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# ELECTION CAMPAIGN FEATURES

This week's highlights of the municipal election campaign affecting Balmain and Rozelle are an invitation by The Balmain Association to all candidates for the two wards to address its general meeting, and a further challenge by the Labor "breakaways" to the Official Labor team.

Mr. Robert Irving, President of The Balmain Association, has invited candidates to speak at its general meeting on Thursday, December 5, at 8 p.m. in Balmain Town Hall.

"We hope that many of the voters in these wards will avail themselves of the opportunity to evaluate the policies and capabilities of the candidates at this meeting," he told "The Link".

"This Association feels it can best promote the cause of efficient and responsible government in the municipality, not by endorsing candidates, but rather by offering electors the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the wide range of candidates before voting."

## Decisions

Mr. Irving said that in the last year the performance of Leichhardt Council had left a great deal to be desired. Many decisions vitally affecting the future of Balmain had been imposed upon Balmain by the Council.

Three important ones had been the development of Mort's Dock as a container site, the chemical tank installation in Vin-

cent Street, and the decision not to adopt the Library Act which would make a public library available.

Little or no justification for decisions such as those had been given by the Council's ruling majority.

"Such a state of affairs must not continue in the new Council," said Mr. Irving, "for there will, no doubt, be further attempted encroachments on Balmain by Government bodies and by noxious industries."

"There are two possible outcomes to the election: There may be a ruling party majority provided by either the Balmain - Leichhardt Labor Party or the Australian Labor Party; or there may be a state of affairs where no party controls the Council, so that decisions will depend upon shifting alliances of party blocs and independents."

"Whichever of these eventuates, The Balmain Association feels that the performance of Council will be greatly improved if electors in each ward select the best qualified candidates irrespective of party affiliation or the lack of it."

## Challenge

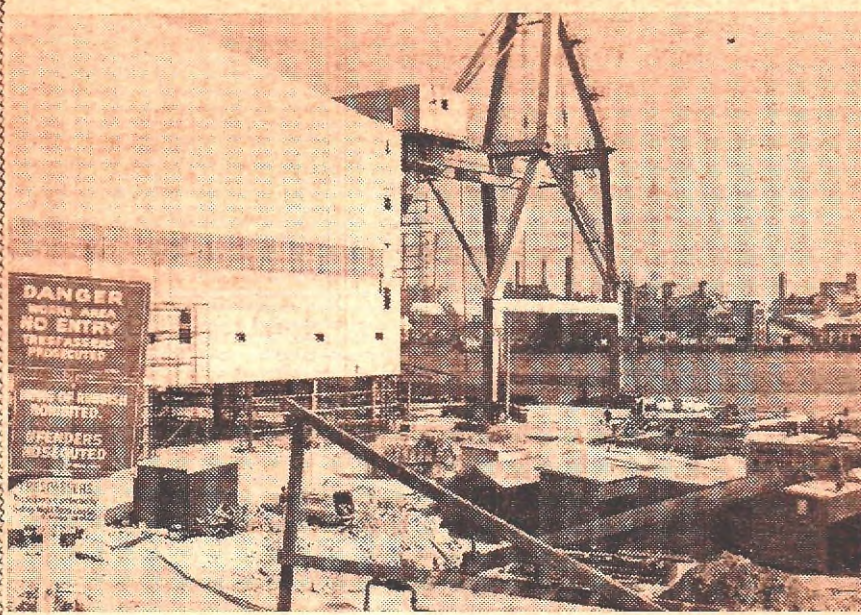
A challenge to the Official Labor team to face the electors of Leichhardt Municipality by addressing a public meeting has been made by Ald. N. Origlass, who is seeking re-election to Council as one of the three representatives of Balmain Ward.

As reported in last week's issue of "The Link", the campaign director for the Balmain-Leichhardt Labor Party, Mrs. Leigh Roussos, has not yet received a reply to her letter delivered to the home of Mr. A. Geoghegan, campaign director for the Official Labor group.

In this letter Mrs. Roussos, on behalf of her group—of which Ald. Origlass is a member—challenged the Official Labor group to a public debate in which the breakaway group would affirm: "That the present Leichhardt Council under the name of Labor has betrayed the people of this municipality."

(Although Mrs. Roussos had not received a reply, "The Link" was informed by an A.L.P. spokesman that the letter

## Controversial Construction



Our picture shows progress in the construction of the Maritime Services Board's container terminal at White Bay, subject of much controversy in Balmain circles.

had been dropped into the wastepaper basket and that they would not sit in a meeting with "those people".

In a statement to this paper, Ald. Origlass said that Mr. Turner and his mates apparently would not face his party in a public debate.

"They could have attempted to deny our charge," he said. "Let us challenge them then to face the people on their own by addressing a public meeting. Surely candidates must be prepared to stand up before the electors!"

Ald. Origlass added: "Mr. Turner prefers to distort the truth about the fight Ald. Wyner and I have waged in defence of the Balmain people."

"I ask 'The Link' to give me space to counter the false allegation that Ald. Wyner and I had originally proposed the motion to give Council approval of chemical tanks in Balmain."

(See Ald. Origlass's statement elsewhere in this issue.)

## LABOR POLICY

An essential feature of the platform of the Official Labor group of candidates for the Rozelle Ward is that it represents the Official Labor Movement.

Ald. D. Casey, on behalf of the group, said: "It has always been your Labor Party which has managed the government in the best interests of all the people—not for just a section."

## Survey

One of the planks of the Council election platform of the Official Labor group of candidates for the Balmain Ward is a sociological survey of the facilities available in Leichhardt Municipality for aged and invalid pensioners, housing needs and other welfare items.

It is proposed that this survey be made by the Council of Social Service of N.S.W.

"Anti-Labor candidates are talking of change. Voters should not fall for that. We want Labor in control of our administration, whether in Federal, State or Local Government."

Ald. Casey added that, if elected, his group would adopt the Library Act for the provision of library facilities in Leichhardt Municipality, thereby qualifying for a Government subsidy.

They would also pursue the question of providing parking facilities in the district, and would continue to improve its footpaths and roads.

## GUESSING COMPETITION

Balmain Hospital Auxiliary's guessing competition for a trip to Tasmania was won by ticket No. 2876—N. Devonshire, Balmain 12-ft. Sailing Club.

## Column NINE

### GUESS WHO?

Where does the fault lie when it is as plain as the nose on your face that this suburb is reversing so fast that it threatens to become critical?

Is the fault with the planning and zoning authorities, the Council, or the local Member of Parliament?

One thing is certain: it makes little difference where you place the blame, for NOTHING has been done by the Council or the Member to excite the people or attract the interest of the large papers or television stations.

Radio, Press and television are always alert, and it only takes imagination and enthusiasm from any Council or Member to gain their interest.

Nothing—and we repeat, NOTHING—can be achieved by an exchange of letters between one Department and another. The only way to bring this to a head is by a display of over-enthusiasm, exceptional vitality and extreme imagination, so powerful everyone will sit up and take notice.

People are also apt to become disinterested in civic affairs, particularly when a local governing body shows no enthusiasm.

The Labor Member could stand on his feet and demand to be heard on the ridiculous zoning of this suburb. He could attack the Government's policy of development everywhere except in Balmain. He could demand to know why large parcels of land remain industrial whilst the suburb is bleeding to death for residents.

This is the type of action expected from a Member who wants to arrest the backward trend. Only if these questions are answered will we know who is to blame.

One way of showing your concern will be by voting on Saturday week for a man or woman—NOT FOR A PARTY.

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- Annandale: J. Prendergast, Elspeth Lake, L. Barton, Roy Waterson, J. Hannan, S. Goldstein, G. Lapaine, J. R. Howard.
- Lilyfield: Viola Bartlett, C. A. Poole, L. A. Bolzan, Dr. H. L. Hawkins, A. R. Rentel.
- Rozelle: R. H. Taylor.
- Leichhardt: H. Khedoori, J. Morris, Ald. W. B. Dougherty, A. Monticciolo.
- Glebe: Margaret Kelly.

Inserted by J. Ryan, Hon. Secretary.

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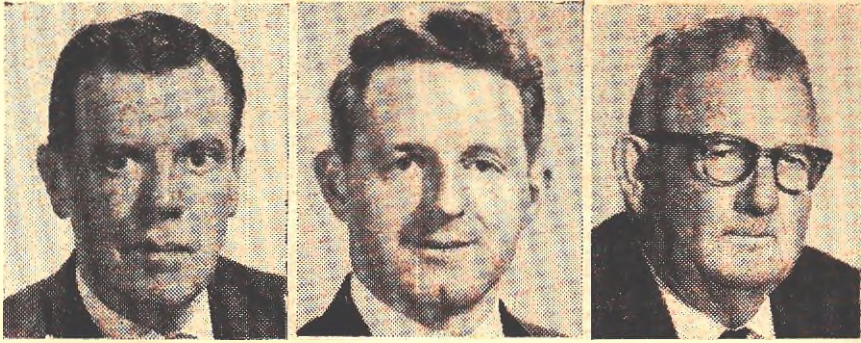
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(Authorised by A. Geoghegan, 27 Gow Street, Balmain)

**YOUR OPINIONS**

**Ferry Service**

This is an open letter to our local State Member on the subject of Balmain ferry services and increased fares.

Now that those people wishing to use the ferry as a means of commuting between Balmain and the city have to pay an extra 3c per trip, it would appear to be high time that more vigorous representation was made on their behalf by the local Parliamentary representative for a more realistic morning peak-hour timetable.

The present hiatus between 7.40 a.m. and 8.25 a.m. on city-bound ferries from Darling Street is not only inconvenient, it is ridiculously short-sighted in that it encourages scores of people to use the already overburdened road transport system.

Furthermore, the Hunter's Hill ferry run, which has been diverted to give Balmain residents a wider daily service, is one of the few means of public transportation that did not suffer a recent rise in fares.

The Hunter's Hill service is operated at consistent yearly losses of some thousands of dollars, without any threat to continuity. Can it be that Hunter's Hill residents are more deserving of a ferry service run for the convenience of its patrons than those of Balmain?

And could it be that the current additional cost to Balmain travellers will be used to offset (however slightly) those substantial annual liabilities on the Hunter's Hill service?

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The vice-president of the committee, Mr. E. Smith, who is headmaster of Ibrox Park Boys' High School—told "The Link" that there now appeared to be no doubt that there was an overwhelming interest among politically-conscious electors in the subject of establishing public libraries in the municipality.

This showed, in his opinion, that this municipality should have been one of the first, instead of one of the last, to enjoy this amenity.

"The political candidates have not been slow to recognise this feeling amongst electors," he said. "In all the election material I have seen, the provision of libraries is a prominent plank."

"It is pleasing to see, too, that the candidates are not to be fobbed off with the second rate. I saw one party platform which displays a picture implying that when we get our libraries, they will be good ones."

More than half the candidates have already answered the committee's query as to where they stood on this matter. Others belong to parties who have answered; while still others who have not yet answered are known to be in full agreement with the aims of the committee.

Only a few replies have come from Rozelle Ward candidates.

Mr. Smith said there had been plenty of answers from candidates for Balmain, Annandale, Leichhardt and Lilyfield, many of which were well-

written, lucid expressions of opinion, auguring well for the kind of Council likely to be constituted in the future.

"The aim of the committee," he said, "in desiring to have the Library Board consulted was to avoid the kind of sectionalism that destroyed a plan which by now might have been in full operation. This is a danger we must avoid at this time."

"It doesn't matter where the central library is situated, so long as it is established in a busy, convenient place. And when the branch libraries come, they, too, should be in a busy place. But let us give heed to the advice of the Library Board experts."

Mr. Smith said he had not seen so much interest in a local election in his time in the district. He hoped the complicated form of the election would not confuse electors, and that electors would take the trouble to vote.

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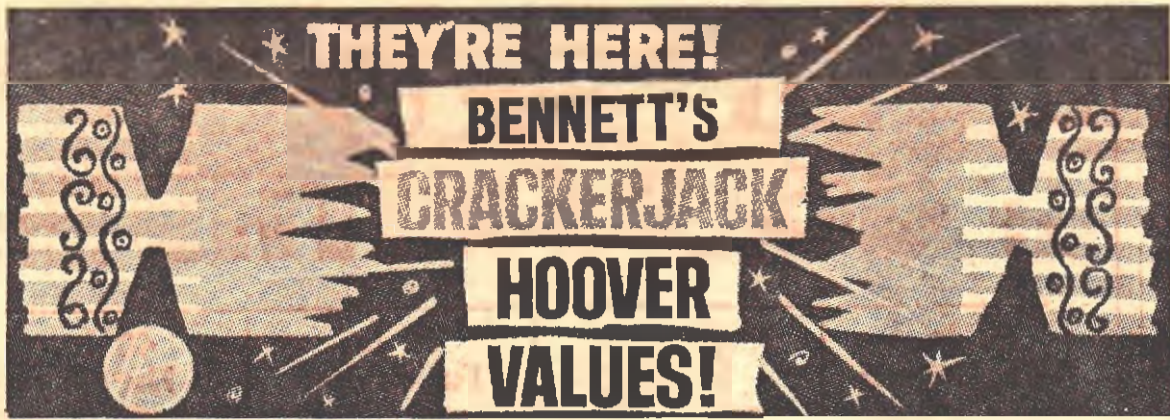
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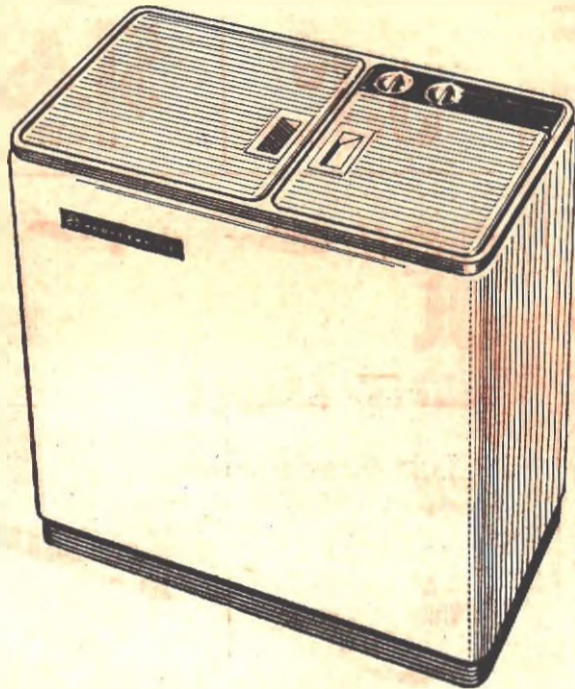


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# Chemical Tank Installation

In a statement to "The Link", Ald. N. Origlass has replied to the allegation (published last week) by Mr. Francis Turner, one of the Official Labor candidates for Balmain Ward, that Aldermen Origlass and Wyner had actually initiated the move for Council approval of chemical tanks in Balmain.

Ald. Origlass said: "In 1960 Ald. Wyner and I, backed by a petition of 750 residents, fought to stop the Lubrizol Oil Terminal being established at the Balmain Baths, and we fought against establishment of a smelting works at Mort Bay.

"In 1966 we fought against a container terminal and steel handling depot at Mort Bay, being backed by a poll of residents who voted against the development by 6914 to 558. That year, too, we resisted in many directions the M.S.B. proposal for container terminals at White Bay.

"And in November, 1960, we opposed the chemical tank farm at Vincent Street against the activities of State, Federal and other authorities.

"In 1962 the M.S.B. wanted that it required the land for its own port purposes, but in 1964 changed its mind. Legal

advice was that Council's chances of success in the event of an appeal were reduced to less than even.

"Nevertheless at the Caucus meeting on October 29, 1965, I moved and Ald. Wyner seconded disapproval of the application. Our motion was defeated.

"At the (secret) Works Committee on November 2, a Rozelle alderman moved approval of the chemical tanks, but just before this Works Committee report was read to the Council meeting, Ald. Casey left the chamber. None of his supporters would rise to speak.

"The aldermen from the ward concerned (Balmain) were 'on the spot'. The onus was placed squarely on them to move the Works Committee report. The alternative was expulsion. And at that time wide public concern at the chemical tank threat had not yet been manifested.

"When the public attitude was further revealed, Ald. Wyner and I continued to oppose the chemical tank farm.

"On November 12, 1967, we spoke and voted against approval of the application. On December 19 the Rozelle Labor Party branch con-

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gratulated us. Next day a public meeting of over 300 people called by the Balmain branch of the Labor Party endorsed our stand. On January 8, 1968, the Balmain branch unanimously (including Mr. Francis Turner) pledged its continued firm support of Ald. Wyner and me.

"But by February Turner and a small minority of the Balmain branch capitulated and broke away from the people's fight. Need we ask why they won't debate or even stand up before the electors?"

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What a good day it was for the annual R.S.L. Christmas Tree! Thanks go to the many members who helped to make it one of the best days ever. These include:

Bob Pilcher (Silver), who put all the members' envelopes in order, as well as nomination forms in case of a query at Birchgrove Oval.

Teddie Thurtell, Tommy Smith, Tommy Quinn, Miffins Smith, and quite a few others who helped assemble about 40 dinkies and 20 wheelbarrows.

George Molan for transport, also the Welcome Social Club for use of equipment for refreshments, and Baryl Jones for the sandwiches; not forgetting members who subscribed to the guessing competitions, and the Women's Auxiliary who distributed the presents.

Sports Club results for November 19: Men's bowls, Joey Ryan, from Bill Smith. Ladies' darts,

Maggie Howard, from Norma Sweeny.

The fishing trip on Sunday meant a return to the winning list of Donnie Geary, who gained two prizes—the biggest, and most fish. The smallest was caught by Peter Rosnow, and the visitors' trophy went to D. Pender. There were 16 starters (biggest crew to date).

Another of Balmain's old identities passed away last week, in the person of Dolly Wells (56), who had lived in Balmain all her life. She will be sadly missed by her sisters, Dorrie and Emma, and Tommy Beynon; also by Bobbie Boland and his wife. Mrs. Wells was Bobbie's mother-in-law. It is only three weeks since his father-in-law, Richy Wells, passed away.

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