This IS On The Nose

The failure of the Government to recognise the urgent need for an increase in war service pensions was aptly described in the Victorian State Branch journal “Mufii” as indicative of the Federal Treasurer “thumping his nose” at the League’s representations.

A strong protest was lodged by National Headquarters in the following telegraphed terms when it was known that the Government had prevented amendments and gagged discussion by introducing the Repatriation Provisions as a Money Bill:

“R.S.L. National Congress 1966 carried Resolution deploring and condemning the method used by the Government to introduce Repatriation provisions of the Budget as a Money Bill, thus preventing amendments and consequently inhibiting the fullest discussions of R.S.L. proposals especially those contained in the 1966 Pensions Plan. Just informed same procedure adopted this year. I convey for your advice the feeling expressed by the League’s National Congress concerning these tactics.”

The reply from the Minister for Repatriation, while it could hardly have been couched in different words, was certainly not encouraging.

A DISGRACE

Mr McKellar’s message read:

“I acknowledge your telegram of 7th September. Obviously I support the decision of the Government.”

Arising from the August National Executive meeting, a press release was authorised condemning the Repatriation provisions of the Budget as a disgrace to the Government and Australia.

The National Executive also called on State Branches and Sub-Branches to organise to take

what action they could

In July last the Arbitration Commission abolished the Basic Wage and substituted a total wage instead. However, at the same time, they continued and reviewed the value of the minimum wage. If they had introduced in July, 1966.

This amount added to the minimum wage and to all other wages in July this year was $1. It is not unreasonable to assume that had the Basic Wage been continued, it would also have been increased by $1.

It had to be the case, the relationship of the two principal pension categories to the Commonwealth Basic Wage would have been: Special Rate T.P.I. 85 per cent and the General Rate 100 per cent.

As a result of these reviews, the level of the two principal pensions, the Special Rate T.P.I. and the General Rate 100 per cent were brought to a level that bore a consistent relationship with the Commonwealth Basic Wage.

The table published on this page demonstrates this point.

It will be seen from this table that over this period, the Special Rate T.P.I. Pension was approximately equal to the Commonwealth Basic Wage and the General Rate 100 per cent Pension, 35 per cent.

This situation is bad enough. However, the League feels that even this does not reflect the true extent of the decline in real pension values.

Over the years there has been a natural increase.

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War Service Pensions

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crease in the living standards that the Australian community, regards as acceptable. From that time the wages had increased half a century ago, by virtue of changing attitudes are now necessary. It was perhaps for this reason that the Arbitration Commission introduced a minimum wage and identified it as the lowest wage that any worker in any industry should receive.

The League believes that it is not unreasonable to suggest that the pension for Total and Permanent Incapacity as a result of war service should at least equal the minimum wage. If this were accepted as the means of determining pension values, the following percentages would result:

Special Rate T.P.I. Pension—81 per cent of the minimum wage.
General Rate 100 percent Pension—32 per cent of the minimum wage.

This then sets out in the briefest way, the reason for the great concern that is felt among the ex-service community at this continuing trend in the erosion of war compensation.

It was noted with a certain amount of satisfaction that National Servicemen will now be covered by provisions of the D.F.R.B. Fund. However, this in no way rectifies the position for the great bulk of the men, and it may even be said to create an anomaly.

It seems to us that from the information that is at the disposal to us, that two categories of pensioners will result from these new provisions.

The man totally and permanently incapacitated in service in Vietnam will receive both T.P.I. and D.F.R.B. Fund benefits. He will receive an amount equal to approximately twice the value of the special rate pension.

The young man who returns from Vietnam, ceases to contribute to the D.F.R.B. on discharge, and subsequently develops a total and permanent incapacity arising out of his war service, will receive the special rate pension.

Also of course, those who become T.P.I. in previous wars will receive compensation only under the P.I. Act.

If our interpretation of the position is correct, there will be two categories of pensioners receiving separate amounts of compensation yet having sustained the same degree of incapacity, and having rendered equal service.

UNIFORM JUSTICE

If this is correct, the League believes it to be a departure from the spirit of reparation and feels that a measure that would provide for more uniform justice would be a general increase in reparation pensions, coupled with the introduction of a subsidised General Scheme for those currently serving.

To summarise, the National Executive requests R.S.L. State Branches and Sub-Branches to take the following action:

1. Contact local Federal Members and convey to them the League's concern at the present position regarding Repatriation pensions.
2. Undertake where practicable a campaign in the National and Provincial press of each State;
3. Examine ways in which the League's case can be more forcibly presented to the Government and forward these proposals to the National Headquarters through the respective State Branches.

Pensions And Basic Wage

The following table demonstrates how the two principle service pensions were related to the Commonwealth basic wage:

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The new face of the RSL

THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE has been quietly rebuilding its public image at this week's national congress in Melbourne. The narrow, deafening militancy which has dominated the league's utterances for the past decade are far from vanquished but they appear, happily, to be a dying influence.

Apart from its internal welfare and social functions the RSL is a pressure group—a fact for which it need make no apology in a democratic system where pressure groups are a completely legitimate and accepted part of the political scene. In its operations, the RSL is far more open than most and its motives—however they may have emerged from its inner councils in recent times—are generally admirable.

John Blunt?

Do you know John Blunt? His whereabouts are sought by Captain Charlie Shields and his nephew, John, who served with the 5th Bn, Leicestershire Regiment, No. 11 platoon, in the 1914-18 war.

Xmas greetings

The State President, members of the State Executive and all members of the Anzac House staff convey warmest greetings to all League members wherever they may be.

May the goodwill season bring to you and yours everything of the best and may the coming year bring one health, happiness and prosperity.
Annual National Congress

The official opening of the 52nd R.S.L. Annual National Congress was declared by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, KCMG, KBE, CB, DSO, on Monday, 23rd October.

In his opening address, Sir Rohan extended a welcome to all delegates and referred to the happy coincidences in the history of the League. He then found that the League's annual congress had always been held at the grand Union Hotel in Sydney, and that the majority of delegates were of the opinion that the congress should be held in Victoria next year. He also mentioned the good fortune of the delegates to be in the presence of the Governor of Victoria, who had been a member of the League for many years.

JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE FUND

An interesting development in the League's activities is the decision to send the State Secretary of South Australia, Mr. Ken Hoffmeyer, to operate the Jubilee Commemorative Fund in Malaysia with a view to assisting the Ex-Services Association of Malaysia in its administration.

TASMANIAN BUSH FIRE RELIEF

In retrospect the proposals that were included in our submission to the minister for defence have proved to be of merit and, indeed, can be a useful nucleus around which consideration may now given to submissions from this Congress.

There have been important developments in our area of interest in recent months. Most important of these, of course, has been the British government's intention to withdraw from the area east of the boundary which will be completed in the mid-1970s. The inevitable result of this must be a vastly increased responsibility for the more stable and better developed countries in the area, notably, of course, Australia and New Zealand, and, to an increasing extent, Japan.

DEPUTY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ten nominations were received for Deputy National President, the nominees being Messrs. R. Bruce, J. H. Hall (Victoria), and W. H. Hall (Victoria). The ballot resulted in Mr. Bruce being elected. All other office bearers were re-elected without opposition.

SPRIT CONGRESS ITEMS

Twenty-two items, with National Implications, were submitted after having been endorsed by State Congresses. In July, Of these, ten were referred, five were lost and four referred. Details of all will be supplied in the spirit section of the February issue of the Listening Post.

Visited the Anzac Club Lately?
Growing Need For Services Canteens Trust Fund Help

The number of widows and the orphan children of ex-servicemen is increasing each year. They receive the largest proportion of the assistance granted from the Fund for both welfare and educational benefits.

This was revealed in the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Fund for 1966 released by the Treasurer (Mr. McAlpin) in September.

Education.

In 1966, 7,107 children were granted educational assistance totalling $607,930. Of these children, 5,692 were orphans and they were granted assistance totalling $516,152. Assistance is granted chiefly for secondary and equivalent education. Funds are not available to go beyond this except in limited fields. For example, assistance may be granted for one year to a Commonwealth Scholarship student who fails a year of his course to give him a chance to recover the Commonwealth Scholarship.

Welfare.

Welfare assistance has been given by the Fund to meet a wide variety of needs brought about by the whole range of human misfortune. The most frequent has been from illness and accident, hire purchase and time payment problems, rent, mortgage repayments, gas, light and other accounts.

Welfare expenditure in 1966 totalled $232,000. Up to 31st December 1966 $43,000 had been spent in assisting 52,000 ex-servicemen and their families in needy circumstances.

Widows and Orphans.

By far the largest proportion of both welfare and educational assistance has been made to widows and orphans. In 1966 welfare relief totalling $101,000 was granted to widows compared with $67,000 to ex-servicemen and $516,000 out of a total of $605,000 was granted to orphans for educational assistance.

One important feature of the work of the Fund in providing relief is to grant assistance to widows immediately following the death of their ex-servicemen. This is designed to tide her over the period of great distress until her finances have been stabilised and social service benefits have been received.

Afflicted Children.

An important aspect of the work of the Fund is to provide assistance for the afflicted children of ex-servicemen. The aim is to help these children get essential medical and other treatment and special education when they might not get without the help of the Fund.

Up to 31st December, 1966, 2,576 afflicted children had been assisted by the Fund, and $290,000 has been spent on them.

State War Memorial

The Warden for 1967-68 is the Hon. Leslie Diver, President of the Legislative Council, who succeeds Air Vice Marshal L. M. Corbet.

The handing-over ceremony at the State War Memorial was held on 11 November 1967. The Warden, Air Vice Marshal, said that the high standard of dignity and decorum which is characteristic of all proceedings conducted at the Memorial will be faithfully maintained.

We pay a tribute to the past Warden, Air Vice Marshal Corbet, the Assistant Warden, Mr. Doug Halliday, and the sub-wardens (Public Service Sub-Branch) for the excellent manner in which they fulfilled their respective roles.

The Highgate Sub-Branch has accepted the responsibilities associated with the sub-wardenship.

Aid For Old Soldiers.

All old soldiers at Nazareth House, Geraldton, who have been granted R.S.L. membership fees paid by the Geraldton Sub-Branch. This was decided at the October meeting, on the suggestion of Mr. Bill Heath.

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THE LISTENING POST

November, 1967
W.A.'s 1968 Defence Submission

In view of the entirely new situation brought about by the British Government's decision to withdraw forces from the "East of Suez" by the early 1970's, it would seem that the present is a good time for the R.S.L. to reassess its defence thinking, rather than advocating ad hoc adjustments to present defence policies.

The proposed British withdrawal has created an entirely new situation and it may be some time before all of its implications can be thoroughly examined and understood.

The present upheaval in China, the continuation of the struggle in Vietnam and the conflict in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, will add to the uncertainty and the uncertainties of the future.

PROPOSED BRITISH WITHDRAWAL.

We have in recent years had two British defence papers, a reduction of approximately half the forces deployed in Singapore and Malaysia will be effected during 1970-71. At present the total number working with the services in the area is roughly 80,000. By April 1968 the total will fall to 70,000 and by 1978 will have been reduced by a further 30,000.

This will leave approximately 20,000 personnel who are likely to be attached in the main to naval forces (including an amphibious element) and the air force.

BRITISH OBLIGATIONS UNDER SEATO

It is important to Australia (and particularly Western Australia) that of the British statement that it will continue to honour its obligations under the South East Asia Treaty Organisation, notwithstanding that its forces assigned to SEATO will be progressively reduced in number and size.

Britain will continue to honour its obligations under the Australia-New Zealand Defence Agreement whilst its contribution to the Commonwealth Strategic Reserve (which includes naval and air forces) will continue.

The following notes have been submitted as a contribution from the West Australian State Branch for consideration by the National Defence Committee.

BRITISH-AUSTRALIA DEFENCE LINK

It is of interest to note the official British comment, "We are continuing to plan the phased development of using facilities in Australia and of making a staging airfield in the British Indian Ocean Territory." It is also of interest to note thelihood of a new base in this area.

NECESSITY FOR RE-EVALUATION

In the light of the foregoing, it is readily apparent that R.S.L. must consider the wider question of Australia's participation in regional security. This requires that Australia must immediately efforts should be made to extend and develop the facilities in the area for defence purposes.

The implication of new projects etc. must surely be that the R.S.L. should interest itself even further in these questions. In fact, our defence thinking for the years ahead could well contemplate a re-arrangement of both a European and an Asian nature. The present South East Asia Treaty Organisation is an indication that these groups can work successfully.

And yet, some differences with France, the present SEATO members, i.e. Australia, the United States, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom and France, we have worked well together.

In an ever-changing Asian situation, however, it is likely that future defence arrangements should include Malaysia, Singapore, possibly Japan and Indonesia as well as all the others.

The R.S.L.'s Defence Committee should also consider that the increasing, population density in the case of the latter nation its economy and ideologies will become more closely associated with the R.S.L. defence thinking should be in this regard.

Sealing of the East-West Eyre:

From a State point of view, the support of the R.S.L.'s National Defence Committee should be sought in representing to the Minister for Defence the importance of sealing the line between the states on the shortest possible time.

In the year 1967, it is sincerely incongruous to find that Australia is a partner who could have a vital effect upon the defence of our North West.

The completion of the United States Communication Base at Exmouth should be a further link in the chain of Australia's defence communications.

In so far as the development of iron ore ports, the production of oil on Barrow Island and the likelihood of these raw materials eventually being processed inland, the north adds up to a considerable target potential to which the R.S.L. must probably give top priority.

NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN W.A.

There are certain naval dockyards and repair facilities will be set up in this State. This provision of substantial facilities will have had been achieved and it is likely that China will have the means of delivering a nuclear weapon in the near future.

The R.S.L. might well argue that so long as China is the sole power forcing forces to secure Australia against outside aggression, then there is a continued necessity for the adequate protection of the civilian population.

The present progress been made concerning this improved air defence facilities will also be required.

The R.S.L. in its defence thinking should therefore continue to emphasise and support by all means the provision of the facilities at Darwin, Learmonth and other appropriate areas in the North-West.

CHANGE OF TITLE

PROPOSED BRITISH WITHDRAWAL.

Since members of the Citizens' Military Forces are regarded as the "back-up" troops to the R.S.L., a change of title could be an obvious step in the right direction.

This question was also referred by the R.S.L. to the Army authorities some years ago and whilst the idea was rejected at that time it was apparent that the rank and file members of the Army were in agreement that the title should be changed.

In view of this, and since the proposal is still current, it is worthwhile pointing out that while the Defence Committee might again press for the use of one title only covering all our voluntary forces, as a suggestion the A.M.F., the Australian Military Forces, could perhaps be adopted as the title for the R.A.A.F. and C.M.F. members.

If the "back-up" forces are to distinguish both permanent and voluntary personnel, this could well be done by a special

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Australian Forces Overseas Fund

The support of all members of the League and the community at large is being sought to further the fund-raising efforts originated by the N.S.W. State Branch of the R.S.L. and now in the process of being progressively increased by the recent establishment of a National Council headed by the National President, Sir Arthur Lee, K.B.E., M.C.

Independent State organisations—under the control of State Commissions—provide for funding in W.A. The local citizens' committee comprises the following: Sir Ralph Garrett, C.L., CB, CBE (Chairman); The Hon. the Premier, Mr. David Brand; Sir Frederick Sargent, K.B.E., Air Vice Marshal L. M. Corbet, CB, CBE; Commodore W. B. B. Marks, CB, CBE, RAN; Mr. Jack Robson, J.P.

His Excellency the Governor, Major General Sir Brian Chataway, KCMG, CB, CBE, DSO, has graciously bestowed his patronage on the Fund and the Premier has kindly accepted the position of Vice-Patron.

The State President has been appointed as the Commissioner and the citizens' committee has been augmented by Professor Halse Hay, Q.C., and Mr. Len Phenna, and State Executive members, Dr. Harry Hanrahan, Alun Lloyd and Mr. E. Hold-<e>er and C. Bright.

This is a worthwhile project—which will claim the unreserved support of every sub-branch and every ex-member of the Forces because it is dedicated to the welfare of the boys serving in Vietnam and other areas, the type of amenities and comforts so appreciated by servicemen in prior conflicts, and so generously supplied—such as the Australian Comforts Fund.

The preamble to the Annual Report of the A.F.O.F. reads:—

"The war in Vietnam is as long as a piece of string. Nothing is known where the end is yet. The end could be anywhere in the crimson-ball of suffering and trial.

More public effort, more public drive, more public initiative to help raise funds. Payidges for our caring, is urgently required. More money —how much more money? Spiltire or a lancet of string? How much do we care?"

**There by Order**

In Vietnam there is no argument about the war for the Australians fighting in it.

The serviceman is there. And he is alone. He is alone.

Most are too young to have fought in any other war.

But do you remember another war?

Do you remember perhaps a railway station in England when the troop train slowed down at the end of the line for water or for a coal at a whistle-stop called Anywhere? You pushed aside the greatcoat's collar and the half-dream of another Goodbye to wonder if on the particular platform the sign of the town had been left standing when the doors closed. And the woman said:—

"Hello. Soldier. Cigarettes?"

"Was it coffee from a boilong urn?"

Or tobacco on a ship at sea—writing pad in a pocket, a pencil in a stub, a brown envelope, a wooden balalaica to keep out winter’s bite after a scramble in a desert, a smudge at some icy airfield in a hemisphere far from home.

When ever it was, it was an Army issue and whatever it was it came to you, the man, rather than you being given it at the littlest cog of the machine of war. And when or whenever it happened, it was the start of giving had-ness to name it. They called it the Australian Comforts Fund.

But it Vietnam had been a railway station where Australians were first concentrated to fight in 1965 and for a good time after that it would have been the loneliest whistle-stop in the world for them.

Comforts were as scarce as Currencies. But he received were in the main scavenged from the Americans. And apart from cigarettes, parfums, and the clips and spools of Saigon what entertainment he enjoyed was provided by the Malays. Comfort is a way of life and in all out performances the League was happy to accept the role of willing servant to the men that were fighting overseas for the welfare of the Australian servicemen in action at the time.

In the last word in general memory, the League was happy to accept the role of willing servant to the men that were fighting overseas for the welfare of the Australian servicemen in action at the time.

For Australians the name to it. They called it "The Lonely War." And that it was. But again, it was more than that alone. The Fund showed the Australian that he is not alone up there. It is at any rate an Australian serviceman that the candles of his courage burn as brightly here as they do in the otherwise lonely war in violent Vietnam.

How much can this Fund do? That depends on how much we care.

**How Money Raised**

In the first year of operations, the N.S.W. State Branch collected and expended $100,000. How was the money raised?

Children raised some of it by collecting cents at school, running stalls, selling soft drink bottles, by sponsoring raffles. Money came in a heavier shower from various clubs for groups of entertainers who had been to Vietnam and performed for one sixth of their usual fees.

It came from banks, companies, private people—some important and some unknown. It was banked in small donations and sometimes in large donations such as $10,000 that was received from the N.S.W. Government. The fund is committed for, as long as the war lasts.

This commitment is considered by the Fund's own promise to provide freely and gladly amenities designed to meet the needs of those on duty in our nation's name in the jungles, the marshlands, the hills in violent Vietnam or wherever ever in Asia the Australians are serving.

Sure that history will not remember the Australian contingent of forgotten men. More importantly, we believe that the Australians themselves on service all know without question that people at home have not forgotten them now. This is our task.

The Fund has built Australia's first real amenities Hut in all of Vietnam.

This year the Fund must build more. More huts, more concert parties, more film shows and great pageants. It is to help the public to remember the Australians in Vietnam.

More public effort, more public drive, more public initiative in staging shows, pageants and spectacles to help raise money to pay for the costs of caring, is urgently required.

How much money?—how much more money?

Well how long is a piece of string?—how much do we care?

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TWO past members of the State Executive, Jack Rolfe (now Treasurer) and Bob Duncan recently enjoyed an annual vacation in the West. In their quest for fish (and other essential health maintenance requirements) the pair toured the coast for a week, where the opportunity was taken to inspect the new Truscott Memorial Hospital. They presumably enjoyed a few samples of liquid stock.

**FOLLOWING the completion of the business session of the last Presidents and Secretaries meeting, a most interesting and informative farewell visit to Vietnam was arranged for Messrs Neesham (a well known footballer) and Harry served a two-year tour of duty in the Far East as a National serviceman and his comments proved him to be a most observant 'digger.'**

**SYD MCGANNARA, a part-time and regular resident of Hollywood hospital, took another recuperation course during September. He was duly discharged, about a stone heavier, on 18th September, with an O/S corset complete with suspenders to keep in place his elastic stockings. Grave doubts were expressed concerning the real reason for the corset, but Mac assures there is no firm prospect of a 'haemorrhoid.'**

**HUGH Leslie, a long-serving member (24 years) of the State Executive (some say too long) had another spell in Hollywood recently. He was (reportedly) a pneumonia patient but it had been casually suggested that he really needed a rest. walking backwards and forwards to television his wooden leg was showing signs of wear!**

A RECENT visitor to Perth was Mrs Janet Manley, the newly elected National President of the A.W.W. Mrs Mayo succeeds the late Mrs Vasey (founder President) who unfortunately is still working long hours for the welfare of her members. The C.W.A. will be pleased to learn that Mrs Mayo is back to her full energy again.

**RENEWAL of life membership was conferred on A.J. Badger of Northam by the State President, Mr. Pearson, at the recent State Executive Meeting.**

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**WE learn with regret of the death of Jack Tillett of West Australian Newspapers. Jack, as Manager of the W.A. Periodicals Division was closely associated with the publishing of the West Australian Post for many years.**

**A WELL deserved Life Membership was conferred on A.J. Badger of Northam by the State President, Mr. Pearson, at the recent State Executive Meeting.**

**EDUCATION of the young is a matter of great importance. The work of the War Child Memorial Fund is most commendable, and the C.W.A. is glad to support the Fund in any way possible.**

**RAN into Colin Cameron of Jerramungup on his way to make some purchases at the R.S.L. (thereby showing his good sense). We commiserated together concerning the limitations imposed by the march of time and mutually agreed that there was an urgent need for an injection of 'Youth.' Unfortunately, a commodity not available.**

**RABBI Coleman, leader of the W.A. Jewish community, paid a call recently and discussed a number of items of mutual interest. He takes the keenest interest in League affairs and expects to operate in any possible way.**

**CHARLES Willey (ex-Collie, and now Exmouth) who played a prominent part in the planning for the building of the Bluey Truscott Memorial Club was on one of his periodic visits to Penney. He proposes to have a lot of holidays and not much work—go to Exmouth!**

**He showed me a certificate, issued by the Sub-Branch, which had been presented to all the local children as a memento of the official opening of the township, the Naval Communications Centre. The presentation was supervised by illustrations of the main focal point (the Hornet tower) and an anchor to emphasise the naval aspect of the communications centre. Nice work Exmouth—keep it up!**

**BILL Hunt (State President) 1945-50—elected President 1956—was represented at the recently concluded 52nd National Congress by the State President, Mr. Pearson, with Mr. Hanlon as his second delegate. The State Secretary, compiled offices Webb, who completed the party, reported that the Congress was conducted in Melbourne from 23rd to 27th October.**

**IT is most encouraging to learn, from time to time of the donations by some subscribers towards those ex-servicemen who are less fortunate.**

**A case in point is the arrangement made by the Mt. Helena members to extend hospitality to diggers who are patients at the Claremont Mental Hospital.**

**A recent amalgamation of Mt. Helena with Childlow has not interfered in any way with the continuity of the project which is planned for the end of November. It is certain that both hosts and guests will derive the great deal of pleasure.**

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**THE COMING of the new year, 1957, is marked by a number of significant events in the history of the League and its associates. The respect in which the League is held is not fully understood by these up-timers.**

**DEFENCE SUBMISSION (Continued from Page 5) shoulder flash or some other distinctive device. The one term A.M.F. could lift the morale of C.M.F. units and Eureka Hall future petition of the happenings during World War II.**

**To summarise: 1. To the Colonial the new situation created by the withdrawal of the bulk of the United Kingdom forces in the Suez crisis.**

**2. To reconsider the extent to which Australian contribution to its defence might be used to increase local alliances may require to be stepped up because of the British Industry.**

**3. To direct special attention to Western Australia’s continued vulnerability and its western northern approaches.**

**4. The new problem of further collaboration for the iron and oil resources of Western Australia should be kept in mind in the Commonwealth Government.**

**5. The combination of additional air bases in Western Australia and the Northern Territory should continue to receive the attention of the R.S.L’s Defence Committee.**

**6. The sealing of the railway to Wyndham is an added defence link.**

**7. Civil Defence to continue its presentation to local Commonwealth Governments in particular to secure direct financial assistance from the Commonwealth to States for urgent and important defence matters.**

**8. To pursue further clarification of the role of the C.M.F. including the rehabilitation of its members who volunteered for overseas service.**

**9. Uniform design for Australian armed forces and also both A.R.A. and C.M.F.**

**10. Every effort be made to strengthen Defence Trade and Industry ties with our near neighbours.**
The Vietnamese Ambassador, Mr. Tran Kim Phuong delivered the following speech to students at Monash University, New South Wales, on August 1, 1967.

It is reproduced verbatim here because it should be of general interest.

I would like first to thank the President and Members of the Students’ Representatives Council for having kindly given me this opportunity to talk about my own country and my own people, the Ambassador said.

Mr. Phuong has been described as a devout Catholic and a friend of Pope Paul VI, who has recently visited Vietnam. The Ambassador said that the visit was an indication of the close ties between the two countries.

The Ambassador also discussed the situation in South Vietnam and the role of the United States in the conflict.

He pointed out that the United States had provided military aid to the South Vietnamese government, but that this aid had not been enough to prevent the North Vietnamese from gaining ground.

The Ambassador concluded by expressing hope that a peaceful solution to the conflict would be found in the near future.

Certainly, you have heard of Mao Tse-Tung’s concept of People’s Liberation, which means the overthrow of existing social conditions and the establishment of a new society. People’s Liberation is not only a political concept, but also means changing the existing economic and social conditions. The struggle for liberation is a continuous one, and it is only through the constant effort of the people that we can achieve our goal.

The Ambassador ended his speech by expressing confidence that the people of South Vietnam would eventually be able to achieve their goal of liberation and self-determination.

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Vietnam Issues

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move in for attack and back out to their sanctuaries whenever they see fit.

Two more divisions stationed in Laos could be thrown in at any time across the border with South Vietnam.

The artificial character of the National Liberation Front has been pointed out by many authors and students of the question. It is curious to note that only outside Vietnam, the National Liberation Front has gained some credence due to skilful propaganda.

The myth that the Liberation Front controls four-fifths of the territory and that two-thirds of the population was submitted to a severe test in September 1966 when we held the elections to the Constituent Assembly. Despite an intensive Communist campaign of terrorism and sabotage to elude the election, 82 per cent of the electorate defied Communist efforts to boycott the election and turned out to vote, at the risk of their life. Eighty-two per cent of the population had shown that they are taking the Government side.

The myth of controlling two-thirds of the population exploded in the face of the Front. Outside Vietnam, people could see the extent to which the Viet Cong depends on North Vietnam and some still maintain that the Viet Cong forces support themselves in fighting with captured weapons.

ARMS SUPPLIED

Communist General Nguyen Van Vinh, Deputy Chief of Staff of North Vietnam, said in a radio broadcast in March 1966, when he was on a secret visit to South Vietnam: "Three-quarters of the weapons sent to South Vietnam have been returned to the Socialist camp. Half the South budget has been provided by our camp, namely China. The quantity of weapons provided has been so large that we could not transport all of them."

Five years ago, the International Control Commission in its Special Report of June 1962 had already formally condemned North Vietnam of organizing, assisting and directing the armed rebellion with the design of overthrowing the Government of Vietnam by violent means. Later, in 1963, the Legal Committee of the International Control Commission concluded that: "Such a front for Liberation of the South was in 1963 under the sponsorship of the North Vietnam Workers’ Party, along with its armed branch, the Forces for Liberation of the South.

Some dissenters argued that the International Control Commission had also condemned South Vietnam in the previous year, but South Vietnam was accused not for aggression, but only for 'importing arms for her defence'. North Vietnam herself did impound weapons from Red China in many instances.

In all fairness, you could evaluate these charges by the International Commission and judge by yourself. Which violation is more serious, aggression or import of arms for self-defence? Which violation brings us to the state of war today?

THE ELECTION ISSUE

It is argued that North Vietnam had to infiltrate arms and men into the South because they were not allowed to hold elections in 1966 as prescribed by the Geneva accords. The point was completely irrelevant. First the Final Declaration of the Geneva Conference signed by nobody—could not be at best considered as a Declaration of Intent, to which we did not subscribe and against which we made a formal written protest, as soon as it was issued. Legally we were not bound. Secondly, we did not reject the principle of elections as a democratic and peaceful means to unify the two zones. In 1955, we put forth to work in Laos to form a political and military front for the unification of the two zones. The front was not a section of the Vietminh General Secretary Ho-Chi-Minh.

We should be permitted to express the free will of the people. North Vietnam never answered those requests. What she wanted was Communist-style elections in South Vietnam which would result in a government in something like 99.9 per cent for Ho-Chi-Minh. It should be noted that North Vietnam has an edge over South Vietnam in terms of population—17 million against 15 million in the South. With a 100 per cent vote insured in the North, the Communists were sure of their victory no matter what resulted from the voting in the South. We did not think that under those conditions elections could be meaningful. Taking into account the oppression in North Vietnam and the practice of election under a Communist regime.

WAR FOR PEOPLE'S HEART AND MIND

It was argued also, that the lack or slow progress of reform in South Vietnam was the main cause for the front's support from the population.

If the Front does not get some support, this support is most of the time extracted from the population out of fear, not out of sympathy.

Nation-building is a slow process unless you apply radical and brutal reforms costing in human lives, as in Communist regimes. We cannot do that within the framework of our ideology where the right to private ownership is respected. Nevertheless, we did achieve social equalisation in the peasantry in reducing land rent from 30 per cent to 25 per cent of the crops, and in limiting land ownership to a 250 acre maximum per family.

All the land available would have been completely redistributed to permit the joller to come owner. If not for the havoc created by Communist insurgency.

R.S.L. BOWLS AT VETERAN'S HOME

As a pipe-opener, a Social bowls competition is planned for Sunday, 19th November at the War Veterans' Home (situated in Alexander Drive, Mt. Lawley) commencing at 1 p.m.

Nine metropolitan sub-branches have entered teams and the War Veterans' Home and the Alexander Park club will add interest to the competition.

The draw has been notified to all concerned.

Play begins at 1:30 p.m. with the semi-finals at 2:40 p.m. and the third at 4 p.m.

Ladies are cordially invited to attend as spectators.

Bowling trophies and replicas donated by Mr. Maurice Crowe

Afternoon tea will be available at a nominal price.

Our armed forces are confined within our territory. While the enemy can move in and out safely not only in their own sanctuaries in North Vietnam but also in Laos, a neutral country whose territorial integrity North Vietnam has undertaken to respect.

THE BOMBING

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the military potential of North Vietnam not the destruction of North Vietnam. Much has been said about the high tonnage of bombs that has been used, but you should have in mind that Vietnam is not Europe and most of the bombs are dropped on jungle not on civilians in crowded areas.

I assume that during the course of these operations a certain number of civilians become victims and homes are destroyed. These are mistakes due to inaccurate aiming rather than deliberate missions, while you can say the same about Viet Cong exploding plastic bomb charges in movie theatres, restaurants, schools and nurseries in South Vietnam.

In some quarters, and especially Mr. Thant, Secretary-General of the UN, the war in Vietnam is referred to as an unequal combat as it resembles the plight of the United States with all her air and sea power. I think it is a very wrong assessment and very misleading.

Certainly it would be an unequal combat if the United States goes all out to destroy North Vietnam, to invade her and to make her a colony.

But here the objective of the United States commitment is restricted and limited only to the defence of South Vietnam against North Vietnam aggression. And far more than this, there is no evidence to the contrary.

How do North Vietnam and Red China see the world?

1. To reunify North and South Vietnam under Communist rule.

2. To show the world that the Communist armed revolution doctrine is not only valid but successful when tested against the most powerful enemy.

THE FUTURE

Therefore, every resource and effort should be mobilized to bring the war to a victory, because a failure would affect the future of the Communist expansion in Asia and especially in South-East Asia.

It is obvious that the outcome of the Vietnam war will have a great impact on the course of events in South-East Asia.

If Communist expansion through the technique of subversion is halted in Vietnam, then confidence will revive in South-East Asia and all ratings will be given time to proceed to democracy-building and nation-building. When aggression is allowed to surpass in Vietnam, then other Asian countries will no longer be subject to the same process and other Vietnam will flare up somewhere.

Australia is far away from the action. By the nature of its society, and its terrain, Australia could not be assimilated to a country in the world (if I can borrow the expression from General Lin Piao). You might become aware that they believe in the danger of this technique of "Liberation War." But the non-Communist countries in South-East Asia have realized that they all fit the "Liberation War" and all of them are aware of real and imminent danger.

It is no longer a question of whether all these countries in South-East Asia, except Cambodia, are supporting South Vietnam. In one way or another, either actively with troops or only with strong moral backing.

It is no longer a question of whether this process of Liberation War has been started in almost every country contesting in Asia, although not yet reaching the same stage as in Vietnam: some kind of a fight against the Imperialist Front already exists and is ready to take a more violent form of action.

The Prime Minister from Peking, whenever Peking judges the situation ripe.

DANGER TO OTHERS

As you know, Mr. Lee is as much a socialist as any other prime minister in the world. Furthermore he is a Singapore statesman of Chinese extraction and he understands the situation of the area much better than Mr. Thant. He said at a dinner of the Foreign Correspondents' Association in Tokyo on the 21st March, 1967:

"There must be a solution which assures that South Vietnam or what is happening in South Vietnam will be repeated. It must be a credible formula which does not allow, after a war has given rise to the processes which have been masquerading South Vietnam, to emasculate South Vietnam, to emasculate it by force of arms. But because if there is that possibility, or worse the probability that the process can be repeated, then the countries in the peripheral regions may well prefer some permanent American military presence to proper self-protection of self. And I think that about sums it up for South and South-East Asia." VITAL ISSUE

It is clear that besides its basic aspect of aggression, by the United Nations, against South Vietnam, the Vietnam war is an issue which transcends the boundaries of South Vietnam. In its wider aspect, it is a war to determine whether the Communist regime in South Vietnam will be a part or whether the Communist regime in South Vietnam will be in a war with the South Vietnamese people, the Vietnamese people, the Vietnamese people, and the Vietnamese people. We are Vietnamese. Our father, mother, family, and we have to live or to die with our country.

Your country has helped the United States in the war against aggression. This aggression has been inspired, supported and directed by the Communist regime in North Vietnam.

The only hope

We know this regime. Many of us have lived under this regime for some years. Many of us have cooperated with this regime in Vietnam, the under the illusion that we could work together. We had a common goal. But it is time to join the Communist Party.

Many of us fled from North Vietnam to escape Communist. If we wanted this kind of regime we could have stayed in North Vietnam. We are the only people in the world with the unique experience of Communist regime and still getting the opportunity and the possibility to fight back. The others did not have this chance. Once caught, they are enslaved for life.

The Communist and their Front cannot conquer us by military means, thanks to our allies. Their only hope is to conquer us by a victory over public opinion. That is to say to conquer us by deception.

We don't want war. We agree that all of us should disdane war. But the best way to stop the war is to denounce and condemn the Communist regime and to agree that the half that they have fought in, the half that kept the war going on. Our half, we are ready to stop it any time.
MEMBERSHIP IS WELL UP FOR UPPER SWAN

Hugh de Burgh, reports in optimistic vein of doings at Upper Swan and it's a great pity that more reports of a similar nature are not forthcoming.

Hugh says that mainly through the efforts of Secretary Don Barrett-Lennard, who would have a fair chance of getting blood out of a stone, and who certainly should have been in the Diplomatic Corps, we are this year just over 20 per cent up on membership.

By all accounts not many sub-branches are maintaining membership levels and there is much concern about this state of affairs in Headquarters.

In any event, we have no outstanding unfinanced members that we know of, and we like to think they all keep their membership going because they well know what the League stands for, and they are proud of the old Sub-Branch. It is certainly very morale-boosting for those of us who are doing our best to run the club to know that you are all keeping behind us.

With the aid of one or two fund-raising activities, the generous help of some of our members whom we don't often see but who don't forget us when they know we have something other organised, it's a dollar here and a dollar there, we not only pay our way but manage to add little by little to our funds.

Jack McLaren, our treasurer, guards our dough as if it were his own and you can be assured we are all anxious to have our finances in a position where we can help if the need arises.

So far this year we have had only one outing. A few members and wives had a night out at the Nanking Night Club, and it proved to be a night too soon! So the boys were even young enough to appreciate the stripper—next time they reckon they are booking earlier so they can ensure a front seat.

Incidentally, although we call it an R.S.L. outing, all the functions are R.S.L. only in as much as those who go belong to the R.S.L. All such functions are completely self-supporting by those who attend.

We are liable to go again any time, so if anyone else wants to be in it let us know so we can make arrangements for you.

The boys continue to be very good to me. I still cannot drive my car, and it leaves a problem about getting to and from meetings from South Perth to Upper Swan and back. No problems at all, however, for Ron Goldspink has been picking me up lately on his way home from work, so we have the place to go to the meeting, and Don carts me home afterwards.

This past week working at its best—helping the bloke who happens to be in a bit of strife at the time, and not making it a chore, but wanting to do it. Next month or next year it is someone else we can give a helping hand to. What worries me is that there are people who reckon the R.S.L. is a place where there are boozers and nothing else.

Cecil Bolton Passes

With the passing of Cecil Bolton, the West Leederville Sub-Branch suffered an almost irreparable loss. He was a former president, and at the time of his death a Trustee and Hospital visitor for the Branch.

Throughout the years he earned the highest respect of the members. Cecil found no task too small or none too big and he carried out his duties with a smile in the interests of the sub-branch.

All members join in paying the last tribute to an outstanding personality.

Former Geraldton President Dies

A retired Carnamah farmer, Mr Harry Dunn, died at hospital at Three Springs on September 19th, after a long illness. He was 72.

Mr Dunn was a veteran of World War I and a staunch member of the R.S.L. Sub-Branch, of which he was President on several occasions.

He was a life member of the Carnamah Football Club and also a keen member of both the Masonic and Buffalo Lodges.

Mr Harry Dunn is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs F. Lee and Mrs D. Hill, both of Carnamah.

Three R.S.L. certificates of Service have been presented in the Geraldton region. Two of the pre-wartime certificates were presented at the annual reunion of the Coorow-Waddi Forest Sub-Branch, held at Coorow last month.

One of the recipients was Mr Ted Rhodes, a foundation member, who also was a Past Treasurer. Mr Rhodes received his certificate from the State President, Mr Percy Pearson.

The other Certificate of Service came from the Sub-Branch in Geraldton and was presented to Mrs M. Williams, by the State President of the Auxiliary, Mrs A. Williams—a former President and a former Secretary of the Coorow-Waddi Forest Auxiliary—and is the wife of a Country Vice-President of the R.S.L., Mr M. W. Williams.

The third Certificate of Service was presented to Mr Charlie Ashplant, at the annual reunion of the Geraldton Sub-Branch on September 16th. Mr Ashplant—who is 72—is the husband of the President of the R.S.L. Auxiliary, Mrs Tremain, who is Past President.

Mr Arthur Milford, Repatriation Officer of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, and Mr Jim Du Rude, Neldale, had not seen each other for almost half a century. They were then returning to Western Australia on a hospital ship, as veterans of the Gallipoli campaign—Mr Milford in the 11th Battalion and Mr Du Rude in the 28th Battalion.

Their reunion coincided with the annual reunion at Geraldton.

Nickel Makes Boulder Bright

The September meeting of the Boulder Auxiliary, chaired by Vice-President Frank Davidson, had that extra swing which has been evident during the past few months. This vitality is not confined to the sub-branches, but is spread over all activities in the town. The magic wand that caused this revolution is of course, Kambalda, and the password is Nickel.

New buildings are in the pipeline and at the Boulder Auxiliary Council, by the addition of many lights, has made the main street look like the "Great White Way" and painters were never so busy in the town.

Not to be outdone by other organisations, the Auxiliary also has lenders for the painting of the Ex-Servicemen's Memorial Hall, while the gardener, Mr Jack Edwards, has a display of flowers and herbs that has no equal in the district.

Past President Bert Crocker is back with us again after a lengthy stay in hospital, and we wish him good health for the future.

Mrs O'Grady, President of the Women's Auxiliary, again attended this sub-branch meeting, and this practice of having a representative of our ladies' organisations present, assists greatly in maintaining the close liaison that has always existed between the sub-branch and the ladies.

Past-President Tom Castlehow was again for the ensuing meeting, the sub-branch has nothing to worry about. Past-President of Boulder men serving in Vietnam, and the Auxiliary is now preparing for Christmas parcels for those who will not be home for the Festive Season.
THE LAST POST (deaths) . . . . .

August List

ABRAHALL, J. H., 2826, 48th Bn., Central.
ADAMS, F. K., 7202, 11th Bn., West Swang.
BELL, R. H., Capt., Leschenault Rgt., Manjimup.
BISHOP, L., 4767, 28th Batt., Public Service.
BLACK, D., 50068, 22nd Bn., Maitland.
BOLTON, C. A. H., 6526, 28th Bn., W. Leederville.
BOUNDY, F. W., WX 36058, 13th Bde., H.Q., Scarborough.
BRENNAN, G. H., 3487, 51st Bde., late 28th Bn., Belmont.
BUDDIE, F. W., 3064, 50th Bty., Perth.
BURGESS, A. G., Capt., 11th Bn., Perth.
BUTCHER, F. T., 422250, 16th Coy., Highfields.
CHAMBERLAIN, B., WX 37544, R.N., Rockingham.
CHOIS, G., WX 41288, 2/32 Bn., Bassendean.
CLIFTON, C. G., 2884, A.M.E.F., Central.
COSTIGAN, H. T., 2309A, 43rd Bn., Fremantle.
CRAWFORD, S. H., 5354, 16th Bn., Perth.
DECATANIA, F., 3351, 10th Bn., Bedford.
EDWARDS, M. M., 1382, 10th L.I., Darling Range.
ETCHELS, G., 22355, R.F.A., Bullbrook.
FOLLAND, Miss E., WX 33316, 2/11 A.G.H., Retd. Sisters.
FRY, V. E., 9777, 11th L.I., South Perth.
GADSDON, L. P., 2395, 12th Bn., Cottesloe.
GORDON, T. W., WX 42844, 4/144, A.A.C., S. Perth.
GRIFTHS, H., Capt., Merchant Mariners, Albany.
HARRIS, H., 3069, 11th Bn., Boddington.
HENRYNS, E., St. A, WX 38988, A.A.C.C., Subiaco.
HILL, P., 1727290, 1/28 C.A.M.W., Mundaring.
HUNTER, W., WX 26543, 28th Bn., Manjimup.
JACKSON, S. V., WX 1512, 2/5th Bn., Gascoyne.
KEELEY, J. H., 324, 4/12th L.I., Boulder.
KERR, C. C. M., 4525, 3rd Bn., Mettawee.
LEE, G. E., WX 9482, 2/32nd Bn., Picton.
LEWIS, L. W. G., 5881, 2/27th Bn., Kensington.
LUNDY, R. C., WX 2121, 2/35th Bn., Palmyra.
MATTHEWS, R. T., 1411, 11th Bn., Mt. Hawthorn.
MARPLETT, W., 2666, 7th Bn., Narembeen.
MCKENZIE, A. G. S., WX 6684, 1st A.C.S., South Perth.
McGUIRE, W. F., 143, 44th Bn., City of Perth.
NASH, A., 7153, 2nd Bn., Tunks, Perth.
PARKER, W. J., 5171, 16th Bn., Claremont.
PARR, E. E., WX 15187, 3/12th Bn., Edith, Fremantle.
PEDERSEN, C. E., Lieut., WX 7655, R.A.N., Perth.
PIESSE, C. M., R.A.A.F., Perth.
POPE, J. W., 3157, 12/4th Bn., Fremantle.
REDMAN, Jas., 62666, 39th Bty., W. Leederville.
RIORDAN, A., WX 7587, 9th Div., Signs, North Perth.
ROBINSON, T. L., WX 30019, 16th Bn., W. Leederville.
ROUSE, W. W., 2/32 Bn., Boddington.
Kalgoorlie.
SOPP, C. D., 1253, 55th Bn., Darling Range.
SMITH, G. S., 4569, 9th Bn., Claremont.
SPENCER, T. W., 1619, 7th M.G., Bedford-Morley Park.
SUTHERLAND, F. E., 2993, 48th Bn., Albany.
SUITOR, R. J., 4481, 3rd Tunnelling Co., M.F., Yallarn and Districts.
TAYLOR, J., 25032, 2nd Div., Eng., Yalgarwalla, E.C.L.D.
TOOKER, E. E. F., WX 22114, 9 A.A., Newlands.
VAN VYK B., 149, 51st Bn., Rivervale.
WALSH, L. E., 297, 8th M.G., Perth.
WARNER, L. D., 3902, 1st Bn., Geraldton.
WATSON, J. G., 4345, 48th Bn., North Perth.
WHITE, B. A., 62755, 3rd G.S.R., Mt. Lawley.
WICKS, M., 2626, 19th Bn., North Rockingham.
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Miss Crowning Glory Contest

The Miss Crowning Glory competition this year finished in a blaze of glory with the final announcement of winners, crowning of the Queen and presentation of the candidates on S.T.W. Channel Nine in a one-hour show on Saturday, 7th October.

The competition was won by Miss Robin Dodd, of Ashburton St., Bentley. She was sponsored by Boans of Waverley.

Second prize went to Miss Donna Brenner, of Cottesloe, sponsored by the Coastal Sub-Branches, R.S.L. (Nedlands, Mosman and Swanbourne) and the third prize to Miss Julla Hunter, of North Perth, who was sponsored by the Central District Women's Auxiliary.

This 1967 Competition was an all-time record for money raised, the total being $21,500.

Miss Carolyn Byrne, sponsored by Highgate R.S.L., was Miss Charity Princess. She raised a record sum of $2,854.

Generally speaking, the money-raising was of an extremely high order, and the following were the candidates who qualified for a D. A. Freeborn watch for raising in excess of $500.

Carolyn Byrne, Highgate R.S.L., $2,854.00; Christine Wallace, Colonial Sugar Refining Co., $1,809.81; Judith Jenkings, Anzac Club, $692.82; Margaret Morris, R.S.L. Gutha, $338.12; Dianne Phillipson, R.S.L. and Torchbearers, Albany, $1,420.00; Dorothy Hughes, R.A.A.F. Pearce, $800.00; Jill Chambers, R.S.L. Nollamara, $502.23; Kaye Howling, R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Narrogin, $1,117.00; Joan Phillips, Geraldton R.S.L., $505.00; Sylvia Kemp, Companions of Legacy Fremantle, $1,800.00; Maureen Toolin, R.S.L. Cunderdin, $1,003.00; Joy Quartermaine, Golden Fleece Products, Albany, $1,014.01; Lorraine Smith, R.S.L. Riverton, $738.97; Cheryl Poulton, R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Fingal, $1,267.98; Annette Westhoff, R.S.L. Bellevue, $900.00; Jan Pulford, Benton-Palmyra R.S.L., $501.00; Leonie Rodgers, Torchbearers, Bunbury, South Bunbury, Rotary and R.S.L., $905.31; Norma Payne, Boans, Medina, $502.00; Helen Tournay, R.S.L. Ladies Auxiliary Rockingham, $905.40.

In the first eight years of the Miss Crowning Glory competition, a sum of $80,000 has been distributed between Legacy in Western Australia and the War Veterans' Home, and with the very excellent returns for this year, the total distribution over the nine years will now exceed $100,000.

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WOMEN’S AUXILIARY NOTES

Since July all members of State Executive have been, continuing visits to all hospitals, taking the usual amenities, and Mrs. J. Ford, who is a private hospital, has visited many country members who have been patients in various metropolitan hospitals. The following functions have been attended by Executive.

26th August, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Phelps attended W.A. Housewives “At Home.”
26th August, Mrs. Ames attended opening of R.S.L. Hall at Penrith.
1st September Mrs. Ames accompanied by Desmonds, Phelps, Ford, and Tomich attended North East Fremantle and presented Life Membership to Mrs. E. Poat.
9th September Mrs. Ames and Desmond Phelps, Ford, Guilian, and Tomich attended Belmont and presented Life Membership to Mrs. M. Ferres.
12th September, The State President and all of Executive attended reception given by the League in Anzac House.
18th September, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Rolfe and Mrs. Buckle attended Coorow Sub-Branch dinner and presented certificate-of-service to Mrs. L. Williams.
18th September, Mrs. Ames and Tomich attended reception to Mr. and Mrs. B. S. F. White.

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