocks."

The Prime Minister has her on May 15th.

--"Materials for my speech."--

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Appreciation from New Zealand

The leader of the 1963 New Zealand Delegation, Mr. Jim Rawcliffe, has sent the following letter to Anzac House:

"Thank you for giving us this lucky opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation of the wonderful way the 1963 Delegation has been treated. From the moment we four were met by our hosts the R.S.L., we were impressed by their evident desire to make us welcome. As the forming on the Auckland hospitality left nothing to be desired."

"In the opening stages we were met by that genial personality Jim Buckle, shown the sights of Perth and had our first introduction to a beverage called Swan, at the Brothers Club. To look where we were to see a lot of this peculiar bird during the next dozen years.

"What a lovely time we had at the Head of the River. Facade through Bruce, Greg Rowe and Kiwi Pilot Charles Knewstubb—the lunches was amazing.

"A barbecue held in the Dome. Dinner near the Serpentine Dam. Our hosts the New Zealand sub-Branch members Ian Thompson, Jim Crawford, L. Spence and wives, an unlimited supply of sausages.

"Our thanks to Jon Bonfield, Bill Lawrie, W. Grimmond and the Fremantle for a most enjoyable few hours inspecting their wool stores.

"We will never forget the War Veterans’ Home with Ted Townsend, you all can be proud of that acherie."

"Then up to North with Grant White, a very enjoyable trip. The trip through Snell, cockpit and Aubrey Badger there to welcome us. Our thanks to you all.

C.A.D. Thanks Bob Phillips. Our introduction to Australia was very successful and the weather property was most interesting.

"Back to Perth, again for a pleasant informal function given by the Lord Mayor and Lady.

Our main objective in coming, 4,000 miles from New Zealand, was to attend our comrades of both World Wars, Anzac Day, arrived. We were quite impressed by the Swan, the Dawn Service, something we won’t forget. The march through the Swan, and the march past was something to remember. Anzac Day impressions would not be complete without mention of that dynamic personality Bill Lenlie. The R.S.L. Perth, are indeed for
tunate to have a man of his caliber at the helm. A thrilling climax to a tremendous day was the Trotting Meeting as guests of J. F. Stratton and our luck with Klwi Dillon, etc.

"The farmers really came into their own with a trip to the South West; gentlemen farmers. On the night of the giant Karri to Pemberton where we were met by the Mayor and his wife. This was a memorable visit to the Whaling Station."

"The highlights of our stay in Albany were fish for breakfast, with Frank Cannon and the conducted tour—the magnificent site of the Memorial and our visit to the Whaling Station."

"To all who made Clydesdale memorable in and about your beautiful city we—

JIM RAWCLIFFE
CHARLIE KNEWSTUBB
STAN MURRAY CAMERON
thank you most sincerely.

Sterling Performance In The Coorow Area

Last year was a particularly good one for the Coorow-Waddy Forest sub-branch, one of the most winning of the Geraldton Shield as the outstanding small country sub-branch.

The shield was up for competition for the first time and the sub-branch was successful—thought to be mainly due to the efforts of Thomas Lloyd and the success was thought to be due to the efforts of his members to help their fellows.

"Last year’s activity included an outing with a similar feature at Latham and success was thought to be due to the efforts of the Members to help their fellows.

"The sub-branch conducted two very successful bottle drives and plans another for the future. A percentage of this drive is to go to the War Veterans’ Home.

"The Anzac Day service was again well attented. The numbers on parade, however, have tended to decrease over the years and the sub-branch is looking for a marked improvement this year.

A member Mr. Williams was retained as Country Vice-President for Western Australia.

The ladies activity kept up its good work and after the support from charitable institutions was found to be considerable improvements to the Messes, Jealings and Margaret to the office and the march past for the sub-branch, to sell.

"The only small sub-branch Coorow-Waddy Forest is utterly dependent on the goodwill and support of its members.

Good Support At Swanbourne

Swanbourne meetings are so far days that the sub-branch is getting a little embarrassed on the other hand with the Nederland,-election of more up-to-date premises.

"Innovations introduced amongst members under the leadership of Mr Archie Doll, president, have made the sub-branch more attractive. Formations from a sub-branch are a very pleasant feature of Swanbourne's life, capping the leadership of Mr Archie Doll.

The membership committee comprising Messrs. T. May, D. Allman and K. McInnes is working very hard and Syd Wilshire is producing encouraging results especially amongst members of the S.A.S. Company staff at Swanbourne who have been helping matters along considerably and financially.

"The War Veterans’ Home 1963 (which is a record for the sub-branch for this time of the year).

"The sub-branch have at last succeeded in controlling the fish in A.R.M.S. Game Reserve and the way the service was conducted was by three young Westminster boys, Anthony Howes, who read the prologue; Alan Forsyth, the President and James Crickhowel who recited the Rememberance Ode.

"In a specially prepared prologue Anthony quoted the words. "From us, the Youth of the World, the torch; be it ours to hold it high" thus symbolising Glen Forrest Commemorates Anzac Day

The Anzac Day Service held by the Glen Forrest sub-branch at 3.00 p.m. on April 25th was a satisfactory service, something exceptional.

Eighteen ex-service men marched with the young people marching behind. As they marched past the Glen Forrest Club, where a big afternoon was in progress, every man stood up and saluted, the attention, the men with their hats held, the gesture that made the members feel the march was really worth while and showed them all that Anzac Day is still a great day that should be.

"Mr. F. Beadle, president of the sub-branch of the Service, Mr. Jim Longworth with his Clavoire provided the usual service, including the "Last Post" and Revellers.

In the morning Mrs. Bills and Mrs. Lawrence were welcomed to the sub-branch and provided with the usual refreshments. Floral decorations along the stage and around the miniature Calendar.

At least eighty in all attended the service, refreshments, entertainment and adults being provided.

Another Day of Remembrance and one that Glen Forrest is a keen supporter of. We that are left grow old..."

R.S.L. War Veterans’ Home

Anzac Eve at the War Veterans’ Home:

In surroundings of tranquility and peace, we arrived at the first landing of the Anzacs, the service held on the 25th May, was well attended. In the presence of the new Mayor of Perth (the Very Reverend J. Payton),, the Directors of the Services and kindred organisations, members of Parliament, Federal and State, children representing the Mt. Lawley High and Coolbinia High School, and a large number of friends of the War Veterans’ Home, was both poignant and impressive.

"The impressiveness was not only in the quiet placing of wreaths in the Field of Remembrance, but the way the service was conducted by three young Westminster boys, Anthony Howes, who read the prologue; Alan Forsyth, the President and James Crickhowel who recited the Rememberance Ode.

"In a specially prepared prologue Anthony quoted the words. "From us, the Youth of the World, the torch; be it ours to hold it high" thus symbolising..."
No Homes Act Benefits
For These Soldiers

The Government has rejected a League proposal for extending War Service Homes benefits to C.M.F. personnel who served in the northern area of the Northern Territory between February 19 and March 31, 1942.

In that period there were Japanese bomber attacks on Darwin and other places in the area.

The proposal was formulated at National Congress last year.

To League representations on the question National Development Minister Sir William Spooner has replied as follows:

"This resolution proposes in effect that the present provisions of the War Service Homes Act be extended to include members of the Citizen Military Forces who were not enlisted, as a result of which separation of war service homes assistance will be given to the Forces."

"In answer to similar requests made by the League in the past I have pointed that the principle of separation of war service homes assistance is based on the discharge of the citizen military forces who were not enlisted, and that this assistance must be opened to those employed in active service outside Australia.

"Apart from anything else, this resolution overlooks the fact that in every respect the eligibility on war service homes assistance is based on the discharge of the citizen military forces who were not enlisted, and that this assistance is accordingly required by war service homes outside Australia."

"As you are no doubt aware, the demand for assistance under the Act is continuing at a high rate. Indeed, since the maximum limit under the Act was increased from £2,750 to £5,000 early last year the demand has increased to an extent that the Government has been forced to extend the War Service Homes allocation for the current year by £500,000.

"This is being the total vote for the year—£7,500,000. Even with an increase of this nature it will be necessary still to maintain a waiting list for the purchase of old homes.

"In the circumstances I do not believe there is an opportunity for the Government to consider any further proposals in the present direction and I regret that I do not feel able to support this resolution."

Repatriation Benefits Should Be Extended

Item 5 of the Pensions Plan which was submitted to the Federal Cabinet on the 28th March states—

"That all returned servicemen of the First World War and previous wars be granted free Repatriation Hospital and medical benefits."

It has been the League's policy for many years that repatriation benefits should be extended to cover all servicemen so that they can be amended and improved as economic conditions of the country permit. Repatriation is one very big field in which progressive extension of benefits has occurred. The most recent one introduced in 1950 was the extension of these benefits to Service Pensioners.

The League believes that the time is now opportune for a further extension to take place, placing general repatriation hospitalisation for all service personnel of the 1914-18 and prior wars.

NUMBERS NOT KNOWN

It has not been possible to assess accurately the number of persons who could be affected by this provision. However, it is important to note that a very large number of non-combatant personnel who were not enlisted, and women in this category are already Service Pensioners and a further percentage are in receipt of these benefits as part of their entitlement for accepted disabilities.

The League has stated before that there are many cases particularly associated in service in the 1914-18 war where, by virtue of complete absence of evidence, it has been impossible to establish connexion of a complaint with a member's war service.

There also seems to be a growing tendency amongst service personnel who have medical officers to overlook the extreme of hardship of war service. If a very specific occurrence be the acceptance of the complaint is recommended.

CUMULATIVE EFFECT

The League believes that the general effect of war service is cumulative and must contribute to the premature onset of many complaints. This principle was recognised by the Federal Government when it introduced the Repatriation Benefits into the Repatriation Act. It is stipulated that all the reasons supporting the extension of the Repatriation hospitalisation to personnel of the First World War and prior wars. The number in this category is much larger than the present number.

It is clear that all persons entering the Repatriation Hospital for the treatment of diseases or injuries which were contracted in the service of the Commonwealth are entitled to one that Australia can well afford.

PRAISE FOR HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL

When at surprise and delight, I received a visit from the G.I. Forces, and who had heard of my troubles, they decided that they had taken it on themselves to have someone to comfort me, and they presented me with a donation. This was more significant as I have been a sub-branch for two years and am now a member of the Auxiliary. Suddenly I realised that all was not lost and has given me new hope and courage to face the future. What I am considering this branch has only about fourteen regular members, and to me this is an act of the true Anzac Spirit and one that an important job in peace as in war.

I am sure that a wonderful gift is the gift of giving to those in need. It is a pity our sub-branch could not remain with us most days of the year. I am sure that this small sub-branch set an example of the highest order.

I hope that a spare corner where perhaps the text of this letter could be printed in the "Listening Post."" (Signed) L. Nutland.

Presentation of Townsend Shield at Mundaring

About 80 persons attended the Social Evening in the Mundaring R.S.L. Hall on May 6th. Members with their wives were present from Wooroloo, Mt. Helena, Glen Forrest, Mundaring and Mundaring Sub-Branch.

Mr. Townsend presented the Townsend Shield to Mr. Davidson, the captain of the Mundaring R.S.L., which will hold it for twelve months.

The very keen competition was entered upon with particular spirit and extra competition was given by the additional team from Wooroloo.

Mrs. E. Munro, who was sponsored by Mundaring Town Crier, and Miss M. Clark, of the "Mountains" festival was presented with a crystal shield for the most excellent work that she has done for the Corps of Hospital Visitors.

At this juncture, I would like to point out, that if this Sub-branch be of any assistance to Mr. Townsend and the activities of the President of the Ladies' Committee and thanked him for all his support.

Mrs. Hewitt of Mundaring has donated a fine piano for new hall—a splendid gift.

Musical items were given by Misses Park, Goode and Miss Simcock, and then dancing and games were followed by a wonderful supper.
Sunset

A letter from the Minister for Health (Mr Ross Hutchison) with regard to Sunset Home and addressed to the Secretary is published below:

"I refer to the discussion which you and Mr Baron May had with me on the 10th April concerning the re-organisation of the Home and its future, when you left with me a plan for a sub-branch to be in mind Executive of the R.S.I.

"In the first place, I feel impelled to say that there is no doubt that they would not be known in the Block, numbering about 50 aged confused men, by preventing them from the block to another part of the Home, and in doing so provide for those aged confused old men from Claremont Hospital and not the mentally sick as referred to. They would be an opportunity for members to attend and nominate for a place which will allow them to take an active part in the administration of the Sub-Branch.

"The system of sending lecturers and films to sub-branches was introduced this year after a disappointing drop in attendances at the Anzac House lectures. The reason of the sub-branches has been heartening.

"Much new equipment was made available by the Commonwealth recently.

Interest Taken In Funds Afar

The State Executive's housing sub-committee is considering the possibility of some of the funds administered by an Eastern States trust channelled to ex-servicemen in this State. Committee chairman R.J. Stoddart said this at last month's executive meeting. He said the trust operated on behalf of ex-members of the R.A.A.F. one of whose services was the provision of temporary finance to war-service home applicants.

Mr Stoddart reported that his committee was fairly well occupied with an average of about 24 cases a month to consider.

"I think it has already been clearly stated that changes in the interests of members have created the situation at Sunset and this must be evident to everyone not only at Sunset but in other Homes as well, as for instance, the old men at Home. This situation not only affects those in State but in other States as well.

"As you know, there are others in the ambulant section being treated at Sunset. Naturally your Executive is concerned in guarding the latter. They can be assured, however, that facilities for their community life whilst they will be disturbed while the change over is being made will be available for their functions as in the past, and no one would be denied admittance where necessary arises."

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Victoria Park Urges Attendance

The Victoria Park sub-branch held its next general meeting on Friday, June 21. This will be a most important meeting as on this night nominations of candidates for the various offices for the ensuing twelve months will be called for.

The actual election will take place in July but this is an opportunity for members to attend and nominate for a place which will allow them to take an active part in the administration of the Sub-Branch.

Members are earnestly requested to make sure to attend and take part in conducting the affairs of their sub-branch.

The Anniversary Night held on Wednesday, May 22 was a happy occasion. Sub-Branch and Auxiliary members who attended voted the artists first class. Master of ceremonies (Mr. Mick Walsh) kept things rolling and the Ladies Auxiliary provided an excellent supper.

The Garney Shield, presented to the outstanding individual for the preceding twelve months, was won by Mr. H. Orkney. He is an old member of the sub-branch and a past~~

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1963 R.S.L. Street Appeal

This year's street appeal in aid of the League's Welfare Fund, resulted in a return of £653 1/4 gross, 69/6 nett.

This figure is considerably below that amount obtained in 1962 (£776 gross, 7/3 nett), and was possibly occasioned by the lack of collectors but it is, nevertheless, a welcome boost to the welfare work of the League.

The State Executive wishes to express its appreciation to all those members, male and female, who so kindly gave up their time to this worthy cause.

Next year we must do much better, and this could be achieved if every sub-branch in the metropolitan areas could provide six collectors.

As a pointer, only 20 sub-branches played, any number this year, hence the shortage of collectors.

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DEFENCE PROPOSALS


The delegation, led by W.A. State President, Ronnie comprised Air Vice-Marshal F. Bladin (National Treasurer), Brig. T. Eastick (S.A. State President), R. F. Bunting (Papua-New Guinea State President), Col. Charles Geard (Tasmanian State President) and National Secretary A. G. W. Keys.

This document will be published in two parts. Part (1) in this issue and Part (2) in the July issue.

As this is one of the most important submissions made to a Federal Cabinet and one which will be vigorously debated at the forthcoming State Congress, members are requested to give this subject their earnest consideration.

DEFENCE SUBMISSION INTRODUCTION

The League's document of defence submission for 1962 called on the Commonwealth Government to make a definite move to increase defence spending and make specific recommendations for the extension of defence measures.

International events since the presentation of the previous document have confirmed the need for such a policy in a most dramatic way. The invasion of India's territory by Communists Chinese troops threatened to involve the two countries in total war. It proved, however, that military might alone was not enough. It showed that the need of Australasia to maintain a healthy and growing standard of living was linked up with the need of India to maintain it's freedom.

This is the League's view and it is the League's purpose to point out the need for such a policy and to recommend the measures which should be taken.

The League has been convinced that a change in defence policy is needed, one which will afford a more equitable distribution of the nation's resources and a more effective use of the armed forces to meet the needs of the community.

The League's offers the following recommendations and suggestions as a basis for the public discussion and debate of the issues involved.

1. TOTAL WAR—There are two ways in which such a situation could develop.

(a) A short violent war in which reserves mean nothing.

(b) A fight to the limit of national endurance in which the last reserves will count.

The League believes that a situation such as Australia's of high morale and well led forces, will fight on to the limit of human endurance even after all the rockets and bombs have been hurled from West to East and from East to West. The possibility of a lengthy war is something we cannot afford to discard. In this event adequate regular forces are the first essential. It is equally valid to observe that the Regular Forces should, for total war, be augmented by CMF Divisions and a pool of trained reinforcements for both Regular and CMF units.

2. THE COLD WAR—The present requirements of the Cold War situation are briefly as follows:

(a) A fully trained, highly mobile, army structure available for ALIENATION AND OPERATIONS.

(b) Air and Naval units based on the same principles of speed of movement and striking power.

(c) Availability of trained reinforcements.

3. PUBLIC OPINION—It is considered that the present Regular Force of two battle groups is not available of the most modern equipment. The League's requests on these services can be expressed in general terms. Expenditure should be increased to enable Australia to compete with the leading nations of the world with other comparable nations. Moreover, the flexible nature of the air force and army units enables speed of assistance to be obtained from any part of the Commonwealth.

Australia, however, must be able to defend itself under emergency conditions. To do this must have adequate land forces and the ability to create and maintain and reinforce them.

The following observations are made on the Reserve Army's existing army structure:

(1) In the Defence Programme announced in October 1962 the Minister stated that our forces would be made available to us either together or with Allied forces in situations that were considered to be threats to our security. It is the RSL's belief that the present Part-time Reserve is not adequate to meet these threats.

This one "army" concept is not desirable to the Commonwealth and a combination of the two countries' systems would be a failure if a division could not be deployed at short notice. It is also the League's view that the "on call" concept would be a failure as an organisation for war.

The League sees the situation in the overall army structure for a body of reserves for the Defence of Australia and for the CMF. As mentioned previously, the League believes the Reserve Army is an essential ingredient of Australia's defence needs.

The League also suggests that comments and the following recommendations the League offers are based on the League's view of informed opinion. In addition to this, it's very reasonable and logical in view of the public concern that Australia's inadequate defence measures.

R.S.L. POLICY

The Returned Services League of Australia recommends that consideration be given to army re-organisation on the following lines:

1. REGULAR ARMY—It is proposed that an ARMY BE EXPANDED TO DUAL NATIONAL FORCE OF AT LEAST TWO BATTLE GROUPS IN ADDITION TO THE 4TH NATIONAL CONGREGATIONS. The new organisation would serve as a reserve army, being expanded into the main army in times of danger.

2. BATTALION SERVING time would be extended to one year, and the strategic reserve.
Defence Proposals: R.S.L. Policy (Contd.)

sufficient to meet essential defence requirements and that a COF may be the best small force to participate in any Allied strategic operation. We are therefore convinced that the Army that we are vitally concerned with the outcome. In this regard, a statement by the recently retired U.S. Consul-General, Donald Vass, is worthy of note. In a television interview he stated amongst other things that:

"HIGH LEVEL CIRCLES IN THE U.S. WOULD WELCOME A "MORE VIGOROUS AND AGGRESSIVE" ATTITUDE IN FACilitating MUTUAL U.S. AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS."

In short, a tactful way of saying that we should be doing more in our own defence.

2. CMF. It is recommended that the ROLE OF THE CMF IN OUR DEFENCE SCHEME BE CLEARLY STATED IN THIS STATEMENT TO BE KNOWN AS "STATE OF READINESS AND THE UNUSABILITY OF THE PRESENT CMF ORGANISATION FOR THE "CMF 2003" WWII PARTITION IN A COLD WAR NOT INVOLVING A NATIONAL CALLUP."

In general, mobilisation were ordered for a national war, the CMF was found to be a vital part to play in our defence scheme. Its deployment to a cold war would take approximately six months to complete training. The mobilisation level would be 40%, and its strength would undoubtably be limited by manpower requirements.

The statement of the CMF's role in a Cold War should underline the fact that the CMF organisation would be effective except in the unlikely event of a major voluntary enlistment for service of whole units. At best it could provide a pool of semi-trained men, many of whom would have enlisted in another AIF or for some new organisation.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE ARMY ESTABLISHMENT BE COMPLETED AND THAT THE CMF BE SEPARATELY EXPANDED IN AT LEAST TWO DIVISIONS.

These divisions should be equipped and trained to provide for the build-up of our field force in the event of mobilisation. In addition to this it is imperative that CMF Commanders have the benefit of new training.

In war, the training and the Australian Army, which would then become one, has been to be of the same and the belief we should be a cornerstone of Australian Military doctrine.

To increase the effectiveness of the CMF, and to stimulate recruiting the R.S.L. recommends the following steps:

(A) THE SERVICE PAY OF ALL SERVICE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX.

(B) EMPLOYERS BE URGED TO LEAVE TO CMF MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF TO ATTEND ANNUAL MILITARY CAMPS. LEGISLATION MAKING THIS COM PULSORY SHOULD BE EXAMINED.

Honouring The R.A.N.

Pictured above is the State Executive reception on Tuesday, May 26, to Rear-Admiral McNicol for the officers of the R.A.N. ships in Fremantle Harbour on their return from SEATO exercises.

The flagship of the Australian fleet, H.M.A.S. Melbourne was accompanied by the frigates Parramatta and Yarra. Those present at the reception were:

Reunion At Kulin Was Well Up To Standard

The Kulin branch is noted for its well-organised social events and its annual reunion last month was no exception.

It got off to a good start at 8 p.m. Each guest was piped in and escorted to the cool drink counter by Lieut. Commander Cook, ex-R.A.N. After being presented with his "prisoner" he was then directed to his seat at the festive table, which was beautifully decorated and laden with all sorts of food.

The loyal toast was honoured and the National Anthem sung.

It was a good night with lots of laughs, old-time and modern.

One version of a combined Irish and Irish folk music was performed by the Moyles, and the corned beef was excellent. The horsemen was demonstrated by Father Christ, who was from Noman's Land—

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DID YOU KNOW?

(asks C. R. Collins)

- Joan of Arc commenced her march to drive the English besiegers from the walls of Orleans on April 25, 1429.
- During the Siege of Orleans, both sides used cannon as instruments of destruction against each other, rather than as engines of demolition against walls and buildings. English and French casualties were the same throughout the battle.
- General Wolfe was killed on the field of Abraham during the final battle of the Seven Years' War.
- George II was once told that General Wolfe was mad. The King retorted, "I believe some of the other generals." A similar story is told of General U.S. Grant, who was asked by Mexican President Porfirio Diaz during the last phase of the American Civil War. When certainbusybodies complained to Lincoln that Grant was a whisky-drinker, the President replied, "Then find out what brand he drinks and don't give him anything but that."
- Grant was a heavy cigar smoker, and he died of cancer in the throat.
- Major-General James Wolfe, decisively defeated the French under the Marquis de Montcalm. In the battle both commanding generals were killed, Wolfe having lived long enough to learn that the French were in flight. Montcalm was mortally wounded and was captured by the British.
- The Governor at the time was Lord Methuen, who had commanded a division throughout the South African War and had attended the funeral of Field Marshal Wolseley in 1911.
- General Wolfe was killed by a cannon ball at Corunna.
- Several weeks ago it was reported that Quebec had destroyed a monument to General Wolfe on the site where he was killed. However, this was outside the city. Abraham's Plain was the scene of the battle in which Wolfe was killed. It is outside the province of Quebec under British rule. In that battle, the Quebecers were led by Major-General James Wolfe.

Gallipoli Veterans' Activities

The Gallipoli Legion of Anzac has a membership of 800 members. The ribbon colour patch has caused interest and one person has worn it by dozens of friends. At the same time, another member has the distinctive tie with the Gallipoli colour woven into a maroon base.

At the last meeting the President (Mr. Jim McKinley) said, "I'm sure that the gong which has enabled him to keep the meetings in better order is a success." Phil Allen and some of his cobbers presented the meeting with a flag 6 ft x 3 ft bearing the ribbon of the Star. It even had a gold "G" in a scroll at the top. The President accepted it with pleasure and immediately draped it over the Shrine of Remembrance.

The Shrine is a model of a house at Anzac Cove. It was enclosed in a beautiful cabinet, the walls of which are covered with autographs of members. There is one of the symbols of the Beechworth Miners' Federation. The gong has been put up near the gongs which have been put up near the smoke, and he died of cancer. This was of the United States.

Assessment Appeal Tribunal

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The next general meeting of the State Branch will be broadcast, but take heed, it may have to be altered if it is necessary to take place and the committee feel it would be better to wait.

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Geraldton Miscellany

Here, in brief, are items from the May meeting of the Geraldton sub-branch:

...An error was made in the letters to the editor of the "South African and Imperial Veterans Association." The letters should read: "We are pleased to report that the sub-branch has joined the "South African and Imperial Veterans Association.""

A former member of the sub-branch, Mr. James Brown, is now secretary of the Broome sub-branch and has invited all members and colleagues to attend a rodeo to be held there by the R.S.I.L.

In view of criticism from some quarters concerning the proposal by the United States Navy to establish a radio station at North West Cape, the sub-branch passed a motion supporting the proposal.

The president of the sub-branch, Mr. John Smith, was asked for an expression of opinion on the subject of the United States Navy. He expressed his approval of the establishment of the proposed United States Navy station.

The West Australian Amateur Artist Darts Association has recommended the idea of the sub-branch to run an open State-wide darts competition as part of the Sunshine Festival.

However, as the Association's constitution rules that darts is an amateur sport it would be necessary for a modest entry fee to be charged to make the event profitable.

Meanwhile, the sub-branch has decided to hold an open-State-wide darts competition as part of the Sunshine Festival on 20th October. The competition will act as a qualifying round for the National Championships, which will be held in Sydney in November. The sub-branch has been assured that if sufficient interest is shown, it will be possible to arrange for a suitable venue.

The competition will be open to players from all over the state, and the prize money will be shared among the winners of each division. Entry forms will be available from the sub-branch committee members, and the closing date for entries will be 15th October.

Agenda Committee

This year's agenda Committee comprised Messrs. F. G. Chitty, W. A. Leslie, R. J. Mathews, and J. G. Santamaria. They were appointed to last month's meeting of the State Executive.

South African and Imperial Veterans Association

The Annual Meeting of the South African and Imperial Veterans Association was held in the basement of Anzac House on May 20. The meeting was attended by Mr. Glass in the chair.

The general business of the meeting was concluded, and the association agreed to continue its activities.

Anzac Parade at Wooroo

Some 26 ex-servicemen and 18 women took part in the Anzac Parade which was held at the Wooroo Hospital. The parade was formed in the hospital laboratory at 2.30 p.m. and proceeded to the hall, where the service was held.

The parade was led by the Zoologist, with the band in full uniform. The parade then proceeded to the hospital where the service was held.

During the service, a wreath was laid on behalf of the association, and a minute of silence was observed.

The service was attended by a large number of visitors, including members of the community, and representatives from the various associations.

The parade and service were well received, and the association congratulated on its successful event.

Commonwealth War-Dead In Indonesia

Of interest to those who lost loved ones in World War II, now known as Indonesia, is a war-graves agreement signed last September between Indonesia and six countries of the British Commonwealth, including Australia. Dr. Subandrio signed on behalf of Indonesia.

The heads of missions from Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and the United Kingdom participated in the signing.

Anzac Parade at Wooroo

Events included the laying of wreaths, and the parade was followed by a brief ceremony.

A large crowd attended the event, and the association was pleased with the turnout.

Rodeo At Broome

The Broome sub-branch is holding a rodeo on a large scale on July 26 this year. It will be bigger and better than the one held last year.

As it is very good weather in Broome at this time of the year, when the streets are not too crowded, the organizers are hoping for a good turnout.
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LANGDON H., 1st Dorset, City of Perth sub-branch.
MALONEY G. L., 11th Bn., Gloucester Park sub-branch.

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Y.A.L. Tour

Another Interstate Tour for Boys has been arranged by the Young Australian League for the forthcoming Christmas-New Year Holidays.

The party will travel from Perth to Melbourne by train, and will then travel by road to the Snowy Mountains, where the three days will be spent

BELLEVUE ACTIVITY

Anzac Day Service at Bellevue was again well attended. Led by vice-President Bert Swan, and with the assistance of the 28th Battalion Association A.I.F., the service was

28th Battalion Association A.I.F.

At the May meeting of the 28th Bn. A.I.F. held at Anzac House it was decided to hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing June 11 in the afternoon at 3 p.m. Instead of the nightly ones, as most members preferred not to come out at night, especi-

A Problem Of Leap Year

Because next year is Leap Year, Anzac Day will fall on a Saturday.

The following year (1965) it will fall on a Sunday, which means that the normal Anzac Day dedication by the Anzac Trust will be in abeyance.

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Jerramungup Auxiliary held a Debutante Ball on Saturday, April 27, which was a wonderful function, well organised and well catered for.

The hall was beautifully decorated and all members of the Jerramungup Auxiliary were to be congratulated on their efforts, which was well spent in enabling the sale to be made as well as a social success.

The State President and several District's Auxiliary attended this function and enjoyed their stay in the district.

ANZAC CLUB: the home of friendship!
A.R.M.S. Games Table

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M.T.F. having retired from the competition, all teams drawn to play them will now have a bye in that particular round.

The Cross For Valour

Here, taken from the soldiers' journal "The Army," are some interesting facts and figures concerning the highest award for valour in the British Commonwealth of Nations—the Victoria Cross.

The V.C. war instituted in 1856, and the first distribution was made by Queen Victoria on June 25, 1856, to 61 men from the R.N. and Army.

There have been 1,345 awards of the V.C.—three of which are bars—250 have been posthumous and Australians have won a total of 57 from three wars. Of this sub-branch we know an average of 200 of them.

Three cases are on record of father and son winning the V.C. This is Lies. (later Field Marshal) Earl Roberts of Bengul Artillery during the Indian Mutiny. His son, F. H. S. Roberts, K.C.B., R.C. I. A. V.C. during the Boer War, December 25, 1901.

Capt. W. N. Congreve, Rifle Brigade, won the V.C. on December 15, 1899, and was joined by Major W. T. Congreve, also of Rifle Brigade, and on his in France, July 20, 1916.

Major C. J. S. Gough, 5th Battalion, was awarded the V.C. during the Indian Mutiny, between August 3 and February 1858. His son, Major J. E. Gough, Rifle Brigade, won his in France on April 22, 1903.

Four Lots brothers also won the V.C. for their brothers. The V.C. was originally a blue for Army, but was changed during World War I to a blue for all three services.

For greater Strength and Unity join the League in '63

Anzac Service

For Migrants

The Minister of the Finders Street Baptist Church (Rev. W. G. Cloth) writes to the Prime Minister's Department to ask that the Anzac Day celebrations be given to the nations to the master of the Italian garments and the Poles on Anzac Day.

Mr. Gomm was a migrant himself, and he went to Sydney recently.

The captain, an Italian, arrived in this country in 1936, and other chaplains to conduct an Anzac day service which, because the migrants knew nothing about the day, consisted mainly of explanation.

Mr. Gomm in Sydney:

As the service closed, the officiated led the last prayer and a shot was fired over the promenade deck, Captain Mortola and all others followed.

Some of the men who saw the crash over the suburbs, there was a blast on the ship's-alternate, and the wreath into the sea.

After a minute's silence there were gun shots from the stern.

Then the ship began a second salute and the last line of the song of the Anzac was sung.

"It was an overwhelming experience for us who knew the hurt and the meaning of the sacrifice," said Mr. Gomm. "I will never forget the great circle of the wreath made by the British flag, the ship's cal for the spot where the wreath had been cast."
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Repatriation Official Addresses Manjimup

Manjimup sub-branch publicity officer H. G. Short has forwarded some interesting notes concerning local activities.

He mentioned, first of all, the visit to a recent sub-branch meeting of an official of the Department of Repatriation, Mr. F. Paterson.

Mr. Paterson addressed the meeting and told members that contrary to the opinions of many ex-service men the Repatriation Department did not make the final decision on war or service pensions or other benefits. He mentioned, first of all, one of the ex-service men organisations and one other person also appointed by the Governor-General from a list of names submitted and recommended by the Repatriation Commission. It should be noted that all appointments were made by the Governor-General. All the findings of the departmental officers and research officers were presented to this board, which evaluated them and said yes or no.

Mr. Paterson urged ex-service men to apply for a war pension if they had any disability that could be put down to war service. One of the decisions of the sub-branch could well be copied by others.

It was decided to sponsor an entrant in the Miss Crowning Glory quest and members were asked to keep a lookout for any like candidates.

New Officials At Calingiri

Senior Vice-President, P. C. Townshend, accompanied by the Assistant-State Secretary, G. A. Sherrington, visited Calingiri on Thursday, May 2, for the well-attended sub-branch meeting. Voting in the sub-branch elections—every position was contested—brought about some changes in office, the final results being:

President: Mr. L. Opre, senior vice-president, Mr. W. S. Campbell; junior vice-president, Mr. F. Fowler, secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. McGil; auditor, Mr. J. Mosesdale.

Appreciation of the efforts of former president Doug King and past-secretary Bob King, was recorded with the sincere thanks of all present. Every effort will be made by the incoming committees to increase interest in the sub-branch and materially assist the War Veterans Home, which the sub-branch has always helped by a members' levy.

Leader At Northcliffe

On Sunday, June 2, the Northcliffe sub-branch was visited by the State President and Mrs Lonne accompanied by Taxation sub-branch president P. S. O'Brien and Mrs O'Brien.

The State President was visit to England, the Continent, and America. The sub-branch was delighted to be favoured by a visit from Mr. Lonne, his second during his eight years as State President. He was last at Northcliffe three and a half years ago.

Mr. Lonne has promised to return in the near future, when he will be attending the Quinnimup sub-branches reunion.