MEMBERSHIP NEED STRESSED AT CONGRESS

The League's vital need for new members was underlined by the Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, when opening the 53rd annual Congress in the Anzac House ballroom on July 21.

The large attendance for the occasion included Lady Kendrew, the heads of the armed services and representatives of the State Government and Opposition and of the City of Perth.

Introducing His Excellency the State President, Mr Pearson, on behalf of the League, asked him to convey a message of loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen. Sir Douglas said he would be delighted to do so.

CROWNING GLORY

Still time to enter

The final date for receipt of nominations for this year's Miss Crowning Glory contest is Friday, October 3.

There are, thousands of dollars worth of prizes at stake.

To qualify for final judging in Perth the candidates, or their sponsoring organisations, must collect and remit $100 to the Crowning Glory Quest secretary (Box N1087, G.P.O. Perth 6001) by Friday October 24.

Judging is to be held on November 7 at 8 p.m. and the final crowning and presentation ceremonies will be televised on Channel 9 Studios.

Paying tribute to the League for the service it was performing in the community, he made a plea for ex-servicemen who had not already joined to do so.

To formulate and carry out its policies of welfare the League must have strong branches, he said. The search for new members was vital.

Though the League was a highly respected organisation there had been a tendency for some critics to label its members as war-mongers. That accusation was completely untrue.

The League existed to safeguard the interests of its members and Australians generally against threats of subversion or aggression, and to act as a stimulus for the defence of the country.

The State President in his address (see Page 6) paid high tribute to the official custodians of the State War Memorial.

Trophies

He named Mr A. C. Curlew, who retired in May as Perth's deputy Lord Mayor, as incoming State Warden; Mr Curlew will take office from Brigadier G. P. Hunt, who retires on November 11.

Among the main issues referred to by the State President were, the future of both Anzac House and the Anzac Club.

Sub-branch trophies were presented by Group Captain E. B. Courtney, the Newdegate Cup (for the most efficient metropolitan sub-branch) went to Riverton, the Collett Cup (for the most efficient country sub-branch) to Mt. Barker, the Geraldton Shield (most efficient smaller country sub-branch) to Harvey, the Mary Cornell Trophy (for best Poppy Day figures on a membership basis) to Yarloop, and the Merritt Williams Trophy (for the best Veterans Home effort on a membership basis) to Guba.

A State Warden's Certificate was presented by the State President to the Hon. L. C. Diver, who retired from the wardenship last year.

PROUD MOMENT: It was a proud moment for Mt. Barker R.S.L. secretary Norman Burnell when he received the Collett Cup for his sub-branch from Group Capt. E. B. Courtney at the opening of Congress. The cup was donated many years ago by former State President the late Col. H. B. Collett for presentation annually to the most efficient country sub-branch. It was Mt. Barker's first win.

Business sessions commenced on Tuesday, July 22 Congress adjourning at mid-morning for the traditional wreath-laying ceremony followed by the civic reception at Council House.

In view of the State's rapid development, particularly in the North-West, Congress called for Commonwealth action for the establishment of a naval base and docking facilities on the western coastline and, airstrips in the North for the use of Orion aircraft patrol, and also for naval patrolling off the coast.

Consideration of the acquisition of a modern aircraft carrier was also called for.

State Executive election results appear elsewhere.

Congress approved a motion calling for government action against unlawful demonstrations, and another asking for the setting up of a new war-service land-settlement scheme for National Servicemen after the expiration of their training (reports elsewhere in this issue).
The League’s international role

This year the R.S.L. Jubilee Commemorative Fund will disburse many thousands of dollars in international welfare work mainly in the South-East Asian and Papua-New Guinea areas.

Details of the aid rendered are given in the official report on the second year of the fund’s operations, which was published recently.

The decision to establish the fund was made after the National Congress held in Perth in 1966—the League’s jubilee year.

The purpose of the fund was to commemorate the jubilee in an enduring way with the following particular objects:

- To relieve distress and to provide international service in the Pacific and South-East Asian areas.
- To assist British Commonwealth ex-service people in the areas who are in necessitous circumstances.
- To provide training for young people from the countries concerned, particularly children of ex-servicemen, and to finance experts in various fields to work in the service areas.
- To finance the fund Congress decided on an allocation of 10 cents of each membership fee along with other grants and donations that might be attracted from other sources.

1969 PROGRAMME

Malaysia
(a) A $3,000 grant (to be made through the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League) to the Ex-Services Association of Malaysia for urgent welfare and organisational needs.
(b) The West Australian State Secretary to spend three weeks in Malaysia and Singapore advising on organisation, training and fund-raising activities.
(c) An allocation of $2,000 for the first two annual grants towards the building of a national headquarters for E.S.A.M.

Singapore
(a) Provision of two leadership courses (for suitable candidates) for training with the National Fitness Council and R.S.L. youth groups of New South Wales.
(b) The League representative to discuss mutual problems with the Ex-Services Association of Singapore.

Indonesia
(a) A rehabilitation scholarship at an Australian “village” centre.
(b) A six-month course of study in Australia for a student in rice production.

Vietnam and Laos
A rehabilitation scholarship in Australia for a trainee from each country in rehabilitation techniques.

Papua-New Guinea
(a) A $2,000 advance to the Papua-N.G. branch of the League to provide scholarships for children of ex-servicemen.
(b) A course in cattle-raising and pasture production in northern Queensland for two Territory trainees.

B.C.E.L.
A special grant of $1,200 to the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, for its general welfare programme.

Fares subsidy
An allocation of $1,500 to subsidise fares for a group of medical students to work in rehabilitation hospitals in South-East Asia.

Among the Asian youths who have received assistance in Australia through the R.S.L. Jubilee Commemorative Fund are those shown above for the Anzac House roof-top that month with State President Pearson (right) and Vice-president Phenna (left). Woon Ah Jong (pointing) and Manuel Ferreira.

Both aged 23 they were on their way back to Singapore after spending about two months in Sydney attending youth-leadership courses.

Both had previously gained diplomas in Singapore.

STUDENTS AIDED

Last year, having learnt that a group of seven final-year medical students from Sydney University planned to work for a time in rehabilitation hospitals in Indonesia and Singapore, the League agreed to provide the $1,500 towards their return air fares.

This partnership arrangement was an interesting departure and the project was reported to have been highly successful.

The League has now made an approach to the Melbourne University with a similar offer.

Award move at Congress

A Rivervale request for the Commonwealth to create distinctively Australian awards for bravery and service rendered was endorsed at Congress last month. "Australia should stand on her own feet in the matter," sub-branch delegate N. F. Healy said. The State President said there had already been a move of the kind at national level.

Visited the Anzac Club Lately?
League seeks curb on demonstrators

Strong government action against "demonstrators" was called for at Congress last month.

On a motion of the Northampton sub-branch it was decided to ask both Federal and State Governments for strong action against anyone participating in unlawful demonstrations at remembrance services, or desecrating memorials or the national flag.

The motion was carried after lively discussion and following an amendment to delete the phrase "and university students," the tenor of the debate showing that resentment was not directed at students as such but at unlawful acts or unseemly action by demonstrators, whoever they might be.

It was pointed out that in incidents referred to, students were by no means the only people involved and were often in a minority.

Northampton delegate F. C. Fagg said his sub-branch had been disgusted by some of the actions of demonstrators.

Geraldton delegate J. Buckle said it was time to act.

The State President said that after incidents last year involving the Australian flag, National Executive had made representations to the Commonwealth Government.

Attorney-General Bowen had then informed the League that the position was under close scrutiny and that the present laws were considered adequate.

National Executive had gone on to press the Government to produce a White Paper disclosing Communist front organisations.

The Government had refused the request on the ground that disclosure would drive such organisations underground.

Bigger Homes Loan Sought

The State branch of the League is to press for an increase in the War Service Homes loan from $8,000 to $12,000.

This was decided at Congress following a debate in which delegates stressed that the existing maximum loan was quite inadequate.

Congress also decided to ask for an assurance as to the continuation of the scheme.

A State Housing Commission officer, Mr. N. Burton, told delegates that this was intended.

He said land had been set aside for homes at Bentley, Belga and Hamersley, and that other land was to be procured at Dianella and Medina.

New State Executive

The State President, Mr. Percy Pearson, was declared re-elected unopposed at Congress, entering his fifth full term in the presidency.

He took office first in March 1965 and his appointment was confirmed at the following Congress.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

In the election for the two vice-presidents Mr. L. G. Phenna and Dr. A. King were re-elected.

COMMITTEE

For the executive committee, with 18 vacancies and only 15 nominees, no ballot was held and the following were declared elected:

- C. Briggs
- A. A. Cooper
- V. H. Dawe
- C. P. Fernie
- P. A. Fuller
- K. J. Galagher
- H. G. Holder
- A. E. Johnson
- C. J. Joyce
- J. M. Robins
- S. C. Robinson
- P. D. Stacey
- R. J. Stoddart
- J. A. Wagland
- H. J. Wheatley.

Missing friend

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of ex-prisoner-of-war "Spec" Sinclair (2/5 A.G.H.)—last known to be in W.A.—please communicate with George "Tex" Bowler (2/6 Bn), 7 Albert Street, Horsham, Victoria 3400.
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Report from London

From Frank Kennedy in London comes this account of recent ceremonial occasions there.

FOR VETERANS

At the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on June 5 over 400 in-pensioners assembled in the Figure Court for the annual Founder’s Day parade.

The reviewing officer was Princess Alexandra, who was received with the Royal Salute and who spoke to many of the veterans while inspecting the parade.

The oldest pensioner was 94 and the youngest 54 years of age.

Following an address by Princess Alexandra the hospital governor, Sir Frank Simpson, called for Three Cheers—first for “King Charles our pius founder” and then, in turn, for Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Alexandra.

The band of the Coldstream Guards participated.

Among some 3,000 visitors were numerous R.S.L. members including National Secretary A. G. W. Keys.

THE COLOURS

The trooping of the Colour in celebration of the Queen’s birthday was held on the Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, on June 14—Commonwealth Day.

The Colour was trooped by 1st Battalion, Scots Guards.

Her Majesty, wearing the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief, Scots Guards, and riding the police horse Bernese, arrived at the parade accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Kent (personal ADC to the Queen).

During Her Majesty’s inspection of the Guards and Royal Escort, massed bands gave a fine display of marching and counter-marching.

On the return-march to Buckingham Palace the Queen, at the head of the column, was cheered by thousands of spectators who had gathered in The Mall and outside the palace.

GARTER CEREMONY

Over 5,000 people, including many Australians, gathered at Windsor Castle on June 18 for the Garter ceremony at which Australia’s former Governor-General, Lord Casey, was invested by the Queen as a Knight-Commander of the Order of the Garter.

Also invested was Lord Ashburton.

Lord Casey (79) is the first Australian citizen to receive the award in the order’s 623 years of existence.

In the ceremonial procession from St. George’s Hall to the Queen’s Chapel of St. George, the Knights Companions and Officers of the Garter, who acted as marshals, were followed by Yeomen of the Guard, Heralds and Knights of Windsor.

The Queen was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Queen Mother by Prince Charles.

ABOVE: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh returning to the royal apartments after the Garter ceremony at Windsor Castle.

BELOW: Knights of the Garter in procession being led by the new knights, Lord Casey and Lord Ashburton. Behind Lord Casey is Lord de Lisle, who preceded him as Governor-General of Australia.
The Returned Services League of Australia, W.A. Branch (Inc.)

53rd ANNUAL REPORT

The State President's annual report at Congress this year was as follows:

Anzac Day

The 54th annual commemoration of the Gallipoli landing was fittingly observed. In perfect weather the Dawn Service was very well attended and it is gratifying to note that more of the younger generation are paying homage to the fallen at this most significant silent tribute at the State War Memorial.

A minor incident by which would be demonstrators received far too much publicity. Even those at the head of the column of wreath-bearers were not aware of what had taken place, so quietly and effectively was the matter handled by the sub-wardens and police in attendance.

The march through the city was well supported by Unit Associations and ex-service men and women generally, with a parade of some 4,000 men and women—and improvement on the previous year.

The public seem to be taking an increasing interest in the Anzac parade and the service on the Esplanade was an inspiring and moving experience.

The Schools broadcast service at King's Park on the afternoon of April 29 was another great experience. Only those who have witnessed this service with its vast, number of school-children will fully appreciate all that is implied in this observance, and for this we extend our sincere gratitude to those responsible in the Education Dept. and the ABC.

Anzac Day Trust

Both the W.A. Turf Club and the W.A. Trotting Association conducted special meetings, the proceeds from which were paid over to the Anzac Day Trust; for this effort we extend our sincere appreciation.

Credit is due to the Torchbearers for Legacy who assisted the League to popularise the sporting features.

As a result of the grant to the League from the Trust in 1968 the War Veterans' Home received $10,270 and the Aged Soldiers Fund $2,195.

Grateful thanks are extended to the committee of the W.A. Turf Club and W.A. Trotting Association for their cooperation.

Remembrance Day

This was celebrated in the usual way with a commemoration service at the State War Memorial and with buglers in the city streets.

A feature of the 1968 commemoration to the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was an interdenominational service following the traditional handling over of the keys of the memorial to the incoming State Warden, and the laying of wreaths.

To the city ministers of the Christian Churches, and to Rabbi Coleman who officiated, we are grateful for making possible what the Premier, Sir David Brand, described as a great experience.

The Western Command Band provided the music to what was a very significant occasion, and although not supported by the public as had been hoped it was a unique event.

Poppies sold numbered 102,158 as against 83,000 last year. Wreaths sold numbered 456 as against 587 last year. Cards sold were 419 (606 last year).

Total value was $12,335 (previous year $11,542).

State War Memorial

The retiring Warden, the Hon. L. C. Diver, M.L.C., handed over to the new Warden, Brigadier G. F. Hunt C.B.E., on Remembrance Day.

Both in turn brought a dignity and a sense of solemn duty to the position, and we value their services.

We acknowledge the splendid job being done by the Assistant Warden, Mr. Doug Dargle, who takes much more than casual interest in the affairs of the memorial.

He is untiring in his efforts to maintain the standard of maintenance of the memorial itself and the appearance of the surrounding area and is doing not only official wreathlayings but, on occasions when there have been incidents of vandalism, has been quickly on the job to maintain the dignity and solemnity of the area.

To the sub-wardens—provided by Highgate sub-branch led by Bill Fitzharding—and the Kings Park Board, along with Brigadier Hunt and Mr. Dargle, we say Thank You.

There is work needed to restore the memorial to a good state of repair that will cost about $6,000 to carry out. Approaches have been made to the Perth City Council and State Government for assistance.

Veterans' Home

This important work continues as our major project in W.A. The medical centre, which was in course of construction at this time last year, is now a going concern and much appreciated by residents. The bowling green was flooded during the year and in the summer this facility is a great asset.

We are indebted to the Board of Management under the chairmanship of Dr. King for its continuing progressive policy, and to the Superintendent Major Owen Howes for his magnificent leadership, and to his loyal and faithful staff.

Dr. Wheeler gives magnificently of his time and talents and we owe to him a deep debt of gratitude, as we owe our thanks to the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries which maintain a roster of attendants to service the canteen; to the Red Cross, and visiting members of the clergy, and the young people who have for years provided leadership in the Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services at the home.

R.S.L. Shop

This trading venture of the League is now conducted as an adjunct to the War Veterans' Home so that the whole of the profits are directed to the conduct of the home, and at this point the shop deserves our congratulations. In the six years since this change of business structure took place $12,333 has been paid over to the Veterans' Home.

The shop is in Hay Street between Barrack and Pier Streets, a few doors east of David Jones. The premises have recently been modernised and the store offers a wider range of men's clothing and manchester. Here we are served by a board under the chairmanship of Mr. W. S. Lonnie who succeeded E. S. Whitley; he had served as a member of the board since 1923. To Mr. Whitley the League says a big and sincere Thank You and we extend our congratulations to the manager, Mr. Alan Walsh and his staff, who are doing a magnificent job on our behalf.

Legacy and Miss Crowning Glory contest

Congratulations to Mr. Max Shean on his appointment as president of Legacy, and to Mr. Reg Seal on his appointment as president of Torchbearers. Our thanks for past co-operation to Mr. Ian Bonifant and to Mr. Jim Richards, past presidents of Legacy and Torchbearers respectively.

The Miss Crowning Glory contest is now in its 11th year and has raised over $10,542 over the past ten contests. Last year's results were disappointing but the promise to be the best of all. We have over 30 contestants, but if we are to reach our goal of $30,000 we need 40. Some sub-branches have put up excellent candidates and are working very hard. Others should follow the lead, for
both this organisation and Legacy have come to rely on this source of revenue for maintenance of our welfare programmes.

Thanks are due to Air India and Ansett Airlines of Australia for magnificent prizes, and to the donors of supporting prizes, to the panel of judges and to Channel 9 and the Sunday Times for their continuing publicity.

During the year the former secretary of the joint committee, Mr. S.M. Hunter, found it necessary to resign. His successor is Mr. Ted Martin who has already shown very good form and has spared no effort to assist as chairman of the committee.

Finance

It was pleasing to note from the Financial Statements published in the May issue of The Listening Post that what has been a deficit for the last three years was this time converted to a small gain of $437.72 of Income over Expenditure.

This has been made possible only by reduction of the staff and the reduction in the number of issues of the Listening Post from 12 to four a year.

A further increase in investments follows the pattern of the last five financial years.

If one considers that in 1967 we had a deficit of $1,991 this represents a gain of $1,925 over the previous year. While a study of the accounts shows that, in common with other societies and trade organisations, expenses have increased during the period as compared with last year, in wages and salaries a saving of $2,000 has been effected.

The net cost of producing The Listening Post fell to $2,000 an improvement in printing and postage costs of $4,820, and if one compares the previous sales with the Club reduced its loss to $456 for the current year, some $1,460 less than the 1967 figure.

The most disturbing feature of the income was the continued fall of membership income—down by $1,559. This is due to the Executive grave concern and should ideally attract the attention of all sub-branch officers.

The other major increase was in Rates and Taxes—up $1,000. Over this we have no control and must expect further increases comparative with those charged private people.

The two other variations of note are both increases in earnings—up $200 in interest and from our Corps of Commissioners assign a rise in earnings at a net figure $3,431, an increase of $327 by comparison.

Mainly due to parking restrictions preventing people coming into the Anzac Club this has shown a trading loss, but it is hoped that with the increase of the number of multi-storey office blocks going up in the vicinity an increasing number of eligible ex-servicemen working in these offices will use the facilities of the club and so restore its profitable operation.

Some progress has been seen in this direction in recent months but the club requires and invites your patronage. Our thanks to Norm Fraser and his staff.

Aged Soldiers' Fund

The Aged Soldiers Fund is currently making grants to 78 aged veterans, and expenditure for the last financial year was $33,900.

The fund is in a sound condition with an increase in assets of $6,009 compared with 1967.

The allocation from the Anzac Day Trust was $2,195, and Poppy Day proceeds $4,281.

Welfare and Relief

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Maurice Crewe 127 new applications for assistance were considered. Some 200 cases seeking relief were received and 25 emergency cases dealt with—a total of 237.

Your committee also assisted in investigating cases and supervising relief on behalf of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League in Victoria.

Although the general hardships of the depression years no longer exist, there are many ex-servicemen and dependents who through misfortune still require League assistance, and sub-branches hearing of hardships should, if they cannot deal with them locally, refer them to Anzac House.

To the critic who might ask what the League is, doing it should be stressed that in accord with League policy relief is given to deserving cases irrespective of League membership or service in the Australian Forces. Assistance is given to former members of the Imperial or Allied Forces and the Merchant Navy.

Housing

The sub-committee has met 20 times during the year and dealt with many cases of severe hardships. Many applications have been referred to the State Housing Commission and the Commonwealth War Service Homes division.

During the year 20 applications were considered through approaches to the State Housing Commission, shire clerks and various bodies. All cases have been resolved except one which is being dealt with by arbitration.

A check made over the past three years reveals that five approaches have been made in relation to housing single ex-service pensioners; this is because only the numbers who have come forward and there would be many more cases of this type in this State.

The Housing sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Ralph Stoddart continues to look into matters relating to War Service Homes and enjoys a happy relationship with the State Housing Commission. Lindsay Officer Mr. Herbert and his manager Mr. McKenzie, whom we owe thanks for their cooperation.

After a period when there has been a reasonable number of War Service Homes block available to ex-servicemen there appears to be a situation at present where there are no blocks immediately available although a number have been allocated, but a title is not available for one reason or another. This matter has been taken up with the Commission, who have agreed acts for War Service Homes In Canberra, and a letter has been sent acquainting him of the local situation as we understand it.

These representations will be followed up in the interests of ex-servicemen of the two world wars and the more recent wars who may have entitlements under Commonwealth legislation and wish to avail themselves of their privileges.

Hospital Visiting

Major metropolitan hospitals are being visited regularly by some sub-branches working to a prepared roster. Country hospitals are being visited by local sub-branches. The Corps of Hospital Visitors, under its officers, Mr. W.T. Fraser, and Mr. E.J. Okely, works a remarkable piece of work. During the year under review its members visited 1,060 individual sick ex-service men and women.

An effort has been made to continue the League's policy of visiting sick ex-service men and women irrespective of the hospital person being a member of the League. Visiting is being undertaken in the main by the Women's Auxiliary, the sub-branches, unit associations and the Corps of Hospital Visitors.

Representatives of the Auxiliary continue their activities and the League desires to express thanks and appreciation to them.

Eighteen metropolitan sub-branches, working to a prepared roster, visit the major metropolitan hospitals and institutions, the country hospitals being covered by local sub-branches.

The Repatriation Department supplies details of admissions to Repatriation Hospitals. This information is relayed to sub-branches and unit associations as speedily as practicable.

Thanks is expressed to the sub-branches and their members who have continued to discharge the duty of visiting the sick and thus contributing towards their welfare and recovery.

Corps of Hospital Visitors: Appreciation is recorded of the untiring work undertaken by the members of the Corps, especially to the senior members who have continued to serve since the Corps' inauguration in 1939.


The following served as Visitors for part of the year until age, sickness or other commitments prevented their continu-
Annual Report continued

In 1969 totalled 13,015—which was less than the 1967 total. Loss through deaths accounted for 631, and the remainder did not renew their membership for one reason or another. We enlisted new members: in the main young ex-servicemen from Vietnam.

The League hopes that all ex-service men and women who are eligible will become members of the League in Western Australia.

We are advised from reliable sources that the potential membership of the League in W.A. is 55,958, made up as follows:

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| A more conservative potential is estimated as being about 50,000 in Western Australia, yet we can only muster a membership of 13,015. This state of affairs must present a challenge to every member and each sub-branch to increase the membership.

It was noticeable throughout the year that where sub-branches had strong and active leadership and a hardworking committee their membership results were equal to or better than the totals of the previous year. If some can achieve increases so can others.

The membership committee has been very active in its planning, in its visits to sub-branches and in providing assistance where called for. We ask each member of the League to enrol at least one or two new members in the coming year.

The only sure-fire method of securing members is the personal approach. Like your own next-door neighbour this potential member will never become a friend until you ask him in. We need a continuing membership at a high level to provide:

1. Finance for welfare and administration.
2. The requisite strength with which to make effective representation to Government on issues affecting ex-service personnel.
3. A strong, energetic body of men and women working in the interests of those serving Australia abroad.

Youth Welfare

Operation Stand-In (conducted on Father’s Day)

This functioned again last year and we were able with the co-operation of the Navy to provide Junior Recruits at Leederville with a Stand-In Father for the day.

With increased numbers at the base this year, we will require to exert all our resources, and the new committee to be appointed will need to go into action quickly.

Some sub-branches are still conducting Youth Clubs but in others we find members reaching a stage where they are past conducting gymnasium classes and the usual run of party games, but are supporting their local youth clubs with practical help; while in some districts sub-branches are making a contribution by the donation of books to the local school libraries to perpetuate the names of men in the district who have served.

Repatriation

Your committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Holder, continues to do a very worthwhile piece of work. It suggests that members bring to the notice of non-members the action taken by the League to safeguard and improve the Repatriation benefits of ex-service men and their dependants—benefits they enjoy through the continued efforts of the League.

Appeal tribunals sat in Perth for 28 weeks during the year and 555 cases were adjusted by the League in addition to written submissions supporting initial claims, appeals to the Repatriation Commission and requests for the review of cases, previously determined. We record the valuable work done by our members.

Former tuberculosis sufferers receiving pension in respect of pulmonary TB under the Repatriation Act receive 100 per cent pension although their actual incapacities may be less, and sufferers from defective vision and defective hearing who are in the 75-100 per cent group because their pension rate is assessed before the vision or hearing is corrected by spectacles or hearing aids, would not necessarily qualify.

That is, the pension rate does not reflect the actual incapacity, which is essential to qualify for the allowance.

1969 War Compensation Plan

By resolution of the 53rd National Congress of the 1969 plan is based on the additon of a request for a non-Parliamentary committee of review, namely:

"That an independent non-Parliamentary committee be set up to completely review the Repatriation Act, its operation and all its provisions, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Government."

Major points in the plan are:

1. There should be a general review of War and Service pension rates.
   - Repatriation pension increases granted in the 1968 budget came into effect during October. Increased pensions are being paid to approximately 140,000 pensioners or dependants.

   A new benefit—the Special Compensation Allowance—provides additional compensation for pensioners able to work but seriously incapacitated by war-caused disability.

   Eligibility is based on severe incapacity and the new allowance is not paid to all persons receiving pensions between 75 and 100 per cent.

2. That Repatriation Hospital and medical benefits should be extended to all returned ex-service men of the first world war and the Boer War.

3. That the War Children's Grant be increased from $50 to $150.

Full details of the League's plan and the reasons for the submissions were published in the May 1969 issue of "The Listening Post." It is suggested that members bring to the notice of non-members the importance of the League to safeguard and improve the Repatriation benefits of ex-service men and their dependants, benefits they enjoy through the continued efforts of the League throughout the years.
Opportunity will be taken at Congress session tomorrow to make a presentation to Mr. Webb for a job well done. Meanwhile, to Mrs. Elise Webb we would say thank you, too, for the help you gave to Bill, so making it possible for him to so thoroughly discharge his duties.

Group Conferences

Two district conferences were held during the year, the first at Mt. Barker on 12th October 1968 and the second at Kalgoorlie on 21st June 1969. Each conference was well conducted and credit is due to the host sub-branches for their arrangements and hospitality.

A Whistle-stop Tour was conducted over the period 11, 12 and 13th April covering nine country sub-branches spread over a distance of 500 miles.

The tour embraced the Wyalkatchem, Traralgon, Yelbini, Nungarin, Mukinbudin, Bencubbin, Koorda, Wongan Hills and Goomalling sub-branches.

Bowls Competition

During the year an energetic committee organised a very successful and extensive campaign. In January a team was sent to Victoria to compete in the Australia-wide R.S.L. bowls contest. This was the first time we had participated in the Commonwealth competitions, and while we did not carry off any trophies our team acquitted itself very well and should know the form for future contests. We intend to be represented in Canberra early next year.

A.R.M.S. Games

The Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games were again played off in the finals last October. Gloucester Park were successful in winning from City of Perth in the grand final, thereby putting their name on the shield for the twelfth time. City of Perth once more qualified for the Bill Holder shield as runners-up.

In conjunction with the 1968 A.R.M.S. Shield the Yellow Cab Cup for rifle-shooting was once again won by West Leederville-Wembley Club with an average of 1473.2, Mr. Hawthorn being runners-up.

This year's competition sees the same seven teams competing and at the end of the 4th round there are four teams who have lost only one game each. It looks like an exciting finish.

R.S.L. Building Society

Since the formation of the first R.S.L. Building Society in 1962 we have progressed considerably and now have a series of eight Terminating Building Societies, all designed to cater for ex-service personnel who cannot be helped by the War Service Homes scheme, and in this we are assisting predominantly British ex-service men.

Meckerling Earthquake Disaster

While some sub-branches made direct donations to the Lord Mayor's Fund others rallied to our own internal appeal so that we were pleased to record donations totalling $4,441 dollars which was distributed appropriately to deserving cases.

At a meeting of representatives of the Northern Meckerling, Cunderdin and York sub-branches held to discuss the disbursements it was a very gratifying experience to note the unsellish way in which contributions were made, sometimes by people seriously affected, who pointed to others in greater need.

Anzac House and Club

Anzac House: An increase in earnings and slight improvement in the cleaning costs were more than offset by increased costs, mainly rates and taxes ($600), and the net result for the year was some $400 less than 1967.

The Club: An improvement in the gross profit figure when considered with a fall of 2 per cent in trading reflects credit on the management. Compared with 1967 there were cost rises in respect of wages, light, and power and telephone.

Income from rentals of the Visitors' and TV rooms improved slightly and the deficit of last year was reduced to $655.

It is imperative that members make more use of the

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facilities provided, spread the message of the harmonious atmosphere and service that can be had at the Club.

Club Amenities:

In addition to providing cards, equipment, magazines and refreshments for members, entertainers were also engaged.

Miss Anzac Club raised some $864 and donations were made to the War Veterans' Home ($500), the Earthquake Appeal ($50) and the Darts and Bowls Club was assisted.

Balance at bank at the end of the year was $1,735.

Future of Anzac House

The special committee set up by the State Executive at the request of Congress last year has met many times during the year.

We invited through the Press interested developers to indicate their willingness to put up propositions which might overcome our problems.

After going through these in detail your committee selected five organisations to send representatives to discuss proposals with us, and these subsequently put up propositions of varying value to us.

We also called on the Architect, Mr. Athol Hobbs, the Principal of the Public Works Dept., Mr. Cann, and the State manager of the National Bank. Whichever way we turned we ran into the problem of the restriction of the title.

At this time we have a request with the Minister for Lands that consideration be given to the removal of the restrictive clause in the land title as it stands in its present form.

You will appreciate that whatever recommendations are finally brought to Congress will have to receive the most detailed attention. We will pursue the problem and hope to be in a better position to recommend some firm proposals when we meet again this time next year.

State Executive

During the year there were 11 Life Membership awards and 40 Certificates of Service.

The State Executive was pleased to tender informal receptions to the State Executive members of the Women's Auxiliary, officers of the ship's company of H.M.S. Albion, H.M.A.S. Perth and U.S.S. Bainbridge and to the Deputy Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, General Sir Reginald Moore. At short notice a farewell luncheon was tendered to Mr. N. Nicholls, former Commander Western Command.

Honours and Awards

In addition to the honours bestowed upon Mrs. Ethel Ames we are pleased to offer congratulations to two others who have given sterling service to the League and the community for many years—Mr. Reg. A. Nicholas (of Press Sub-Branch) M.B.E. and Mr. Gus Pickett (of Bullaburra) M.B.E.

As State President I have personally attended:

1. 22 sub-branches, some having been visited on a number of occasions.
2. Two Group Conferences, giving me direct contact with an additional eight sub-branches.
3. In addition, official calls and public functions numbered 120 which, added to committee meetings, plus attendance at National Congress and the quarterly National Executive meetings in Canberra, has meant a very full year.

A memorable occasion was the presentation of a Sword of Honour donated by the State Executive to the top graduate of the Western Command C.M.F. Officer-training centre.

A second memorable day was the occasion of the unveiling of a plaque at Kojonup in memory of our old friend and colleague the late Brigadier Arnold Potts.

I have valued also the opportunity on three occasions to address Regular Army units and to visit training establishments of all three services.

General

To members of the State Executive, past and present, I extend my personal thanks for the time and energies expended in the service of others, and to these I would add my special thanks to our two vice-presidents on whom I have had to call on frequently, and to chairman of sub-committees.

I extend thanks to Staff, Trustees, Police, Federal and State Governments, Perth City Council, Lotteries Commission, Armed Forces, the Churches, Torchbearers for Legacy, State Women's Auxiliary, Kindred Associations, Press, Radio, Television, Wardens of the State War Memorial, the Kings Park Board and Sub-branches, their members and individuals have assisted in their work.

I extend special thanks to the Auxiliary for arranging tonight's flowers and for the supper to follow, and to all who have shared in making this Congress possible.

National Notes

National Congress

At the 53rd National Congress, held in Canberra, all States and Papua and New Guinea were represented. My thanks to the State Executive representative Mr. Phenna and the State Secretary who accompanied me. Brisbane is to be the venue for the 54th Congress to be held in October.

Repatriation

A full report on the submission of the 1969 War Compensation Plan is contained in the May issue of The Listening Post. The 1969 plan was based on that submitted for 1968 with the addition of a request for the appointment of a non-Parliamentary Committee of Review to completely review the Repatriation Act, its operation and all its provisions, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Government.

The major points of the plan are:

1. There should be a general review of War and Service Pension rates.
2. Repatriation hospital and medical benefits should be extended to all returned ex-servicemen of the Great War and the Boer War.
3. The Funeral Grant should be increased from $50 to $150.

League submissions to obtain automatic acceptance of Permanent T.B. for servicemen, after special overseas service, have been accepted by the Government. Our thanks to the Minister and his department for his continued efforts on our behalf.

War Service Homes

The State Housing Commission continues to administer the War Service Homes Act in this State and it is to the Director-in-Charge and his subordinates that we have to thank for the present problem of available land for War Service Homes development.

We express our appreciation to Mr. Colin Medbury, Director of War Service Homes, and express the hope he will bring the requisite pressures to bear to solve the present local problems.

White Paper on Communism

At the May meeting of the National Executive, which followed a spate of demonstrations by workers and students, it was decided to ask the Commonwealth Government to issue a White Paper which would disclose communist-inspired front organisations, as most aware the League for many years has been asking the Government for a White Paper on communism as a whole in the belief that the anticipated revelations would jolt the people of Australia into a consciousness of the dangers threatening from within and without. The Government to date has refused on the ground that the Government has felt that such an exposure might hinder the movement underground.

The latest move on the part of the League is an effort to have a part revelation-disclosing front organisations which, if published, would put well-meaning citizens on the alert and assist them to avoid placing themselves in positions where their membership would be likely to be used up against the best interests of our country.

Jubilee Commemorative Fund

Inaugurated in 1966, this fund continues to do a magnificent job not only for the recipients of scholarships but also for Australia and the League. Printed reports have been sent to sub-branches. We were glad to receive recently two young men who under this scheme have been doing Youth Leadership courses in New South Wales and were then on their way home. These young men, as are others, are going
back to their countries as ambassadors for Australia, generating understanding and friendship.

Australian Forces Overseas Fund

Although this project is now conducted by a representative Citizens Committee the R.S.L. is still strongly represented on this committee and has been responsible throughout for its sponsorship, since it was requested by the Services to do so. Over $13,000 has been raised in this State, and in addition to meeting our percentage share of the costs of maintaining amenities and comforts in overseas theatres of operations we have sent two concert parties from this State—one in 1963 and the second at Easter-time this year. Both have been very well received by Australians and Americans of the three services in Vietnam.

Sub-branches are reminded this is a continuing commitment that involves the public, and we therefore seek your continuing support in generating public interest. Donations may be sent to Anzac House.

International Notes

Disquieting developments continue to come out of the expansionist programmes of both Communist China and Russia. The National Executive in its 1969 Defence Submission has again drawn the attention of the Minister of Defence to Australia’s vulnerability, particularly from the north and from the west.

The League considers the establishment of a naval base and docking facilities on the western seaboard a must, and has urged the provision of naval patrol vessels along the coast. It has also urged that landing and take-off facilities—to permit exercises to be carried out by Orion aircraft—should be made serviceable in the North-West, and that combined inter-service exercises be carried out on the western seaboard to familiarise service personnel with the tidal problems to be found on this side of the continent.

Closing Thoughts

Programme for 1969-70

Let us address ourselves to:

1. A review of the position as it relates to the future of War Veterans’ Homes development.
2. Pressing on with finality as to the future of Anzac House.
3. The effective pursuit of all programmes to which we are committed such as Operation New Life and the Jubilee Commemorative Fund.
4. The prosecution of an energetic membership-drive at sub-branch level, using every facility available to ensure an upsurge in our numerical strength—a MUST if we are to prove adequate to the trust reposed in us as we approach the turn of a decade.

General

May we continue in every good work which we can render to those about us, in our private lives and in the various programmes to which we address ourselves within the League. In doing so, may we prove ourselves to be worthy citizens of a magnificent State set in a wonderful country that will justify our best sense of patriotism and Christian duty.

P. PEARSON, J.P., State President.
Bid for new land scheme

Congress last month endorsed a Northcote sub-branch proposal for the Commonwealth Government to finance National Servicemen at the conclusion of their service in the selection, acquisition and stocking of farming properties on a basis similar to that of the now-defunct War Service Land Settlement scheme.

Introducing the motion, delegate R. S. Minchin said that at present National Servicemen hoping to take up land at the conclusion of their training could hope, at best, for a loan of $6,000. This he considered paltry.

After overseas service, he said, the young men of today should be given the same opportunities as their World War counterparts.

Rifle shooting results

The annual inter-sub-branch rifle shooting championships were conducted in the Anzac House basement on the Wednesday night of Congress Week as usual.

Champion Shot was Jim Rawlings (Mt. Hawthorn) with S. Thomas (P.M.G.) runner-up.

The Rifle Plate was won by Brian Stacey (Swanbourne) with George Webster (Swanbourne) in second place.

The State Secretaryship

The League has lost one State Secretary and gained another. Mr Bill Webb, after ten years in office, has retired for health reasons and has been replaced by Mr Doug Bruce.

Mr Webb joined the League's administrative staff in 1958 and became State Secretary the following year.

He served with the 2/32nd Battalion and prior to that had put his hand to many things, including farming, shearing and wheat lifting.

Before entering service with the League he was secretary of the Blinded Ex-servicemen's Association for 12 years.

His big assignments in the League included organisational work for the Desert Memorial unveiling at Albany and for the Voyager disaster and Churchill Scholarship fund appeals.

The R.S.L. doorknock in the last-named appeal raised over $77,000.

At Congress last month Bill's services to the League were honoured by the award of a Life Membership.

Mr Bruce was born at Collie and educated in Canberra.

In the World War he served with the infantry in the New Guinea area and rose to the rank of captain.

He was liaison officer on brigade and divisional headquarters and, later, interrogating officer for war atrocities determinations.

For the last 14 years he was chief clerk at the War Memorial headquarters, Perth.

He is married, with four daughters, and lives at Wembley Downs.

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BURGESS, R. J., WX6946, 3/5th Fd., Regt., Kalgooile.


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Better deal sought for pensioners

A number of resolutions made at Congress last month seek a better deal for war and service pensioners. Among these were the following:

- The right for service pensioners to earn up to 100 per cent extra without prejudice to their existing pension.
- The war widows' pension to be extended to widows of ex-servicemen receiving an invalidate pension, regardless of the cause of the husband's death.
- A regular review of war pensions by an independent tribunal.
- Increases in Repatriation and Social Service pensions to be made retrospective to the pay day following the budget speech.
- A medical check of all former prisoners of war.

Poppy Day

The League is to ask for street-appeal activities on Poppy Day to be restricted to the sale of poppies. This was decided at Congress last month on the initiative of the Rockingham sub-branch.

Veterans' Home crafts display was popular

Public response to the Arts, Crafts and Activities exhibition at the War Veterans' Home last month was so good that it was extended for five days—towards July 27.

Members of several unit associations were among the visitors that day.

The exhibition was conducted to coincide with the R.S.L. Congress and the Women's Auxiliary conference.

Some Congress delegates, at the end of their labours, were taken by charter-bus to see the exhibition and were cordially received by the Home superintendent, Major O. Howes.

He told them that most of the exhibits had been produced in the crafts room and that the 400 articles on show had taken about six months to produce.

He said the fine quality of the goods was the more remarkable because the average age of the residents was just on 76 years.

The exhibitors had bought the materials used at cost through the Red Cross or the League and were free to sell or dispose of the articles as they wished.

The delegates were also addressed by Mr Pat Irwin (77), the only resident who was part of the original intake of 30 in 1961.

Among the exhibits were numerous hand-woven articles, much cane work including laundry and flower baskets, and some very attractive ladies' handbags. Also shown were trophies and equipment relating to the sporting activities at the home.

FOOTNOTE: At the time of the visit there were 158 veterans at the home. "About 40 of them women. Four of the residents were over 90 years of age. One of these, Miss E. Crows, has been a Great War nurse. Another, Mr Self, recently became secretary of the Boer War Association.

Women's Auxiliary Notes

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Mrs J. F. Ames, M.B.E., J.P., was presented with the Auxiliary Life Membership badge in June in recognition of her 21 years of service on the executive.

ELECTIONS
At Conference last month State Executive vacancies were filled as follows:

STATE PRESIDENT: Mrs A. Rowe
VICE-PRESIDENTS: Mesdames S. V. Stockmijn and J. Rolfe.
TRUSTEES: Mesdames R. Young (North-East Peninsula), N. Ferres (Belmont) and V. Tomich (City of Perth).

COMMITTEE: Mesdames B. Guinan (City of Perth), G. Ford (Victoria Park), H. Holder (City of Perth), L. Young (Shenton Park), N. Lowe (Belmont), M. Sullivan (Bassendean), L. Kemp (Belmont), A. Donnollie (Scarborough), N. Hawker (Belmont) and J. Betteridge (Scarborough).

DONATIONS
Cheques were presented to the following: War Veterans' Home (mainly maintenance), $173; State War Memorial, $38; War Widows Building Appeal, $413.

Sincere thanks to all contributing auxiliaries!

EXHIBITION
On July 15 Mrs Ames officially opened an exhibition of handicrafts at the Veterans' Home that evening. In the presence of country delegates, two portable TV sets were presented to the home medical centre.

APPRCIATION
At Conference Mrs A. Crowes, incoming State President, paid tribute to Mrs Ames, and the years of service she had given the auxiliaries. "On behalf of all auxiliaries she presented Mrs Ames with a tray-mobile and silver tea service, a battery-operated wall clock and a dried floral arrangement."
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

FEDERATED T.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. BRANCH)—2nd Floor, Wellington Buildings, 73-75 South Street, Perth. Second Monday, President, N. G. Simms; Secretary, G. Fielding.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND AFRICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Office, 1st Floor, Kearsney House, Fremantle. Every second Monday, President, P. J. De Kock; Secretary, J. S. Bryant. 130 Grand Trunk, Mosman Park, 6012 (24712).

10TH LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Meetings are bi-monthly fourth Friday (2 p.m.) in January, March, May, July, August and November. Reunion on Show Night, President, J. F. McSherry, 52A Altona Street, South Fremantle (672446).

ROYAL ARMED SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meetings third Monday at Anzac House, 8 p.m. President, W. J. Trow, T.101349, G.P.O. Perth (283360). Secretary, J. S. Bryant. Box 22246 (283226).

16TH BATTALION AND 44TH BATTLE CORPS ASSOCIATION—Meetings are at Railway Institute (1st Floor), 30 High Street, Fremantle, every third Tuesday, President, W. J. Trow, T.101349, G.P.O. Perth (283360). Secretary, J. S. Bryant. Box 22246 (283226).


32ND BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President, F. P. Reynolds, 54 Cliveden Street, North Perth (244118). Secretary, J. S. Bryant. Box 22246 (283226).


Brisbane EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.—Meets third Friday each month in the basement, Anzac House, 8 p.m. President, W. T. Bower, T.101349, G.P.O. Perth (672446). Secretary, Des Beard, 20 War-road, Mt. Yokine (653413). Welfare Officer, Phil Giff, 1st Clifton-crest, Mt. Lawley (712719). Meetings are on the last Wednesday each month, at the Anzac House, 8 p.m. President, W. T. Bower, T.101349, G.P.O. Perth (672446). Secretary, Des Beard, 20 War-road, Mt. Yokine (653413). Welfare Officer, Phil Giff, 1st Clifton-crest, Mt. Lawley (712719).


LIMELIGHT SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION INC. ("Winglies and Summies")—President, A. E. Shorter, Secretary, H. W. Glick (215688). Meetings, first Thursday each month except January.

THIRTYNINERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA—Meeting at Anzac House, 8th Wednesday, 4th week in January, President, W. T. Bower, T.101349, G.P.O. Perth (283360). Secretary, G. H. C. Trevelyan, 13 Clifton-crest, Mt. Lawley (712719). Meetings are on the last Wednesday each month, at the Anzac House, 8 p.m. President, W. T. Bower, T.101349, G.P.O. Perth (672446). Secretary, Des Beard, 20 War-road, Mt. Yokine (653413). Welfare Officer, Phil Giff, 1st Clifton-crest, Mt. Lawley (712719).


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R.S.L. bowls success

The R.S.L. Bowls Section has had a most successful year, with 11 new teams entering the competition.

A small series with 14 teams was conducted at the War Veterans' Home and won by a team from Inglewood.

The veterans look forward keenly to these events.

The home supplied afternoon tea.

Sixty-three teams entered in the competition for the "Morrie Crewe" Perpetual Trophy held over the weekend of April 12-15.

There were teams from Bunbury, Tamlin, Coron, Bruce Rock and Tambellup.

Winners were a team from Yorke consisting of R. Vaughan, Max Lively, J. Oldfield and Bob Allinso. This team won by a very narrow margin from an Osborne Park team.

The team gaining second place were last year's winners and they were unfortunate to lose on percentage.

Trophies were presented at a buffet tea in the Anzacs House ballroom on Sunday, April 13.

The next National Fours competition is to be held in Canberra next year, and the Committee is anxious for this State to be represented by at least one or two teams.

Last January a team consisting of Lionel Hayward, Morrie Crewe, Bert Shellabear and George Monkhouse, represented the State at the Melbourne championship.

A cow-cocky's daydream

I long for a cow of modern make
That milks five days for leisure's sake,
That sleeps on Saturday and rests on Sunday
To start again fresh on Monday.

Or for a herd beyond suggestion
Of stags, bloat or indigestion,
That never bothers to excite us
With chills, or fever, or mastitis.

I sigh for a new and better breed
That takes less grooming and less feed,
That has the reason, wit and wisdom
To use a seat and flushing system.

I yearn each weekend, long and clear,
Less work to do from year to year,
And cows to reach production peak
All on a five-day working week.

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Competition success for Highgate

This year's award of the Mary Cornell Trophy (for the best Poppy Day effort on a membership basis) went to the Highgate sub-branch and here the sub-branch president, Mr Vernon Dave, is shown at Congress receiving the trophy from Group Captain E. B. Courtney.

Country "Vices"
The League's Country Vice-presidents were named at Congress by State President Pearson as follows:

North-West: Dr H. Hanrahan.
Northern Districts: Mr. M. Williams.
Great Southern: Mr C. Stretch.
Goldfields: Mr F. Meyers.
West Coastal: Mr S. Crook.
South-West: Mr F. Gompa.
Central Districts: Mr K. McIvor.

Appointment was confirmed by Congress. Paying a tribute to the "Country Vice-presidents over the years" Mr Pearson said their work involved much time, travel and personal expense and the League was greatly indebted to them.

Final tribute to Vietnam Victim

Another Collie soldier has made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Vietnam jungles—Keith Dewar.

His remains were buried last month at Collie following a service in the Lutheran church.

Earlier this year Jim White was killed.

Many—gathering at the church and graveside—paid a last tribute to Keith, including sub-branch representatives and several young Vietnam campaigners.

MAN HONOURED: Colonel Victor Steffanoni (for many years its president) has been made an honorary life-member of the R.A.E. Ex-service men's Association.

The Means Test

Congress this year gave its support to a Millen sub-branch motion asking for support of efforts to abolish the Means Test on pensions.

Several of the sub-branches represented were pressing for action of the kind.

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